

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

The Upward Call of God | Philippians 3:12-21

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Personal Reflection Question

In what ways do you experience “straining” and “pressing forward” as you follow Jesus? What modern day “Judaizers” and “Libertines” have you felt tempted by?

Notes

Family Business

Upcoming:

Sunday 5/14 Mother’s Day

Monday 5/15

4:00pm - Finals Week Study Night / North Atrium

Tuesday 5/16

6:30pm - Men’s Tuesday Night Study Group / Room 015

Wednesday 5/17

10:00am - Morning MOPS / Nursery

5:30pm - Alpha Marriage Course / North Atrium

6:00pm - Adult Pickleball / Gym

6:30pm - Worship and Music Ministries Appreciation Dinner at Ocean Zen *(by invatation only)*

Thursday 5/18

11:00am - Prayer Team Meeting/ Room

Friday 5/19

12:00pm - Women’s Table Talk Devotional Study / Room 114

Sundays at 9:45am, we have classes for all ages to encourage our growth as disciples You are welcome to join anytime!

Special Event for Women at F&C

On June 1st F&C will conduct a special Summer Bible Study from “She Reads Truth”, a study on the genealogy of Jesus, and women are invited to attend. We will explore the lineage of Jesus and see how God remains loyal to His promise, His purpose, and His people through every beautiful and painful reality.

The reading plan will run from June through July 9th. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested on June 1, 9:30-11 am in the library. The reading plan will be available on the She Reads Truth App for a small fee. There will be two meeting options: Wednesday nights facilitated by Wendy Everts (6:30-7:30 pm) and Thursday mornings facilitated by Emily Phillips (9:30-11:00 am) There is an accompanying, optional book that may enhance your experience for \$24. If you plan to bring children or would like to save on shipping and take advantage of a bulk discount for the book, email Pastor Jamie at j.swope@firstandcalvary.org by May 20th.

God’s Mission in Springfield

This summer we will once again be holding a single, all-church Sunday School Class. All youth and adults are invited to join Rev. Don Everts and Philip Herzog in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings in June and July as we explore what the Bible has to say about God’s mission in this world - which includes our beloved 417 region. In addition to studying God’s word, we will be actively praying for Springfield in some fresh and exciting ways. In July, we will also be hearing from some of our mission partners in Springfield as they help us understand 5 critical areas of need within our city.

So, mark your calendars:

Sundays 9:45-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall. June 4 - July 30

We hope to see you all there! FYI, fall classes will kick off again on August 27th.

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.

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Journey through Philippians

May 14th, 2023

Liturgical Service

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

*Call to Worship | Riley Jarvis

Leader: The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**All: for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

O magnify the LORD with me.

Let us exalt God’s name together!

—Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

*Opening Hymn

21 How Great Thou Art

Words: Stuart K. Hine, 1949, alt.

Music: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much

the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to the world

in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted,

and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.

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Thanks be to God!

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 | Chancel Choir

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer; tr. Catherine Winkworth

Music: Johan Rudolph Ahle; harm. J. S. Bach; arr. Alice Parker

*Doxology

Hymn 809

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri; Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Ann Collard

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

Scripture | Philippians 3:12-21

Please See Early Service Panel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

The Upward Call of God

*Communion Hymn

768 I Come With Joy v 1, 2, 3, 4

Words: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1977

Music: Traditional American melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

Words of Institution and Communion

Pastoral Prayer 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

551 Give Me Jesus

Words: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Alma Blackmon, 1984

*Benediction & Benediction Response

841 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Words: John Newton, 1799

Music: Corner’s Gesangbuch, 1631

Postlude