

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

Advance the Gospel | Philippians 1:12-18

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. 16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

Personal Reflection Question

Question: Consider the people God has placed in your life where you live, work, and play. What next step is God asking you to take toward courageously sharing the gospel and engaging in spiritual conversations?

Notes

Family Business

This Week

Sunday, March 12

- 6:00 pm to 7:40 pm Lenten Prayer and Worship Night

Tuesday, March 14

- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Men's Tuesday Night Study Group / Room 015

Wednesday, March 15

- 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Morning MOPS/Wendy Everts' House

- 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Adult Pickleball / Gym

- 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice / Choir Room

Friday, March 17

- 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Pickleball / Gym

Upcoming

Saturday, April 1

- 2:00pm First & Calvary Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2

- 8:45 am to 9:45 am Early Service

- 9:45 am to 10:40 am Sunday School

- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Liturgical Service

Let's lean into prayer this Lenten season by choosing one or more of the following options:

- **Option 1: The App.** Prayer through the First and Calvary app. Search "First and Calvary" through your Appstore to download.

- **Option 2: The Book.** Read Richard Foster's book, Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home. Purchase the book online, check it out from our library, or purchase a used copy for \$10 at the South Entrance and Main Sanctuary Entrance with exact change or a check to First & Calvary.

- **Option 3: The Class.** Sunday Morning Class hosted by the March Fellowship Class at 9:45am in Room 015.

- **Option 4: The Evening Experience.** Sunday Prayer and Worship Nights February 26 - April 2 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Dinner is provided (donations encouraged). Childcare is available. **Please register online via the QR code**

- Contact Pastor Jamie at j.swope@firstandcalvary.org for more info.

More About F & C

History Room – First & Calvary Church is dedicated to preserving our historic past, and to that end, we maintain a History Room adjacent to the Stratman Library. The room contains paper and digital records of our congregation and mementos from the past, including photographs, china and silver used by the congregation in the past. Please contact the church office if you want to donate items or would like to make an appointment to visit and review our collection.

Baby Break Room – For the comfort of new moms and dads, we offer a private room with rocking chairs, a changing table, and diapers. The Baby Break Room, which we affectionately call The Crying Room, allows moms and dads an opportunity to step out of service to attend to a child while still enjoying the audio from the service. **Room 118C** is on the 1st floor, just to the right of the first-floor elevator.

If you are interested in learning more about First & Calvary Presbyterian Church, including how to become a Covenant Partner, contact Head Pastor Don Everts by calling the church office at 417-862-5068.



FIRST & CALVARY

a house of prayer for every generation

Journey through Philippians

March 12th, 2023

Liturgical Service

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

***Call to Worship | Tyler Heckman**

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

All: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

As we gather here today,
let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.
Praise the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised!

***Hymn 5**

Come Thou Almighty King

Words: Source unknown, c. 1757

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

Confession of Sin

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to you.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

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

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

A Song of Praise

Words: Psalm 117

Music: Will James

***Hymn 809**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

***Offering Prayer**

Scripture Philippians 1:12–18

See Early Service Panel for text

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Time for Children | Chip Potts

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

Sermon | Rev. Jamie Swope

Advance the Gospel

Prayer’s 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.

CommunionAnthem | Chancel Choir

In Remembrance

Words and Music: Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

In remembrance of me eat this bread

In remembrance of me drink this wine

In remembrance of me pray for the time

When God’s own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick

In remembrance of me feed the poor

In remembrance of me open the door

And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted

Drink and remember too

That this is my body and precious blood

Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth

In remembrance of me always love

In remembrance of me don’t look above

But in your heart, in your heart

Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of me

Do this in remembrance of me

In remembrance of me

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Communion

***Hymn 130**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v 1, 2, 3, 4

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Carl. G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer’s praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,

that bids our sorrows cease,

‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,

‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,

he sets the prisoner free;

his blood can make the foulest clean;

his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,

new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;

the humble poor believe.

***Benediction & Benediction Response**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v 5

My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad

the honors of thy name.

Postlude