# Early Service

# Teaching | Responding | Communing

# Lights in the World | Philippians 2:12-18

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

## **Personal Reflection Question**

In what ways have you experienced fear & trembling or gladness & joy as you have worked out your own salvation?

#### Notes

#### **Family Business**

#### This Week:

Sunday 4/23

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice / Bell Choir Room

Monday 4/24

12:00 pm Binnie Clements Guild Brown Bag Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 4/25

10:00 am Program Staff Meeting / Conference Room

1:00 pm Abigail Mary Martha Circle Meeting / Room 114

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

Wednesday 4/26

5:30 pm Alpha Marriage Course / North Atrium, Fellowship Hall – To be added to the wait list, contact w.everts@firstandcalvary.org.

6:00 pm Adult Pickleball / Gym

7:15 pm Chancel Choir / Choir Room

Thursday 4/27

11:00 am Prayer Team Meeting / Prayer Room

Friday 4/28

10:00 am Pickleball / Gym

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

7:00 pm to 12:00 am Potter's House College Night of Prayer & Worship / Sanctuary

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice / Bell Choir Room

#### **Upcoming:**

April 28

College Night of Prayer and Worship hosted by F&C and Potter's House from **7:00 pm to 12:00 am.** / Sanctuary

May 5

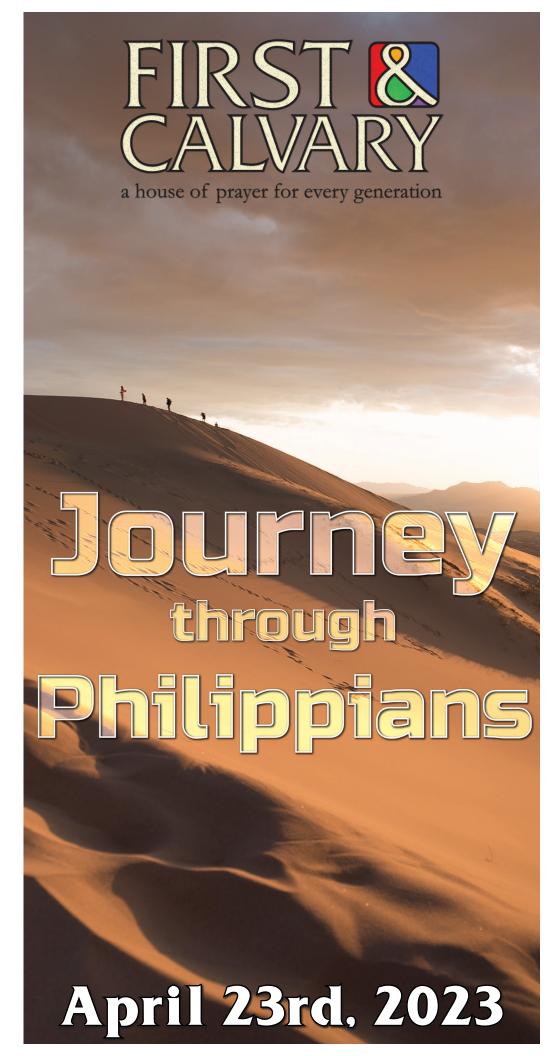
Middle School Fun Night. Seeking helpers for food, conversation, and fun. Contact Wendy at w.everts@firstandcalvary.org for more info.

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm / Youth Room, Gym, Atrium

### May 6th & 7th

MOPS Diaper Changing Booth at the Arts Festival. Contact w.everts@firstandcalvary. org to donate goodies like goldfish crackers or to volunteer for a time slot to help.

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.



# Liturgical Service

### **Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson**

# \*Call to Worship | Linda Brammer

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

All: Just and true are your ways,

King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before you.

## \*Opening Hymn

2 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

#### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know not only what we say, but also what we think. You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart, boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments. You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves even when we have turned our backs on you, fascinating ourselves with alien gods whose calling we heed while ignoring your own. Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent. O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **Hymn 817**

Hear Our Prayer

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

# **Time for Children | Emily Phillips**

Jesus Loves Me Oh How I Love Jesus

# **Scripture | Philippians 2:12-18**

Please See Early Service Panel. This is the Word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God!

#### \*Anthem

Peace

Words and Music: Shaker Song arr. Kevin Siegfried Peace unto Zion. Peace, peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

When Zion shall be cleansed she shall flourish as a rose. I will walk in her midst and will bless all those with a tenfold blessing. And their sorrows shall cease, for I'll cry upon her walls.

Peace, peace, sweet peace.

### **Sermon** | **Rev. Don Everts**

Lights in the World

#### **Confession of Faith**

#### Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 15, 1-3

They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts within it are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord.

This sanctification is throughout in the whole person, yet imperfect in this life: there abides still some remnants of corruption in every part, from which arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part overcomes: and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## **Prayers 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 temptation, 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

In This Very Room

Words and Music: Ron and Carol Harris In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me, And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me, And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus Is in this very room

And in this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us, And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus Is in this very room

And in this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world, And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world, And there's quite enough hope And quite enough power To chase away any gloom For Jesus, Lord Jesus Is in this very room

## \*Doxology

Hymn 809

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

# \*Offering Prayer

# \*Closing Hymn

543 Christ Beside Me v 1, 2, 3 Words: Adapt. James Quinn, 1969, alt.; from St. Patrick's Breastplate

Music: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

# \*Benediction & Benediction Response

543 Christ Beside Me v 4

#### **Postlude**