

Weekly Update

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This Sunday's Sermon:

Talk to Other Christians

Rev. Don Everts

2 Timothy 1:1-2

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What conversations or relationships have helped you become who you are as a Christian? Have you ever felt Jesus "being among you" in a conversation, as Jesus references in Matthew 18:20?
2. What do you already know about Paul and Timothy? What do you learn about them in the first 2 verses of 2 Timothy?
3. Who are 1 or 2 Christians you'd love to have a conversation with this week? (Make a plan for inviting them to chat.)

SUNDAY FLOWERS DONATED IN HONOR OF

EDDIE & BECKY TIMS

AND THEIR MULTI-DECADE SERVICE AS CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



**FIRST &
CALVARY**
FOUNDATION

Leave a Legacy Dessert

October 16th | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Pastor Don will be giving an important update on the Centennial Legacy Campaign and the First & Calvary Foundation will be presenting their annual report on the state of our Foundation.



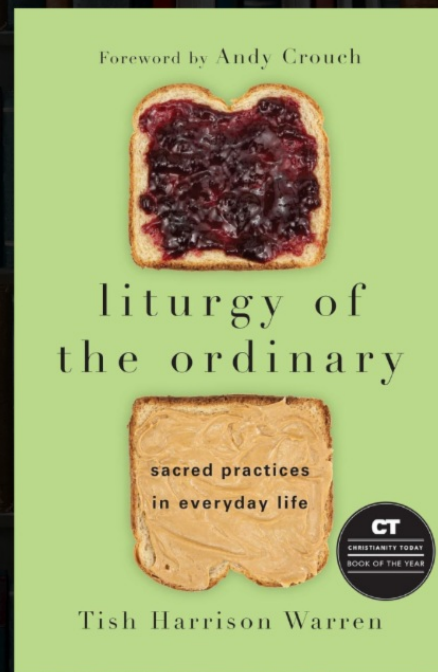
On October 16th Pastor Don will be giving an important update on the Centennial Legacy Campaign and the First & Calvary Foundation will be presenting their annual report on the state of our Foundation. (6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall)

Whether you're interested in learning about the Legacy Campaign for the first time or you're a participant in the campaign interested in learning the latest, this dessert is for you! Come learn more about how we are taking steps to secure the enduring legacy of this 95 year-old congregation.

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**PASTOR'S
BOOK CLUB**

November 13th | 6 PM
FIRST & CALVARY LIBRARY

Join with Pastor Don and others in reading
Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the
Ordinary: sacred practices in everyday life*.



Join with Pastor Don and others in reading Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary: sacred practices in everyday life*. At 153 pages, this shorter read is big on beautiful insights into how to grow as disciples in the midst of our everyday lives. Pick up a copy and enjoy the book, and join in on a discussion of the book on Thursday November 13th at 6PM in the library.

“This book will brush the dust from your dingy days and reveal the extraordinary that is to be found in the ordinary. No mundane task will be the same once these pages open your eyes to how the work of your hands reflects the ways of the Creator and the rhythms of eternity.” -Karen Swallow Prior

Welcoming Adam Holderbaum

We are excited to welcome Adam Holderbaum as our Interim Contemporary Music Coordinator at First & Calvary. In this role, Adam will be assisting the Worship Team by managing logistics and communications, leading rehearsals, and serving as a key member of the team on drums. Adam brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in music, and for nearly two years he has already been blessing our congregation through his faithful musicianship. We are so grateful to see him step into this new role. Please join me in welcoming Adam to the team and in praying for his ministry here at First & Calvary—that God would use his gifts to deepen our worship and further our mission.

In Christ,
Tyler

A message from Adam:

After serving as a drummer for the church for almost two years, I am grateful to now be a part of the First and Calvary Team serving this church family as the Interim Music Coordinator for the Contemporary Service. The Lord has been truly amazing,

and I am happy to share with the congregation the gifts that He has equipped me with to pour into everyone seeking to worship and connect with Him. My hopes are to fellowship with members and visitors alike welcoming each as an image bearer of God.

Blessings,
Adam Holderbaum



Introducing Elder Spotlight Articles

Many in our congregation have expressed a desire to know more about the people serving as Elders here at First & Calvary. In response, we are excited to launch a new series of Elder Spotlight Articles!

Each month, we will highlight one of our Elders, sharing their story, journey of faith, and heart for serving Christ and His church. Our hope is that this will help you feel more connected to those who faithfully lead and shepherd our congregation.

We begin this series with Elder Courtney Pybas, whose story, From Math to Ministry, invites us to see how God weaves together unique gifts and experiences for His glory.

(Click the graphic above to read the article.)

Parking Permit Stickers for Church Members

To ensure convenient and secure parking for our congregation, all church members are kindly asked to display a valid parking permit sticker on the lower left area of the

dashboard. Stickers are available through the church office and must be clearly visible on your windshield while parked on church property. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain an orderly parking experience for everyone.

MSU Bears Tailgate & Game | September 27

Join us for an MSU Bears football game vs. the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers on Saturday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Tailgating will begin in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. with grilled hot dogs, chips, drinks, music, and fellowship.

More details will be shared soon. For questions, contact Bobby Phillips at bobby.phillips31@gmail.com or 417-234-0440.



We are hiring a part-time Ministry Assistant! Please read the job description to learn more. If you or someone you know could be a great fit, please reach out to Pastor Jamie at j.swope@firstandcalvary.org.

Click the graphic to read more.



Chancel Choir | Fall 2025

The Chancel Choir is back for the fall season, and it's not too late to join! We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:15–8:30 PM, preparing music to lead in worship and enjoying fellowship along the way. All are welcome—no audition required!



Children's Choir Fall Kickoff

We're excited to share that our Children's Choir will kick off the fall season on

Sunday, September 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the choir room! This joyful, non-auditioned choir is open to all children in our church family and will sing in worship about once a month through December. The choir is led by our own Cindy Miles, a gifted musician with a deep love for worship and children.

Even if you don't have children participating, we invite you to join us in praying for the flourishing of this beloved ministry. And if you know a family who might enjoy being involved, please help us spread the word!



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a house of prayer for every generation

Musical Offerings Series
2025-2026 Season

September 28th 3:00 PM Kansas City Baroque Consortium Trio <i>North Atrium</i>	February 22nd 3:00 PM Sarah Howes, soprano <i>North Atrium</i>
October 19th 3:00 PM Galloway Chamber Orchestra <i>North Atrium</i>	March 21st 7:30 PM Steuart Pincombe, cello <i>F&C Campus, various locations</i>
November 9th 3:00 PM Central Springfield Community Choir <i>North Atrium</i>	April 19th 4:00 PM The Missouri Choral Artists <i>North Atrium</i>
December 7th 6:30 PM 93rd Annual Candlelight Musical Service <i>Sanctuary</i>	May 17th 3:00 PM Carla Geter & Jill Woodhouse, violas <i>North Atrium</i>

www.firstandcalvary.org/musicalofferings

Artwork: The Flute Concert of Sanssouci by Adolph Menzel, 1852

First & Calvary is thrilled to announce the 2025-26 Season of the Musical Offerings concert series. These performances are offered free-of-charge as our gift to the community. All are welcome!

Please plan to join us for our first concert, Sept. 28th at 3:00 PM in the North Atrium, as we welcome a trio from the Kansas City Baroque Consortium--one of the top period-performance ensembles in the Midwest.



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NOMINATIONS

August 15 - September 28

Fill out the yellow nomination cards and return them to the depository outside the church office. Nominations may also be submitted online at www.firstandcalvary.org/nominations or emailed to nominations@firstandcalvary.org

(Nomination cards are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and the Multi-Purpose Room.)

This Sunday marks the start of Nominations Season at First & Calvary! Yellow Nomination Cards will be available—simply fill one out and place it in the depository outside the church office.

You can also submit your nominations online [\[HERE\]](#) or by emailing [**nominations@firstandcalvary.org**](mailto:nominations@firstandcalvary.org).



Classes Kick Off for the Fall!

September 7th at 9:45 am

Click Here For More Info

We're excited to launch a new season of Sunday morning and weekday classes for all ages, starting Sunday, September 7th. From Bible studies on Revelation and Hebrews to youth and children's programs, there's something for everyone to grow in faith and fellowship.

Click the graphic above to explore the full list of classes and groups available this fall.



You are invited to attend Sunday School with your child at 9:45 AM to meet our wonderful Sunday School teachers, see what our curriculum is like, make a craft with your child, and even have a snack! If you have other commitments during the Sunday School hour, you can drop in at 9:30 to meet the teachers and get a taste of our Sunday School activities. All kids will be signed in at room 215. After an opening time of worship, kids aged 3-Kindergarten will move next door to room 214, and kids in grades 1-5 will remain in room 215.



Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this year's Church Picnic! We'll gather on the south lawn for an evening of good food, connection, and fun for all ages. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided, along with plates and eating utensils.

There will be plenty of activities for everyone. Younger children can enjoy bubbles and other activities, while older kids and adults can join in a lively game of 9-Square.

Attendees are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. We are not designating assignments by last name this year, so simply bring what you enjoy. Please bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets for your seating. Some tables and chairs will be available for those with limited mobility. If the weather is extremely hot, some additional seating will be available indoors.

We're also bringing back the popular Cake Walk and are seeking dessert donations. If you'd like to contribute, please sign up by September 3 at the following link: **(CAKEWALK DONATION SIGN-UP)** (Note: Sign-up link has been updated)

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Eclectica, the family band of Claire Herzog. In the event of rain, as many activities as possible will be moved indoors.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and welcome others into our community. We hope to see you there.



September 8th | 6 PM | F&C Library

Life as an artist can be trying at times.
Whether you're crafting story, art, or music the journey can be littered with questions.

Am I really an artist?

Is what I'm laboring to make worth it?

Are my struggles normal?

How do my faith and my making intersect?

If you love your craft, but also struggle with it, Artists Anonymous is for you!

Together, we'll share our latest projects, the joys and struggles we're experiencing in the making, and how our faith is crucial to our creative process. Come be encouraged!



Crosslines has shared a few updated needs, and we invite you to help support their ministry of serving our neighbors.

Crosslines no longer needs empty plastic bottles. Their supplier is now donating laundry pods instead of liquid laundry products.

Plastic Bags – Crosslines' greatest expense is purchasing plastic bags, so donations of bags (like those from Walmart or other stores) go a long way in freeing up funds for food distribution.

Other Needed Items:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner (or 2-in-1 shampoo + conditioner)
- Bar soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Toilet paper
- Deodorant
- Dental floss

Your donations make a tangible difference in the lives of families right here in our

community.

Volunteer Opportunity

Crosslines is always in need of volunteers to help serve clients, stock shelves, and provide care with compassion. If you are looking for a way to give your time and serve others, please consider volunteering.

Minister to Next Generations Update

We are continuing to seek a Minister to Next Generations who would oversee ministry to youth, college students, and young adults. We are having conversations with potential candidates and appreciate your prayers. If you know anyone who would be a great addition to our team, please refer them to our jobs page on our website: <https://www.firstandcalvary.org/jobs>.

Operations & Administration Update

From the Desk of Steve Young



As a church family, we deeply value the people who serve faithfully on our staff. They dedicate their time, energy, and hearts to ministry here at F&C, often working long hours to care for our congregation and community. While churches are not always able to match the salaries and benefits of jobs in the business world ([Click Here to Read More.](#))



Contemporary Service Livestream

Can't make it in person? Join us online! Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., we livestream our Contemporary Worship Service, allowing you to stay connected wherever you are. Click the link in the Weekly Update to watch the service live. Whether you're traveling, homebound, or just tuning in from afar, we're glad to worship with you!

[Click here to watch the 9:45 AM Contemporary Service](#)

Let's continue growing in faith—together, wherever we are.

HELP WANTED

Here at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church we value serving others.

We hope the Help Wanted page helps facilitate you using your God-given gifts to serve others.

Visit firstandcalvary.org/helpwanted for more information. To place a Help Wanted ad for church-related opportunities to serve, please complete the Communication Request Form on our website.

For the latest Help Wanted opportunities, [click here!](#)

9:45am Contemporary Service Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers for the upcoming morning contemporary service launch! Learn more about the available roles [here](#).



Friday 9/5

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

Sunday 9/7

8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room

11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary

5:00 pm – All Church Picnic

Monday 9/8

3:00 pm – Nominations Committee Meeting / Room 114

5:00 pm – Building and Grounds Committee Meeting / Conference Room

6:00 pm – Artists Anonymous / Library

Wednesday 9/10

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym

7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room

Thursday 9/11

5:30 pm – Behind the Baton / Atrium

Friday 9/12

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

To see the full church calendar, [visit our events page here](#) (the calendar is at the bottom).

The Weekly Update is sent out Friday mornings. To post events or messages, please complete [this Communications Request form](#) or contact Mary Charpentier at 417-862-5068 or at m.charpentier@firstandcalvary.org for assistance. Events submitted prior to the end of the day on Tuesday will be posted on the Friday of that week. Events submitted past that deadline will be posted on the following Friday.



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