



CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Serving God and God's People Since 1877

October 30, 2022

21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit. Please sign the worship pad found in each pew

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice in God's Saints

M. Beall, arr. J. Carter

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-9,19-20

One: Make a Joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.

All: Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

One: Say unto God, How tremendous art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

All: All the earth shall worship thee and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.

One: Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

All: He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

One: He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nation: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

All: O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

One: Which holdeth out soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

All: But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN #416

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

RESPONSIVE PRAYER of CONFESSION

One: O God of all nations, we approach you out of gratitude and concern for *our* nation. As we reflect on its achievements, we are grateful that its heritage has become ours, we are grateful too for all who have labored to shape it to your will. Yet our gratitude for this heritage is matched by our treacherous waters, that we might do as well by our descendants as our ancestors did by us. O Lord who has given us the power to form our government,

All: Help us choose leaders of good ability and sound character.

One: From persons with a keener interest in mansions for themselves than homes for the poor.

All: Good Lord, deliver us.

One: From persons with greater empathy for the dealers in oppression than the victims of exploitation.

All: Good Lord, deliver us.

One: From persons with a deeper fear of the prospects of change than the effects of injustice.

All: Good Lord, deliver us.

One: To persons with wills firm enough to persevere and considerate enough to be patient.

All: Good Lord, lead us.

One: to persons with heads vulnerable enough to care and wise enough to be discreet,

All: Good Lord, lead us.

One: To persons with minds tough enough to inspire and tender enough to be responsive,

All: Good Lord, lead us. Help us, dear Lord, so to form our government that it shall fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Andante

F. Mendelssohn

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #809

Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 8:4-22

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to

the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Give Us a King!"

*CLOSING HYMN #417

My Country 'Tis of Thee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You

J. Rankin & W. Tomer

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

(As you leave the sanctuary, share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)

*POSTLUDE

God of Glory

D. Paxton



Prayers for: our President and all our elected officials, all world leaders, our men and women in uniform, peace in the world, victims of natural disasters, those endangered by war and violence; Calvary's mission and ministries; all our friends and members at Calvary, and in particular: the grieving family and friends of Steve Sausman; Linda Blackman; Joanne Davis; Sally Dinn; Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; Jean Markovitz; Nathan Richards, friend of Bob Cornatzer; Trevor, nephew of Dave & Janny McGrath; Jesse James, nephew of Terry Pahl; Barbara DeSimone and Jay Patel, friends of Alyx Reinhardt, Steve Harker, husband of Cindy Harker; Doretta Freeman, our neighbor and sister in Christ .

The chancel flowers this morning are dedicated to the glory of God, in loving memory of, and wishing eternal peace for, all family members, by Sheila McMenamin.



W H A T S T H E W O R D ?

at **CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
October 30, 2022 21st Sunday after Pentecost



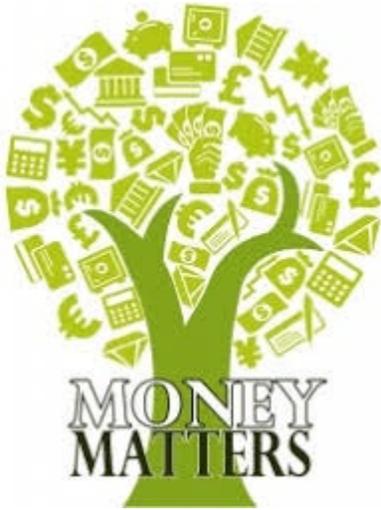
Please pray for peace and the people of Ukraine, and count your blessings for another day free from suffering and violence.

Our message this morning is delivered by Rev. Robert Reader
Chancel flowers are dedicated by Sheila McMenamin
Greeting/Offering: Sally Dinn, Steve Gilbert
Fellowship Host: Nedra Cawley
Audio/Visual: Jerry Blackman, Lori Gilmore
9am Walkers for Soles4Souls meet outside in front of the sanctuary

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Silent Auction: From now through December 11 you may bid on some real "finds" plucked from Thrift Shop donations and other sources. Visit the Pastor's Office to see the items and make your bids.





Year-to-Date giving statements have been mailed and emailed to those who have donated \$250 or more so far this year.

Stewardship Sunday is November 13.

Pledge forms have also been emailed and there is a supply in the narthex.

It really is so helpful for those of us who are planning programs, maintaining our buildings and our grounds, and ensuring the well-being of our church family, to have some idea of our immediate financial future.

Please consider making a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or 1-time pledge

Jubilee Club Update

If you were wondering about our 25, 50, and 75 year members, wonder no more...

New additions to the Club include

Lori Gilmore, Dorothy Talavera & Stephanie Zarus, and Scott Hemphill has graduated from the 25 year category to 50 years! We usually have a brunch in the fall, but the celebration to honor these and all members of the Jubilee Club will occur sometime in the spring.





Looking for actors and actresses for our children's Christmas pageant which will be held on December 11th.

Looking for adult volunteers to help with Sunday school.

Partner Day at Urban Promise's Camden Forward School is Thursday, November 17.

The church office will be closed so that your Office Administrator can represent Calvary at Partner Day. If you would like to get to know Imari, the child we sponsor, or another child whose sponsor cannot attend, please let Nedra know...we can arrange to carpool from the church to the school.

It is always a day filled with fun, laughter, joy and hope for the future.



Remember to bring your gently used shoes to the Assembly Room for donating to Soles4Souls, which distributes them to folks who can really use a foot up (pun intended) in life.

Sarah Wood is working hard to provide worthwhile projects and set a giving example to our children...she needs our support.

Will you walk with her on Sunday mornings at 9am?

Will you go through your closet and look for appropriate shoes?

Will you ask a friend to do the same?

What can YOU do?

The Deacons will adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Sunday before Christmas (Dec. 18) and for Christmas Eve.

Those who dedicate poinsettias to loved ones are asked to take them home after the Christmas Eve service, or to designate a delivery to a person who cannot attend on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, and our Worship Team is planning a Hymn Sing.

Look for a form for dedicating poinsettias in the next few weeks.



Sunday Stuff

November 6

Rev. Pam Foxx will deliver the message
Chancel flowers will be dedicated by the Deacons

November 13

Rev. Paul Grenier will deliver the message
Chancel flowers will be dedicated by Diane Pahl
Organize Christmas decorations

November 20

Rev. Floyd White will deliver the message
Holy Communion
Stewardship Commitment Sunday
Baptism of Walter Donald Fala
“Greening” of the church
Chancel flowers will be dedicated by Linda Fioretti

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Robert Reader will deliver the message
Chancel flowers will be dedicated by June & Barry Emens

