

Romans 3:10-18

“None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” 13 “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” 14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” 15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known.” 18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

I John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Matthew 6:1-4

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Reflection & Discussion Questions:

- 1. How many "selfies" would you estimate you've taken in the last month? The last year? What do you make of the claim that "selfie culture" has had adverse effects on teens?
- 2. Pride has been called "a right strong and special wine of the devil" - in what ways have you seen this to be true?
- 3. Which scripture from today do you find most helpful in guarding against pride: wisdom (we are all fallen), covenant practices (we are called to confess our sins), or discipleship trajectory (Jesus is moving us away from blowing our own trumpets)?
- 4. Where in your life (job, appearance, social media, family, possessions, etc) do you wrestle most with vanity?

Family Business

Upcoming:

Sunday 10/18

- 8:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary
- 9:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary
- 9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes
- 11:00 am – Worship | Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm – Alpha Live | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 10/20

- 6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study | Room 26C

Wednesday 10/21

- 5:30 pm – Youth Serve Night | Crosslines
- 6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball | Gym
- 6:00 pm – Missions Committee Meeting | Conference Room
- 6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal | Bell Choir Room
- 7:15 pm – Chancel Choir | Choir Room

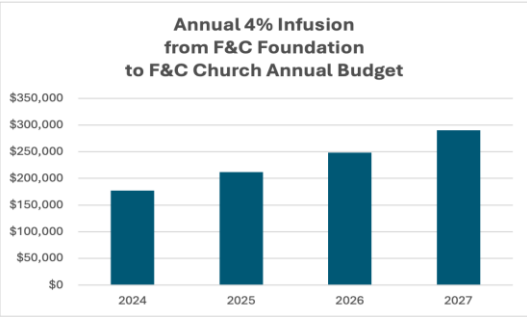
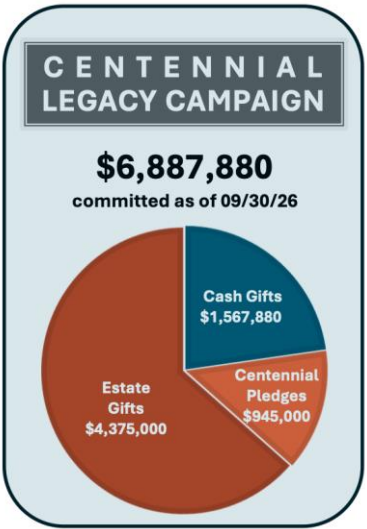
Thursday 10/22

- 8:00 am – Binnie Clements Baking Day | Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
- 11:00 am – Prayer Meeting | Prayer Room
- 6:30 pm – Legacy Campaign Meeting | Fellowship Hall

Friday 10/23

- 12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk | Room 026C
- 5:30 pm – Kids in the Kitchen | Kitchen, Fellowship Hall

Legacy Campaign Update



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.

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The House of Prayer

Gathering Song | Children’s Choir

Come, Children, Join to Sing

Words: Christian Henry Bateman (1813-89)

Music: arranged by Colin Buchanan

Prelude | Jill Woodhouse, violin

Sicilienne

In the style of Francouer

Music: Fritz Kreisler

Call to Worship | Tyler Heckman

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me.

People: Let us exalt God's name together!

*Opening Hymn

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680

Music: Erneuernten Gesangbuch, Stalsund, 1665

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, Oh Lord

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord,

hear our prayer, O Lord,

incline thine ear to us,

and grant us thy peace.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The God who challenges us

is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us

is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now,

accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning

Is now and ever shall be

World without end

Amen Amen

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.

Confession of Faith | The Apostles’ Creed

Hymn No. 14

Scripture | Romans 3:10-18; I John 1:8-10; Matthew

6:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Musical Reflection | Jill Woodhouse

Preghiera

In the style of Martini

Music: Fritz Kreisler

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

Ready for Selfies

*Response Hymn

447 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Words: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. Karen Lafferty, 1912

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Go Now In Peace

Words and Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Postlude | Jill Woodhouse

Rondino

On a theme of Beethoven

Music: Fritz Kreisler

Leave a Legacy Dessert: Join us October 22 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship

Hall for dessert, an update on the Centennial Legacy Campaign from Pastor

Don, and the First & Calvary Foundation’s annual report. Learn how we’re

securing the future of our 96-year-old congregation!

Life of the Mind Lecture Series: Theological Reflections on AI: a

conversation with *Magnifica Humanitas*

Everyone’s talking about AI, but few are talking about it *theologically*. Join

Rev. Don Everts for First & Calvary’s Life of the Mind Lecture Series on

October 25 at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, as he explores Pope Leo XIV’s

recent encyclical on AI, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human*

Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, followed by a

Reformed/Protestant perspective. Discover a biblically grounded approach to

the questions AI raises.

*Please stand if you are able