

To Respond in Faith . . .

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God,, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude--for your call on our lives, your guidance in our baptismal journey, your redemption of our suffering and exile, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring and use it for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. 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.

And to Go Forth in Service . . .

*HYMN #215 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* (Virginia Harmony) Arr. Hal Hopson

Following worship, please join us for coffee time

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Alexandria, Virginia ~ March 15, 2020

RETURN FROM EXILE
MARCH 8: LAID BARE
MARCH 15: CALLED TO EXILE
MARCH 22: HOW TO RETURN FROM EXILE
MARCH 29: THE WAY OF BROKENNESS

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LENTEN SERIES 2020

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Third Sunday in Lent

MARCH 15, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM

(* Please stand, as you are led.

Bold type is spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love* (English Folk Melody) Arr. Hal Hopson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Gather to Lift Our Praises . . .

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In Jesus' suffering and exile, God makes common cause with our human suffering and exile.

Jesus understands our temptations, our pain and our sorrow.

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But at the cross God meets us in the pain and griefs of life.

From this day forward we know that:

**there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us,
there is nothing that can separate us from God's love.**

*HYMN #625, vs. 1, 3, 4 "How Great Thou Art"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, I need your forgiveness and grace. You call me to trust you completely, but I do not. I am fearful and timid when your will involves sacrifice and selflessness. I struggle to embrace the new life Christ offers, clinging to old habits rather than opening myself to risky change. Forgive me, I pray. Grant me courage and faith to receive again Christ's life that I may know your love, peace and mercy.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God came to us, humble and in the form of a servant, to redeem us and free us from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you, so friends, be at peace:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Response Hymn #447 "We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ with one another.

All are invited to stand and greet one another with the "peace of Christ be with you."

Baptism of Serafina Elaine Clay

*Baptism Response #482, v. 1 "Baptized in Water"

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

To Hear God's Word . . .

TIME WITH CHILDREN: Following time with Pastor Michelle, the nursery is available for babies and toddlers. Sunday school for children ages 4 through elementary school is held in the Activity Time room.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may meet Jesus as he is, not as we expect him to be. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-46

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Live Your Love"

Choir

SERMON

Called to Exile

Rev. Michelle Fincher

*HYMN

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (see insert)

Keep These Persons in Your Prayers

Home

Kevin Byram
(Erika's friend)
Gordon Jelsma, Sr.
(Jon's grandfather)
Donna Kauffman
(June's friend)
George & Marisa Souza
(Elsie's friends)
Rose Karikari*
George Mireku
(Paulina's cousin)
Klaus Knape
(Ilse's brother)
John & Marilyn Gordon
(Miller's friends)
Laurie Rooks Robson
(Lillian's niece)
Loy Sampels
(Lillian's sister)
Beverley Pringle
(Vallerie's sister)
Leonard Troxel &
his family
(Ann's brother-in-law)
General and Mrs. Lee Butler
(Millers' friends)
Dorothy Walker*

Hospital

Ernest Meyerle
(Jenny's father)

Rehabilitation

Rose Moran
(Steve Hoffman's friend)

Serving Overseas

Karmyn Grabner-Dyson
(Sharon & JG's
granddaughter)

Partner Church

Rev. Felicia Gyadu
(Faith Community
Congregation Presbyterian
Church of Ghana)

Please contact
the office to
make changes to
the prayer list.

Grieving

Family of Bob Noel*
(former Calvary member &
June's friend)
Family of Rebecca Yeboah*
Family of Irma Langkamp
(Lillian's friend)
Family of Diane Hutchins
(former Calvary Interim Pastor)
Family of Tom Davidson
(Libby's husband)
Family of Mary Wells*
(Pam Williams' mother)
Family of Eleanor Hoffman
(Steve Hoffman's mother)
Family of Larry Martindale
(June's friend)
Family of Robert Pringle
(Vallerie's father)
Family of Patty Jones
(Sherry's daughter-in-law)
Family of Johnny Amankwah
(Ernest's son)
Family of Sandra Hardison
(Barbara Allen's friend)
Family of Jane Koehler*
(Tsune's daughter & June's
sister)

*Current & past members

February 2020

Income \$22,439.00 Expenses -\$21,732.00 Income \$707.00

2020 Year to Date

Income \$49,236.00 Expenses -\$42,440.00 Income \$6,796.00

A special note to children and their parents:

Children's Programming Today: We love to have children in worship, and we have special bulletins on clipboards to help them understand and illustrate the worship service as we go along. Children of all ages should pick up a clipboard at the usher's station. We also have worship bags and a quiet corner with books that children may use during worship. We have a staffed nursery and a special activity time for children after the children's message as an optional choice for families. You and your child(ren) are important to us, and we are glad that you are here!

SUNDAYS AT CALVARY

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses the first Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All other Sundays, rehearsals are at 8:45 a.m.

PRAYER TIME meets in the library at 9:30 a.m.

SERMON TALK BACK meets in the parlor from 11:30 - noon. This is the perfect setting to delve deeper into today's scripture and sermon as we make applications for our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 29 - Church-wide Workday - Lunch will be provided
April 9, 7:00 pm - Joint Maundy Thursday Service at Heritage Presbyterian

[Visit My Blog](#)

Take a look at **Pastor Michelle's blog** on the Calvary web-site. Go to <http://calvarypres.org> and click the blog tab. A new article is posted every Thursday. **Check it out!**

March Worship Schedule

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please swap dates with someone on the list & let Barbara know (info@calvarypres.org) or (703) 768-8510.

LITURGISTS

- March 1** Andy Clay
March 8 Barbara Allen
March 15 Chuck Hasbrouck
March 22 Barbara Yost
March 29 Ernest Amankwah

USHERS

- March 1** Ann Honious, Vallerie Pringle, Anthony Amoah, Steve Hoffman
March 8 Barbara Yost, Vincent & Dorothy Edet
March 15 June Yamayoshi, Steve Hoffman, Anthony Amoah
March 22 Sampson Hagan, Barbara Allen
March 29 The Rissi Family, Chuck & Dianne Hasbrouck

GREETERS

- March 1** Nana & Gina Adu-Gyamfi
March 8 Tsune Middlecoff, Folarin Sosan
March 15 Jon & Rachel Jelsma, Liz Kestler
March 22 Margaret Yeboah, Naomi Akuetteh
March 29 Charles Frempong & Angela Yeboah

CALLING TREE & DISCIPLESHIP TEAMS FOR COFFEE HOUR

Paul (March/July)

Rooks, Lillian 960-4777
Viccellio, Judy 915-9153
Ayenu, Patience & Gambah,
Nate 399-4419
Obenhuber, Travis 251-751-7542
Grabner, Sharon 301-908-4173 &
Lumpkins, Janet Gayle "JG"
301--928-6629

Martha (March/July)

Karikari, Rose 240-413-2971
Hernandez, Dorothy 960-0186
Williams, Danny & Pam 569-0584
Amoah, Anthony 202-560-4835
Yost, Barbara 329-5333
McNeill, Loraine 299-3961
*Roberts, Ruth 276-780-0803

SERMON NOTES

Date:

Pastor:

Key Verses:

Key Points