

John 15:26-27

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Notes

Our Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

Officer nominations are now open for 2024! Do you know a member of the church that you feel would make a fabulous Elder or Deacon for our church? Officers for our church must be nominated by those in the congregation – that’s you!

Elders are spiritual leaders charged with overseeing the health of the congregation and the faithful and wise pursuit of our mission and vision.

Deacons are servant leaders who are charged with guiding and implementing various aspects of our care and congregational ministries. Feel free to consult the document “Leadership Competencies” on our denomination’s website (ecopres.org) for more information on the qualities to keep in mind when considering a nomination.

To nominate someone (including yourself) send an email to nominations@firstandcalvary.org or return an Officer Nomination Form (to be found outside worship) via the offering plate or the secure drop box outside of the church office. Nominations will be accepted through October 3rd.

Family Business

Upcoming:

Sunday 9/17

9:30 am – Children’s Choir / Choir Room

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 am – Traditional Service

6:30 pm – Sunday Night Service / North Atrium

7:30 pm – Dessert & Sermon Discussion / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9/19

6:30 pm – Soup Night for College and Young Adults / The White’s Home

6:30 pm – Men’s Bible Study Group / Room 015

Wednesday 9/20

10:00 am – Mom’s Play Date / The Jungle Gym

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym

6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room

6:30 pm – Mark Bible Study / Little Bacon Room

7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room

Thursday 9/21

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Prayer Room

Friday 9/22

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

7:00pm – Youth Encounter Night / Youth Lounge

Would you like to donate flowers for display during church services in honor of an event, anniversary or in memory of a loved one? There are two flower stands near the reredos at the front of the church used for flowers. You have the option of ordering one or both arrangements. You may pick up your order at the end of the morning service or donate them for display in the evening service and/or to be donated to the homebound. For further information, contact the church office.

New to First and Calvary? We are so glad you are visiting with us today! Please take a guest bag at our exits for some goodies and to learn more about our church. We’d love to connect with you; please use the Friendship Pad to be in touch. Children are always welcome in the service. We also have a Baby Break Room and a nursery on our first floor. Worship bags for children are available at each entrance. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are welcome to attend our Worship and Wonder program after the Children’s message. Contact Lisa at l.smith@firstandcalvary.org for more information, or check in at the station near the sanctuary exit at the front left.

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Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

Call to Worship | Eddie Tims

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

107 Christ Be My Leader

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961

Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church,

to continue the mission of Jesus Christ

to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,

isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,

obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us

from being your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him

may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son

into the world to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Rev. Don Everts

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

*At this time, children ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited to attend Worship ☩
Wonder.*

Scripture | John 15:26-27

See Scripture Panel

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem | Chancel Choir

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

Words: Thomas T. Lynch, alt. and K. Lee Scott

Music: Adoro te devote, St. Thomas Aquinas; arr. K.L.S.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;

help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;

and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;

help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;

and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;

and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;

show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;

separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,

and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;

help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;

'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;

let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts & Wendy Everts

Growing as an Evangelist

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 | Camerata

Give God the Glory

Words: Paraphrased from Psalm 29 by Hal H. Hopson

Music: Heinrich Schütz, arr. H.H.H.

Give God the glory;

Earth and heav'n sing forth.

Give God the glory and honor.

Alleluia.

Give God the glory due His holy name.

Blessed is the Lord God;

His love endures forevermore.

Alleluia.

God, our Refuge, still be our strength,

be our joy and hope.

We praise your name forever.

Alleluia.

*Doxology

Hymn 809

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

743 Christ for the World! We Sing

Words: Samuel Wolcott, 1869

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

*Benediction & Benediction Response

840 God Be with You

Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, alt.

Music: William G. Tomer, 1880

Postlude