

2 Timothy 4:9-22

⁹Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. ¹²Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. ²¹Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. ²²The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Notes

Questions for Reflection & Discussions:

- 1. In your experience, what are the necessary ingredients for an enjoyable, meaningful conversation that grows people's faith?
- 2. What details most stood out to you in the end of Paul's letter about Paul's humanity, loneliness, neediness, or relational life?
- 3. What experience have you had with Paul Conversations or Timothy Conversations? What do you think of the "rule of life" of pursuing 1 of each kind of conversation per month?

Family Business

Upcoming:

- Sunday 11/16**
8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary
9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes
9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room
11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary
12:00 pm – Veterans Lunch / Atrium
- Monday 11/17**
12:00 pm – Binnie Clements Brown Bag Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday 11/18**
6:00 pm – Session / Don Everts' Home
6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study / Room 015
- Wednesday 11/19**
5:00 pm – College Bible Study & Dinner / Youth Lounge
6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym
6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room
- Thursday 11/20**
8:30 am – Binnie Clements Cinnamon Roll Baking / Kitchen
11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Prayer Chapel
- Friday 11/21**
12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk / Room 114

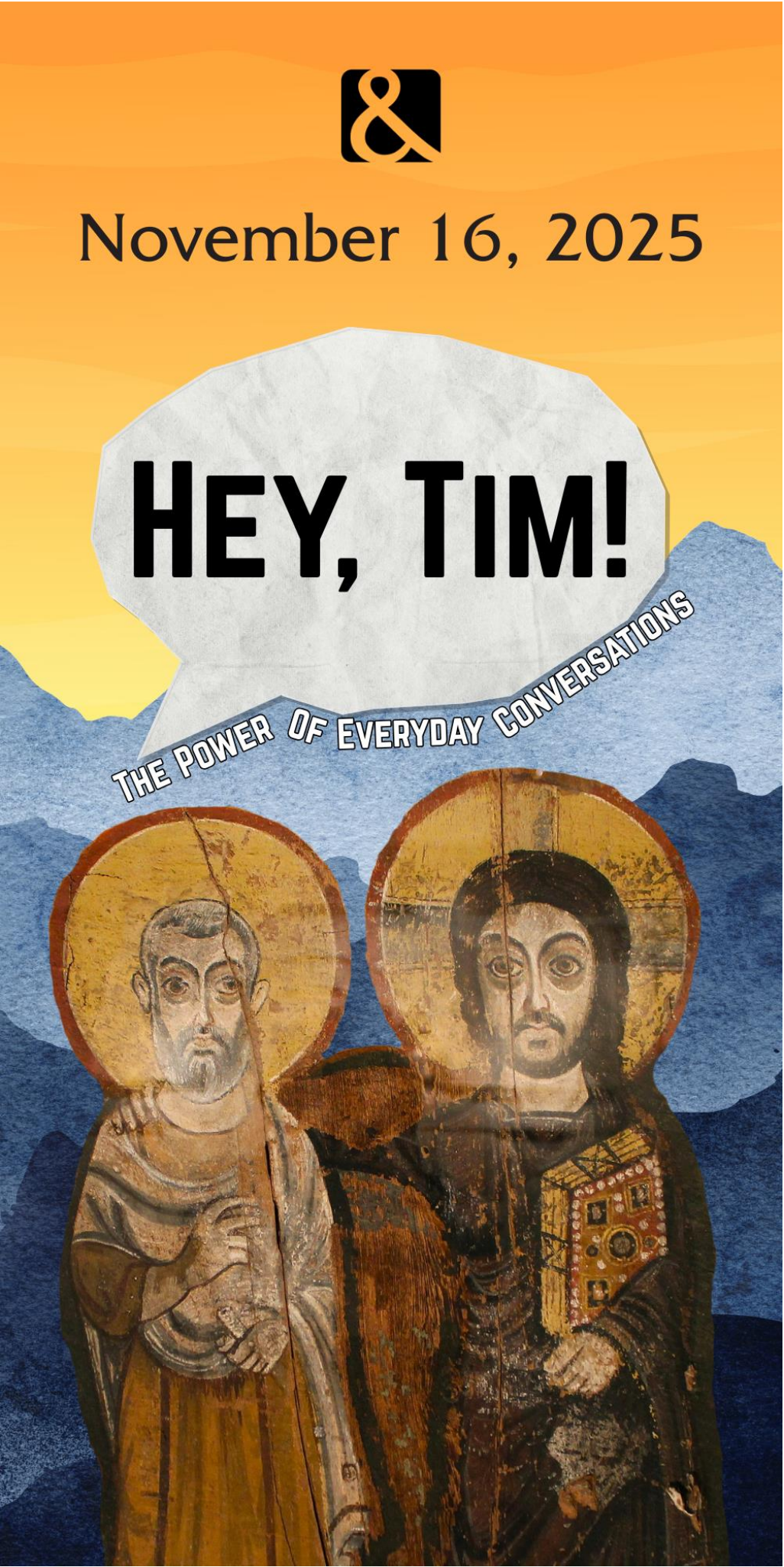
Single Service Sunday on November 30th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary!

A Special Meeting of the Congregation is called by Rev. Don Everts, Senior Pastor, for the purpose of presenting and acting upon a slate for the 2028 Class of Session Elders and the Board of Deacons and the Nominations Committee. This short but important meeting will be held after the **11 am Worship Service on Sunday, December 14, 2025, in the Sanctuary at 12 pm**. Any nominations from the floor need to be sent to the Clerk of Session by Sunday, November 30. (Notice of Additional Upcoming Meetings: Called Session Meeting on January 6, 2026, at 6 pm. Annual Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2026, at 10:45 am.)

Hanging of the Greens: Come join the fun as we decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, November 24th from 9 am – 12 pm. Call the church office to sign up!

New to First & Calvary? We're glad you're here! Please pick up a gift bag to learn more about us at the exits. Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so we can connect. Kids are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are at each entrance. Parents may use the Baby Break Room or the nursery on the first floor. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may join Worship and Wonder after the Children's Message—check in near the front left sanctuary exit.

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The House of Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship | Ella Myers, Scholar Kylie Burks, Scholar

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,
**All: “I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.”**

As we gather here today,
let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.
—based on Exodus 20:1-2

*Opening Hymn

45 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

Music: Traditional American melody

Confession of Sin

Almighty God,
so many of King David’s psalms show a heart out of tune,
sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow,
yet still clinging to faith in you.
So too, O Lord, are our hearts.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most:
his cross makes our forgiveness possible,
and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises.
Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins.
Eagerly we plead your help
to enthroned in our hearts David’s Son:
Christ Jesus, King of the universe,
our Savior and Lord.
And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love.
Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the message we have heard from God
and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
—from 1 John 1:5, 7, NRSV
Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Amelia Davidson

Jesus Loves Me

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Scripture | 2 Timothy 4:9-22

See Scripture Panel

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

Talk About Relationships

Confession of Faith | The Apostles’ Creed

Hymn No. 14

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Chancel Choir

Bright Morning Stars

19th C. American Spiritual, arr. Alice Parker

*Doxology

Hymn 809

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

708 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Words: John Fawcett, 1782, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, verse 1

*Postlude

11 am service in orange, 8:45 am service in purple, *Please stand if you are able