



**CALDWELL**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**God Invites. We Welcome. All.**

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ Sunday

Eleven O'clock

Rev. Dr. John Cleghorn, Minister

Rev. Dr. Dorothy J. Killian, Interim Minister

Rev. Justin Martin, Minister of Youth & Online Outreach

Smitty Flynn, Volunteer Choir Director

Anne Hunter Eidson, Minister of Music

Manley Roberts, Volunteer Pianist

Rev. Dr. Diane Mowrey, Parish Associate Minister

# Service of the Worship of the Lord

*(The congregation reads the words in bold-face type except for the headings.)*

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude Manley Roberts, piano

Processional Caldwell Gospel Choir

Welcoming of Visitors and Announcements Revs. John Cleghorn & Dot Killian

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Call to Worship Rev. Dot Killian

Grace to you and peace from the One Who is and Who was and Who is to come,  
**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,**  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

**To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise 336

We Gather Together

A. Valerius

## We Confess and Remember God's Mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. John Cleghorn

*Together, we pray aloud before God and each other, saying:*

**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to You only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay Your head; we surround ourselves with comfort.**

**We expect to serve You with what remains after we have indulged our desires.**

**Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In Your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our own lives. We pray that You reclaim us as your people and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation. Amen.**

*In silence we continue to examine our hearts and minds before God.*

We Remind Ourselves We Are Forgiven and Pass the Peace

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you.

**In the name of Christ, we receive God's gift of grace. May the peace of Christ be also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with those around us by saying to one another, "The Peace of Christ be with you," and by responding, "And also with you."*

Anthem: Gospel Choir

A Time With Our Children (*children come forward*)

Rev. John Cleghorn

*Children (age 3 to 5th grade) go to Sunday School. First-time visitors with young children are asked to walk with them to Sunday School, sign them in and see where their classes are located. They will rejoin you in the sanctuary at the end of worship.*

**Adults: May the Lord be with you there.**

Children: May the Lord be with you here.

### **We Hear God's Word Read and Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination

Dick Richards

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 23:1-7

OT, p. 286

New Testament Lesson

John 18:33-37

NT, p. 106

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Truth to Power in Three Acts

Rev. John Cleghorn

### **We Respond to the Word in Various Ways**

We Reflect On God's Word

Rev. Dot Killian

\*Hymn 273

He is King of Kings

*African American Spiritual*

*Contributions to our Reparations Offering can be placed on the communion table as we sing.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1934

**Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. The Christian Church is the congregation of the people through which Christ**

**acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit. The church, then, is called to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely the property of Jesus Christ and that it lives and wants to live solely from His direction and in the expectation of His appearance.**

Offertory

Caldwell Gospel Choir

*Contributions to our regular offering can be placed in offering plates. Other options for giving: go to [www.caldwellpresby.org/giving](http://www.caldwellpresby.org/giving), use the QR code on page 5, or mail a check to the church office at 1609 E. Fifth Street, Charlotte, 28204.*

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

We Pray for the People

Rev. Dot Killian

*We pray for ourselves and others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father (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 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.**

\*Hymn

There Is a Name I Love To Hear (Oh, How I Love Jesus)

F. Whitfield

**1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.  
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!**

**2 It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.  
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!**

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES - THIS WEEK

### Today

- 9:00 - 9:45 am Coffee and Community, *Hope Hall*  
9:45 am Sunday School Classes, *Hope Community Hall, Room 1 & Online*  
10:45 am The Nursery is open for infants to age 3, *Nursery (off of Shelby Room)*  
11:00 am Worship, *Sanctuary & Online*  
1:00 pm Anti-Racism Council at Caldwell (ARCC), *Shelby Room & Online*  
6:00 pm Worship Committee Planning Session for December, *Online*

### Tuesday

- 10:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting, *Shelby Room*  
6:30 pm APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) Training, *Online*

### Thursday

- Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, *The Third Place*

### Friday

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, *Shelby Room*

### Saturday

- 4:00-5:00 pm All are invited to a Celebration of Jesca Yiskah-EI's Ministry, *Hope Hall*

Those who need to attend meetings online can find links on the church calendar at [caldwellpresby.org/calendar](http://caldwellpresby.org/calendar).

***Please inform the ministers when you know of a member or friend who is sick, in the hospital, or would appreciate a pastoral call or visit.***

*The QR code for giving:*



## Announcements

**Thank you for silencing electronics** before worship begins.

**Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad** up and down your row or go to the online registry at [caldwellpresby.org/hi](http://caldwellpresby.org/hi). If you are interested in joining or learning more about Caldwell, see John or Dot or go to [www.caldwellpresby.org/join](http://www.caldwellpresby.org/join).

**We humbly acknowledge** the Catawba, Sugaree and Waxhaw Indigenous peoples, who were dispossessed of the land on which we live and worship. We also acknowledge that the funds left to this church in 1922 to build our sanctuary were stained by the sin of slavery. We strive continuously for God's mercy and correction.

**As called for in the bylaws, there will be a congregational meeting** at the conclusion of worship today for the purpose of hearing a report from the Elder Nominating Committee about nominations to fill five seats on the Caldwell Session.

**Music Reparations Offering:** Today, we will collect our monthly offering to honor the anonymous, enslaved writers of African American spirituals, music that is central to our worship. No payment or royalties were ever offered to these composers or their descendants, so we seek to "pay it forward" by identifying recipients in our community to receive this offering who provide musical opportunities to Black young people. Our current recipient is A Sign of the Times. Learn more here: [www.asignofthetimes.org](http://www.asignofthetimes.org)

**Jesca Yiskah-El invites everyone** to join her in a service celebrating her 42 years of ministry in Hope Hall from 4:00-5:00 pm on Saturday, November 30. Come and see what the Lord has done and is doing.

**RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) will host the 10th Annual World AIDS Day Luncheon** on Thursday, December 5, from 12:00 -1:00 pm at The Casey (1801 N. Tryon Street). If you would like to attend and sit at Caldwell's table please reach out to Denzell Fasion at [efaison101@gmail.com](mailto:efaison101@gmail.com) or (336) 906-7098.

**Caldwell will be hosting Room in the Inn** one Saturday night each month from December - March, offering a hot meal, a safe and warm place to sleep, and community for 8 women who are currently experiencing homelessness. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks: to set up the space, help with dinner, spend the night, serve breakfast, and clean up in the morning. Please check out the Sign-Up Genius link in our weekly e-communications to sign up for a shift or 2 this winter. Email Nancy Pugh at [npugh422@gmail.com](mailto:npugh422@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Did You Know? Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for Advent** on Saturday, December 7, at 10:00 am. It's a great time to get to know each other as we add festive and meaningful symbols in preparation to celebrate Christ's birth. **Watch for a calendar next week** with dates and times of Advent/Christmas offerings.

**Your Caldwell Prayer Team will not meet** in the Prayer Room on Wednesday evenings until January 8. We will still have someone available to pray with you after Sunday morning worship through December 15. You may still leave a note or pew card in the offering plate or contact any member of the ministerial staff to share special requests. We continue to be praying with you.

**Today's flowers** are generously provided by Kelly Cleghorn.

**Earth Care Tip:** Buy a reusable water bottle and commit to using it. You will be healthier, no PFAs.

**Today's Call to Worship** and Prayer of Confession are from Feasting on The Word Worship Companion, Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor, and Presbyterian Outlook, 2024, liturgy by Walter Canter.

**If you would like to receive our online communications** (usually two per week), email Justin at [jmartin@caldwellpresby.org](mailto:jmartin@caldwellpresby.org) to sign up.

**Please be aware** that our worship services are streamed live, recorded and available on YouTube. They can be found by going to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church channel.

**Planning on dropping by the church?** Be sure to call before coming because there may not always be someone to let you in. Staff contact information is on the back page.

**A note about language:** At Caldwell, we do our best to create an inclusive, welcoming and safe environment for all of God's children, however they identify. We aspire to use non-binary language in worship and church communications in reference to one another or people in general, knowing that we won't always get it right. We invite others to take up this journey, embracing anew what we say, "God Invites. We Welcome. All."

## Things to Know About Today's Gathering

**Masking indoors** is welcomed. The East transept located near the doors to the handicap ramp remains designated for increased social distancing and requires masking.

**Physical interaction indicators** – Pick up a nametag in the narthex and indicate your level of comfort with physical closeness with a self-adhesive dot.

**Restrooms** – There is a restroom in the narthex/main sanctuary entrance. Ushers are available to direct you to the other restrooms.

**The Nursery, for children under 3**, can be found by going through the door to the right of the pulpit, take an immediate right, and going down the hallway. Ushers are also able to direct you.

**For Late Arrivals** – Please come to the ramp door and ring the doorbell. An usher will let you in.

## **Caldwell's Mission**

- We seek to build a diverse, intentional, affirming community animated by joyful worship and called forth into social action for service to the greater good.
- We seek to hear God's call not only as individuals but also as a progressive, missional community striving to reflect the Kingdom of God in the here and now.
- We embrace the rich history of the Reformed Tradition and the storied past of our center-city church, as we welcome a diverse community of seekers – ALL ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultural and economic backgrounds, gender identities, and family structures—ALL people.
- We are called into a meaningful, transformative community that values the unique blessings and perspectives of each member and offers a place of welcome and healing to weary souls.
- We seek dynamic servant leaders who serve humbly, embrace change, and boldly challenge injustices in the wider community.
- Most important, we seek to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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