

Calvary Church Sunday Worship
Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026

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

Prelude: Prelude on *Lasst uns erfreuen* ("Let us rejoice") by Gerald Peterson
Sue Paro, organ

Welcome and Poem — Rev. Good

Introit: "I Was Hungry" by John L. Bell — Peter Caradonna, solo

*Gathering Words from the Iroquois-Matilda Pastoral Charge — Parke Wilde

This is a time for giving thanks; a time to be mindful of the good that encircles us.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

Friends and family encourage and care, and this community shows us God's loving ways.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

We find a home in God's creation and the earth gives us good food to make us grow.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

The seasons change. Sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

*Opening Prayer from Ana Gobledale — Parke Wilde

Great Spirit, for the beauty of the earth we give thanks.
For the streaks of morning sun we give thanks.
For the warmth of family and friends we give thanks.

Power of Love, link us together in love.
Shower our day with hope and joy.
Create in us a commitment to extend your welcome to all,
to re-kindle your kin-dom here and now. Amen.

*Passing the Peace — Parke Wilde

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

*Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” 694 [large hymnal]

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 Parke Wilde

“Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from God. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

“Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life.”

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

Children’s Time Lois Howry

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

Song: “Walk With Me” refrain 2242 [small hymnal]

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Parke Wilde

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Music: Gloria from *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi Calvary Choir

Kate Goldstein-Luiz and Susan Goetchus, violin
Steve Schmidt, viola
Katherine Schmidt, cello
Susan Schmidt, piano

Thoughts Rev. Good

*Hymn: “When the Poor Ones” 434 [large hymnal]

*Affirmation of Faith by Jim Burklo Rev. Good

God is Love, the cosmic creativity present everywhere and in everything,
Gently urging all toward the good.
To transcending Love, we raise our awestruck praise!
Jesus embodied the Love that is God.
He loved the poor, the sick, the outcast,
He loved the unpopular, and even his own enemies.
He loved so completely, he loved so dangerously, that it cost him his life.
As Christians we aim to serve humbly as he did,
Resurrecting his life of Love through communion with others.
The texts and traditions of Christianity give voice to our souls,
so that we may support each other in our quests of Love.
Love is the measure of what is worth following,
And what is not, in all religions.
So we pray for a Holy Spirit of discernment
To express our faith afresh in new times and places.

Song: “Give Thanks” 2036 [small hymnal]

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.

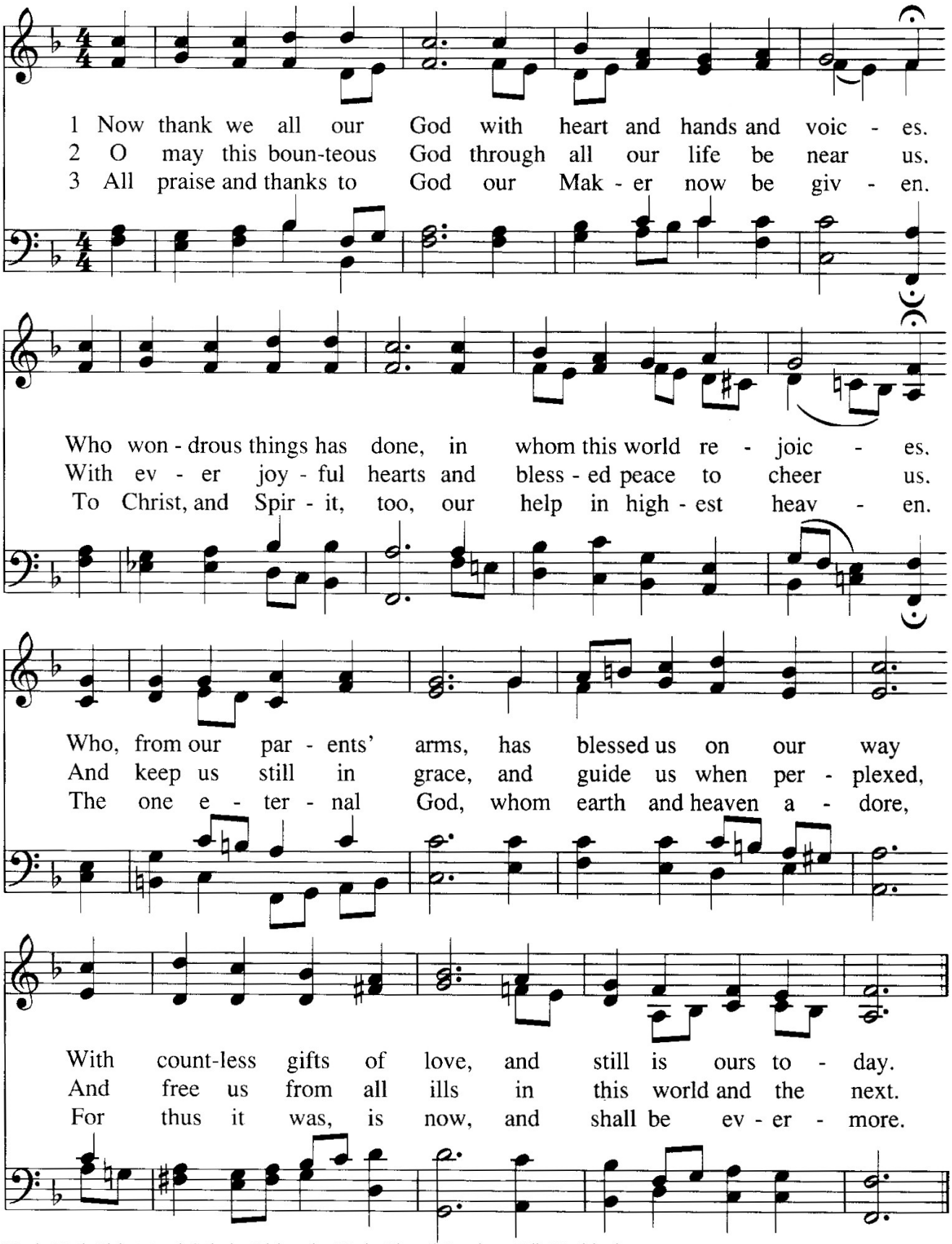
*Doxology Old 100th (95, large hymnal)

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. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Good

Thank you, God, for the gift of the changing seasons, for your grace through all things. Help us to share with you and our neighbors from the bounty we have received. We offer it all through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Hymn: “Now Thanks We All Our God”



Words: Martin Rinkart, transl. Catherine Winkworth Music: Johann Crüger, harm. Felix Mendelssohn

Announcements Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Today: Annual Craft Fair after worship in Fellowship Hall;
Q&A and Sacred Snacking after worship in Classroom 1
Monday: Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor
Friday: Buy Nothing Day Party 6-8 PM in Fellowship Hall
Saturday: Advent Dinner and workshop 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall

Benediction Rev. Good

Postlude: Nun danket alle Gott ("Now thank we all our God") by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann Sue Paro, organ

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

Greeters: Crista Bode and Katie Young
Jr. Church leader: Alison Babeu
Nursery helper: Catherine Willwerth
Coffee hour: Tina Flynn

Christmas Plants and Donations to the Living Memorial

We invite you to order Christmas plants to decorate the sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones, and take them home after the Christmas Eve service. You may also donate to the Living Memorial, which generates interest income that is used to support the mission and ministry of the church.

Orders and payment for plants are due by 9:30 AM on Monday, November 30th.
We will not be able to fulfill plant orders received after that time.

To order flowers and/or donate to the Living Memorial, return this form to the church office. You can pay with

- cash
- check made payable to Calvary Church
- Venmo to @CalvaryArlingtonMA (please indicate that the payment is for flowers)

Number of poinsettias:	_____x $ 6	=	$_____
Number of Christmas cacti:	_____x $ 8	=	$_____
Number of cyclamen:	_____x $ 8	=	$_____
Living Memorial donation:			$_____
Total:			$_____

Paying with: ____ cash ____ check ____ Venmo

Your name:

Given in Memory of:

Given in Honor of: