

Calvary Church Sunday Worship
November 8, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.
Bold text is spoken by the congregation.
Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning," trad. spiritual,
arr. by Mary Howarth — Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem — Rev. Good

Introit: "Freedom Is Coming," trad. South African — Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words — Jeanne Le Suer

The God of love gathers us here with light enough for everyone.
We come to shine together with God's grace.

The love of Christ invites us to be part of a celebration.
We come to join a community of joy.

The Holy Spirit shines and we reflect the radiance of love.
May the light of joy and love shine in us, in all we do.

*Opening Prayer by Steve Garnaas-Holmes — Jeanne Le Suer

Light of God, shine in us.
May the oil of your peace fill our hearts.
May the lamp of your grace lead our steps.
May the light of your love shine in our lives.
May we be a source of light for others who wait for you in the dark.
Amen.

*Passing the Peace — Jeanne Le Suer

Peace be with you. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

*Hymn: "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" — 60 [large hymnal]

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-7 — Jeanne Le Suer

Listen, my people, mark each word.
I begin with a story, I speak of mysteries welling up from ancient depths,
heard and known from our elders.

We must not hide this story from our children,
but tell the mighty works and all the wonders of God.

The Lord gave precepts to Jacob and Leah, instructions to Israel,
that the people before us could teach their children.

Let future generations learn and let them grow up
to teach their young to trust in God,
remembering great deeds, cherishing the law.

The Word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Baptism of Meredith Grace Chang-Osher — Rev. Good

Prayer over the water

Almighty God, Giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. Bless now this water, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, and bless Meredith that she may always know you as Creator, Savior and Friend. Watch over her and guide her on her path of life and faith. Help her family to know your strong presence and sure guidance, that through word and deed they may teach Meredith the love of Jesus Christ. Remind us all of the promises of our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Welcome

By this act of Christian baptism, we welcome you to a journey that will take your whole life. This day is a new beginning for you as a member of the family of Jesus. What God dreams for you, we do not know. Where God will take you, how God will surprise you, we cannot say. But this we do know and this we proclaim with all our hearts: "You are precious in God's eyes, and God loves you. We welcome you as our newest sibling in Christ." Amen.

Song: "Eagle's Wings" — 143 [large hymnal]

Children's Time — Paul Rubel

After the song, children are invited to attend Jr. Church (classroom 1) or the nursery (room 3).

Song: "Eagle's Wings"

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 — Jeanne Le Suer

Then again, the kingdom of heaven could be likened to ten attendants who took their lamps and went to meet the bridal party. Five of them were wise; five were foolish. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they didn't take any oil with them, but the wise ones took enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The bridal party was delayed, so they all feel asleep.

At midnight there was a cry: "Here comes the bridal party! Let's go out to meet them!" Then all the attendants rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "Perhaps there won't be

enough for us; run to the dealers and get some more for yourselves."

While the foolish ones went to buy more oil, the bridal party arrived; and those who were ready went to the marriage feast with them, and the door was shut. When the foolish attendants returned, they pleaded to be let in. The doorkeeper replied, "The truth is, I don't know you."

So stay awake, for you don't know the day or the hour.

The Word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Music: "Keep Your Lamps," trad. spiritual, arr. by John Leavitt — Calvary Choir

Thoughts — Rev. Good

*Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" — 2153 [small hymnal]

*Affirmation of Faith from Brendan Rubel — Rev. Good

I believe in the lesson of God
To love one's neighbors
As oneself

I believe in the power of love
We can change the world
Even with small steps

I believe we should love the Earth
This vast expanse of land and water
The only one that we have been given

I believe in the openness of faith
Because there's more to the story,
Than just what is written

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People — Rev. Good

We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, or...

Our Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can leave cash or a check in the offering baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary or scan the Venmo code at the right.

*Doxology by Quinn Caldwell — Old 100th (95, large hymnal)

Praise God whose story on the page
Remains the same from age to age;
Praise God whose story in the world
Is waiting still to be unfurled.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving — Rev. Good

We give you thanks, O God, for your love that lives and grows in us, that we share with our hands and hearts, with children and adults, in all places and times. May we continue to live our faith in expectation of your future. Amen.

*Hymn: "Walk with Me" — 2242 [small hymnal]

Announcements — Rev. Good

Weekly Events:
Taize Wednesday 7 PM; Choir 7:30 PM
Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM; Theology on Tap Noon

Benediction — Rev. Good

Postlude: "Flourish," by Alan Bullard — Sue Paro, organ

Gratitude to those who, behind the scenes, helped make this morning's service more warm and welcoming:

Greeters: Nancy Gondek and Terry Rice
Jr. Church leader: Heather MacIndoe
Nursery helper: Alison Babeu
Coffee hour: Elizabeth Burns and Lisa Threhane

Consecration Sunday update

On Consecration Sunday, the Stewardship Committee asked the Calvary community to make a pledge commitment to the church. In addition to its importance personally and spiritually, it is helpful in a practical way because it helps us plan our finances for the upcoming year. Thank you to those who have already filled out a pledge card for 2027! So far, we have received pledges from 43 pledging units, committing a total of $240,670. We anticipate approximately $30,000 more from those who were not able to attend Consecration Sunday.

If you haven't filled out a pledge card, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to Calvary's mission and ministries. If you are able to pledge, please fill out the card below and return it to the church office, fill in this google form: https://forms.gle/TkGpy1qVNia5odrm6, or email Susan Schmidt, the financial secretary, at finsec@calvaryarlington.org.

Calvary Church Estimate of Giving

Name _____

Address _____

Email or phone_____

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His church, I/we plan to give to Calvary:

$_____Weekly $_____Monthly $_____Quarterly $_____Annually

_____This represents an increase over last year.

Giving Method

Online	Check or cash
□ Send me a form for online donations	□ I would like envelopes
□ Continue my online donations	□ I do not need envelopes

Estimate of Giving Reminder

$_____Weekly

$_____Monthly

$_____Quarterly

$_____Annually

Please detach this part along the dotted line and keep for your records.