

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

Partners in the Gospel | Philippians 1:1-6

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Personal Reflection Question

Question: How would you characterize your relational life in light of Paul's words? (Consider who you are in relationship with, who you are in prayer for, who you are in partnership with, and who you are in process with.)

Notes

Family Business

Events

The Gary Stratman Library

First & Calvary has a well-stocked library on the 3rd floor open to congregants and visitors on Sundays and weekdays during normal business hours. This beautiful library is appointed with tables for study and comfortable chairs for reading. An honor system of check-out is available to all who visit our library.

Every Wednesday Morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Morning MOPS

Raising kids can be tough and MOPS is here to help. Mothers of Preschoolers meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays throughout the school year. During the summer months, MOPS meets informally for playdates. MOPS is a place to experience authentic community, mothering support, personal growth, and spiritual hope. Free childcare is provided. You do not have to be a member of First & Calvary to participate in this program. We suggest that you go online to www.firstandcalvary.org/mops to register for adequate childcare to be provided.

Upcoming

Monday, February 27

- 12:00 noon Binnie Clements Luncheon

Monday, February 28

- 8:30 am - 1:00 pm Binnie Clements Guild Cinnamon Roll Baking Day/Kitchen/Fellowship Hall

- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Abigail Mary Martha Circle Mtg./Room 114

- 6:00 pm Session Meeting/Conference Room

- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Men's Tuesday Night Study Group/Room 015

Wednesday Mar. 1

6:30 pm Adult Pickleball

Thursday Mar. 2

- 8:30 am Binnie Clements Guild Baking Days

- 11am Prayer Team Meeting

Friday Mar 3

- 12pm Women's Table Talk Devotional

Let's lean into prayer this Lenten season by choosing one or more of the following options:

- **Option 1: The App.** Prayer through the First and Calvary app. Search "First and Calvary" through your Appstore to download.

- **Option 2: The Book.** Read Richard Foster's book, Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home. Purchase the book online, check it out from our library, or purchase a used copy for \$10 at the South Entrance and Main Sanctuary Entrance with exact change or a check to First & Calvary.

- **Option 3: The Class.** Sunday Morning Class hosted by the March Fellowship Class at 9:45am in Room 015.

- **Option 4: The Evening Experience.** Sunday Prayer and Worship Nights February 26 - April 2 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Dinner is provided (donations encouraged). Childcare is available. **Please register online via the QR code**

- Contact Pastor Jamie at j.swope@firstandcalvary.org for more info.

If you are interested in learning more about First & Calvary Presbyterian Church, including how to become a Covenant Partner, contact Head Pastor Don Everts by calling the church office at 417-862-5068.



FIRST & CALVARY

a house of prayer for every generation

Journey through Philippians

February 26, 2023

Liturgical Service

Prelude

*Call to Worship | Janese Barnhardt

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s, for he made it:

All: Come, let us adore him.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore him.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come, let us adore him.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God,

for the times we have followed the path of the wicked,

stood in solidarity with those who were wrong,

or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us.

Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word

so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood,

how much more shall we be saved

from God’s wrath through him!

We have been made holy

through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And this is God’s gospel promise:

To grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life

by grace

because of Christ’s one sacrifice

accomplished on the cross.

May the God of mercy,

who forgives you all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri; Music: Henry Greatorex

Scripture

Philippians 1:1-6

See Early Service Panel for text

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem | Chancel Choir

I Thank My God for You

Words and Music: Joseph M. Martin

I thank my God for you each time I think of you.

Each time I pray for you, I’m filled with thanksgiving.

For every word and deed, for helping those in need,

I thank the Lord for you and give Him the glory.

And even when we are apart,

you are always in my heart.

We are bonded by God’s Holy Spirit

for we are one in God’s embrace,

one in love’s unfailing grace.

We give voice to one great alleluia.

Alleluia!

I give thanks.

I thank my God and give my praise.

I thank my God.

I thank my God for you each time I think of you.

Each time I pray for you, I’m filled with thanksgiving.

And when the day is done, and every race is run,

God’s perfect grace will bring us home.

We will be together forever and evermore.

I thank my God.

Time for Children | Rev. Don Everts

Jesus Loves Me, Oh How I Love Jesus

Sermon

Partners in the Gospel

Westminster Confession 26.1

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by

faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection,

and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in

each other’s gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties,

public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and

outward man.

Prayer’s of the People and 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 tempta-

tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the

glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Feel free to use the offering plates or contact the church for online or direct deposit

giving. Guests, please do not feel obligated.

Offertory | Hannah Martin and Michaela Lovig

A Jubilant Song

Words: Traditional Latin and the Psalms

Music: Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Cantata Domino canticum novum.

Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!

Cantata Domino canticum novum omnis terra.

Sing to the Lord all the earth!

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Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!

Let the hills sing together for joy!

Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,

for the Lord is greatly to be praised!

Proclaim God’s salvation!

Declare God’s great glory!

Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise,

make joyful noise, make joyful noise!

Cantata Domino canticum novum.

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Cantata Domino canticum novum omnis terra.

Sing to the Lord all the earth!

*Hymn 809

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

*Hymn 558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling v 1, 2, 3

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

Music: John Zundel, 1870

*Benediction & Benediction Response

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Postlude