Sundays at 9:45am, we have classes for all ages to encourage our growth as disciples. Classes start again on January 8th. You are welcome to join any-time! Here are the options for our Adult classes:

Ancient Discipleship

The first generations of Christians developed a training manual for mentors to use with new Christian converts to help them understand the way of Jesus and how to live it out in their every- day settings. Steeped in the teachings of Jesus, this short training manual (called The Didache) can give us a fresh understanding of the vitality of Jesus' teachings and the importance of apprenticeship in the life of today's Christians. Taught by Rev. Don Everts.
Hosted in the McClung Class (Room 026/Reception Room).

Gospel of Luke: From the Outside In

This study will focus on the Gospel of Luke, which is a stunning portrait of Jesus, the Son of God. Luke believes his book is the most important narrative we could ever read and invites his readers to witness His life, death, and resurrection and be transformed as a result. This is a book that presents the reader with an accurate account of Jesus but also a pathway to get to know Him personally.
Hosted in the March Fellowship Class (Room 015).

The Minor Prophets

This class will be looking at the books Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Books of prophecy relate not only to the Ancient Israelite but also to believers today with themes like God's promises, His return, injustice, obedience, repentance, and grace.
Hosted in the Little-Bacon Class (Room 020).

Proverbs and Psalms

This study looks at wisdom, the impact of words, and righteousness vs. wickedness in the proverbs, and then starting in April, this class will be studying Psalms.
Hosted in the 49ers Class (Room 114).

Family Business

Upcoming

Wed. Jan. 4 – Celebration of Life Services for Jerry Redfearn 10:00 am in the Sanctuary with reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall and North Atrium.
Fri. Jan. 6 – Tom Byrne Memorial Service, 9:20 am visitation, 10:00 am Memorial service in the Sanctuary with reception following the service in Fellowship Hall and North Atrium.
Fri. Jan 6 – 2:00 pm Memorial service at Gorman-Scharpf for Jackie Whitlock.
Sun. Jan. 8 - Sunday School Classes Resume
Sat. Jan. 14 – 1:00 pm Ordination of Jamie Swope, 1:00 pm Ordination of Jamie Swope with reception following in the Fellowship Hall and North Atrium.
Tues. Jan 17 - 6:00 pm, room 014. Called Session Meeting to approve the Budget.
Wed. Jan 18 – 5:30 pm North Atrium, Annual Leadership Summit, and dinner.
Sun. Jan 22 - 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Annual Congregational Meeting.

Condolences

To the family of Allan Clapp on his passing.
To friends and family of Jerry Redfearn on his passing.
To the family of Jackie Whitlock on her passing.

Visit the First & Calvary Website for more information on each of the above events by scanning the QR code or going to https://www.firstandcalvary.org/

Leadership

Rev. Don Everts | Senior Pastor
Steve Young | Director of Operations
Jamie Swope | Associate Minister of Discipleship
Tyler Heckman | Director of Worship and Music
Dr. Jim Davidson | Advisory Director of Music/Principal Organist
Wendy Everts | Minister of Outreach
Rev. Cooper McWhirter | Minister of Pastoral Care
Brian Correll | Media Coordinator
Robin Jaques | Communications Coordinator
Lisa Smith | Children's Ministry Coordinator
Spencer Busch | Lead Custodian

Liturgical Service

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

Call to Worship | Jamie Swope

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us praise the Lord together.
The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,
for the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.
The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end.
Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!
—based on Isaiah 60

*Hymn 90

Christ is the World's Light
Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1968, alt.
Music: Paris Antiphoner, 1681

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
against you and one another
in both our actions and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come,
yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.
Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us
the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.
Illumined by your Word and sacrament,
may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer
Words: Based on Psalm 143:1;
Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.
If we say that we have fellowship with him
while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true;
but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
—1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father
Words: Gloria Patri
Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Lisa Smith

Jesus Loves Me
Oh How I Love Jesus

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11–13

"'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart'"

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

Music of Reflection

Em Stauffer, cello

Sermon | Rev. Cooper McWhirter

Be Still and Know

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

Offertory

Em Stauffer, cello

Hymn 809

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Genevan Psalter

*Offering Prayer

*Hymn 516

Be Still and Know
Words: Anonymous; para. of Psalm 46:10, 7:1, Exodus 15:26
Music: Anonymous; arr. Jack Schrader, 1988

*Benediction and Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace
Words and Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price

Postlude

***Please stand if able**

Notes