



# CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

Col. 1:26

Now is a good time to turn off our cell phones and listen for God's call.

*Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down for others to sign.*

## PRELUDE

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

#### INTROIT

Cameroonian Choir

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Al Richards

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Colossians 1)

One: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**All: In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created,**

One: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—  
all things have been created through Christ and for Christ.

**All: Let us worship God, revealed to us through Jesus Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(based on Colossians 1)

One: Praise to you, O Christ, through whom all things were made.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, in whom all things hold together.**

One: Praise to you, O Christ, the head of the body, the Church.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.**

One: Praise to you, O Christ, in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, through whom God reconciled all things,  
through the blood of your cross. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #339

“Be Thou My Vision”

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, we don't recognize the vengeance in our hearts  
until we lash out with tongues that cut like a razor.

**All: Forgive us for angry words that hurt the ones we love.**

One: We are quick to tell small lies and live with half-truths  
that destroy our credibility and our respect for ourselves.

**All: Give us the courage to speak the truth with love  
and the inner strength to accept the consequences with humility.**

One: Redeem us that we might love you and serve our neighbor.

**All: Forgive us, and heal the sickness in our souls. Amen.**

#### PRAYER HYMN (SUNG BY ALL)

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

(based on Colossians 1)

One: Friends, hear the word of God: Even though you were once estranged,  
Jesus has now reconciled you through his death...  
to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

**All: The mystery, hidden for ages, has been revealed to us!**

One: Christ is with us. Christ is in us! Christ is our hope of glory! We are a forgiven people.

**All: Glory be to God on High and on earth, peace to all!**

**PRAISE RESPONSE** (sung by all) (#485)

*To God be the Glory, great things he has done.  
So loved he the world, that he gave us his Son.  
Who yielded his life, an atonement for sin;  
and opened the life gates that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;  
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination** (sung by all)

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

**READING FROM PAUL'S LETTERS**

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-29**

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**READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

**LUKE 10:38-42**

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**ANTHEM**

Cameroon Choir

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Elder Jim Wilson

**SERMON**

*The Mystery Is Revealed*

Rev. Bruce Calkins

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(World Council of Churches)

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**All: We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus,  
to reconcile and make new.**

One: We trust God who calls us to be the church; to love and save the whole humanity;  
to serve justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**All: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with and in us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN #391**

“Take My Life”

**PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAYER IN SONG** (sung by all) (2193)

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... 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.

**OUR GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** (tune from #229)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*O praise God, O praise God,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #263**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go from Calvary to the place where God asks you to serve this week.

And may the blessings of God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer,  
bless you in all you do and are. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

Led by the Cameroonian Choir

**POSTLUDE**

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*Calvary Presbyterian Church is a welcoming people of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, inspired by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit. We serve God, each other, our community, and the world, through worship, study, teaching, fellowship and outreach; demonstrating God's love, justice, compassion and grace.*