

Single Service Sunday July | 9:45 AM | Sanctuary



This Sunday's Sermon:

God's Sanctification
Rev. Don Everts
Romans 6:1-4

Questions for Reflection & Discussions:

1. What are 1 or 2 ways that God has changed how you live or love or behave?
2. What words or phrases or claims in today's text most stand out to you, and why?
3. How could you actively cooperate with the ways God is sanctifying you in this season of your life?

Save the Date

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | Single Service July
• 9:45 AM
• Sanctuary

July 6-10 | Faith & the Arts Academy

July 12 | Pizza and Art
• After Service

July 26 | Life of the Mind Lecture
• 11 AM | Fellowship Hall

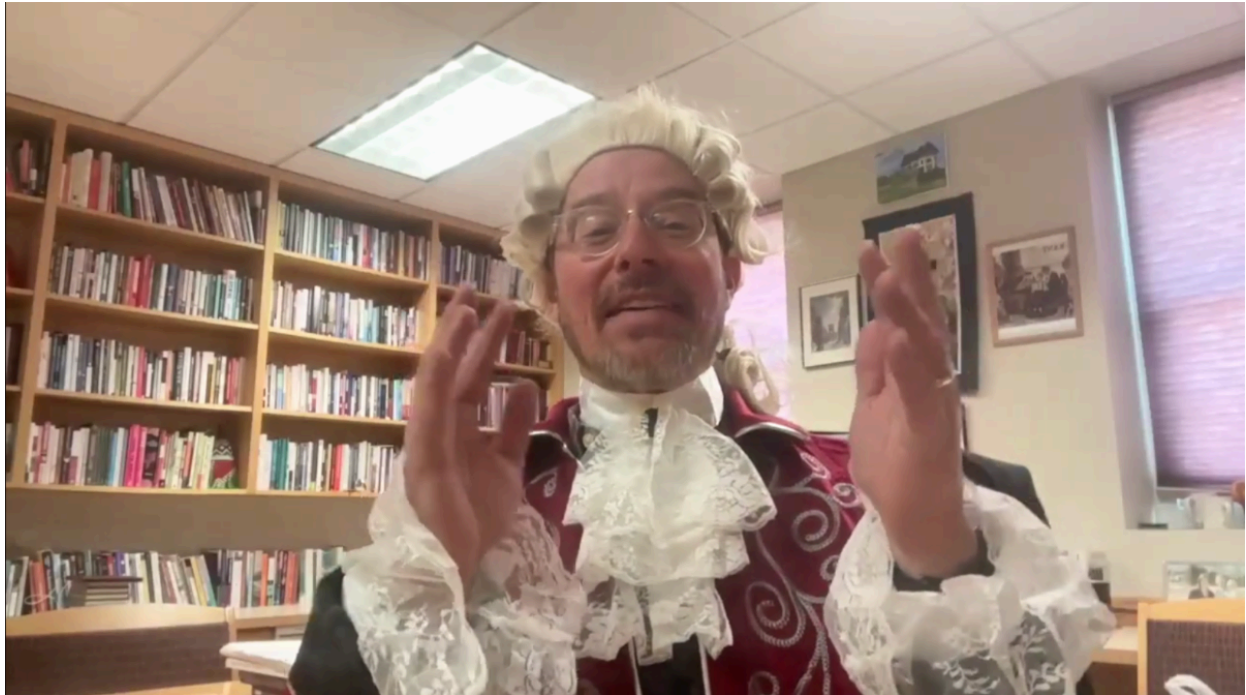
August 7 | First Friday Art Walk

August 9 | Pastor's Book Club
• 4 PM | F&C Library

August 23 | Back-to-School Sunday

To See All Our Events: [**CLICK
HERE**](#)

If childcare would assist you with participating in any event, please email Amelia Davidson at least a week in advance. While we cannot guarantee childcare staff will be available, we would love to help you as we are able. If you can no longer attend after reserving childcare, please email Amelia at a.davidson@firststandcalvary.org so we can adjust our staffing accordingly.



Click the photo above to watch the latest FACE time with Pastor Don.



To celebrate America's 250th Birthday, the Congregational Life Committee will be providing a grab-and-go treat following the 9:45 AM worship service on July 5. Be sure to stop by one of the treat stations located at both exits—the Narthex and the South Atrium—as you head out.

Pizza & Art

Everyone is invited to join us immediately after our single service on July 12th for a slice of pizza in the fellowship hall, and then to tour our Faith & the Arts Academy Exhibit on display in the North Atrium. Come and see the amazing things God inspired at this year's Academy!

The Life of the Mind Lectures

Join us on July 26 at 11:00 AM for a special Life of the Mind Lecture with Dr. Laura A. Smit, professor of theology at Calvin University and pastor at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (ECO) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Smit's teaching and writing explore the intersection of beauty and faith, drawing on her background in medieval philosophy, theological aesthetics, and pastoral ministry.

In her lecture, *A Sense of Sweetness: In Search of a Reformed Theology of Beauty*, Dr. Smit will challenge the common assumption that the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition has little interest in beauty. Instead, she will explore how our theological convictions shape a distinctive understanding of beauty and how that vision can deepen our appreciation of worship, the arts, and the Christian life.

Pastor's Book Club | August 9th

This summer, our pastors invite you to read the first book in the Wilderking Trilogy, a book by Jonathan Rogers called **The Bark of the Bog Owl**.

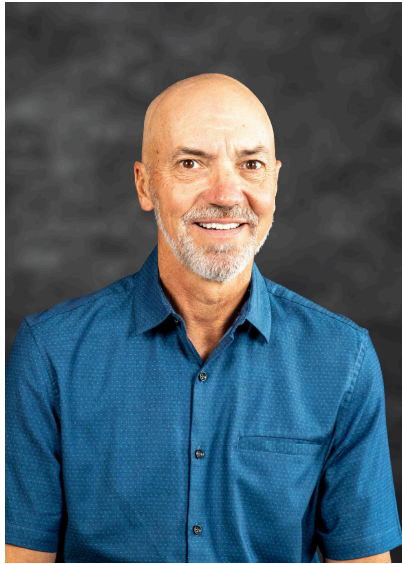
On one level, this is a fun summer read, whether you are a 11 years old or 91. The author describes the book as “swampy adventure fiction” and The School Library Journal says that “Roger’s writing is terrifically appealing. The adventure and humor are first rate.”

On another level, this is a deep summer read that is a sort of re-telling of the biblical David and Goliath story. As such, it not only invites the reader deeper into the biblical story, but also raises fascinating questions about how the arts can intersect with our faith.

Grab a copy (wherever you buy or borrow books - including our own library!) and dive right in! We will be hosting a multigenerational conversation about the book on **August 9th at 4:00PM** in the church library!

“‘Who knows what the future holds? Only the One God,’ explained Aidan. ‘You live the little bit of life that you can see in front of you. You live it well. And that gets you ready for whatever unfolds next.’” -The Bark of the Bog Owl





Meet Elder Mike Gerke

This month, writing scholar Kylie Burks introduces us to Elder Michael Gerke. Since retiring, Michael has found more opportunities to say “yes”—to serving the church, investing in his family, pursuing lifelong hobbies, and growing in his faith. Through stories of leadership, grace, and a willingness to serve wherever needed, Michael reflects on how God has used both his career and retirement to shape a life of faithful discipleship. Read on to learn more about Michael’s journey and the lessons he has learned along the way. ([**CLICK TO READ**](#))

Fall Music Ministries Kickoff

Make music with us!

No auditions—just reach out!

Children’s Choir Kickoff: September 13 at 9:15 AM

Chancel Choir Kickoff: August 19 at 7:15 PM

Bell Choir Kickoff: September 2 at 6:15 PM

Contact: [**t.heckman@firstandcalvary.org**](mailto:t.heckman@firstandcalvary.org)

F&C Gear Store

We’re excited to launch the new F&C Gear store! From apparel to accessories, the shop is a fun way to represent First & Calvary and support the life of our church community wherever you go. Take a look at the new designs and offerings by clicking the button below!

[F&C Gear](#)



There’s a place for you here. Discover how you can use your gifts to serve, love, and make a kingdom difference, within our church and throughout our city. Check out our



Friday 7/3

Church Office Closed

Sunday 7/5

9:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary

10:15 am – Grab-N-Go Treat | Narthex, South Atrium

Monday 7/6

8:00 - 1:00 pm – Faith & The Arts Academy

Tuesday 7/7

8:00 - 1:00 pm – Faith & The Arts Academy

Wednesday 7/8

8:00 - 1:00 pm – Faith & The Arts Academy

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball | Gym

Thursday 7/9

8:00 - 1:00 pm – Faith & The Arts Academy

Friday 7/10

8:00 - 1:00 pm – Faith & The Arts Academy

9:00 am – Summer Bible Study | Sarah Orlando's Office (Room 108)

12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk

To see the full church calendar, [visit our events page here](#) (the calendar is at the bottom).

The Weekly Update is sent out on Friday mornings. To post events or messages, please complete [this Communications Request form](#) or contact Jake SanSoucie at 417-862-5068 or at j.sansoucie@firststandcalvary.org for assistance. Events submitted prior to the end of the day on Tuesday will be posted on the Friday of that week. Events submitted past that deadline will be posted on the following Friday.

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