



CALDWELL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God Invites. We Welcome. All.

January 19, 2025

A Service of Worship and
Observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

Eleven O'clock

Rev. Dr. John Cleghorn, Minister

Rev. Dr. Dorothy J. Killian, Interim Associate 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

Smitty Flynn, piano

Processional

Caldwell Gospel Choir

Welcoming of Visitors and Announcements

Revs. Dot Killian and John Cleghorn

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

Call to Worship

Rev. John Cleghorn

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

May all people take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**We feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give us drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life;

in Your light we see light.

- based on Psalm 36:7-9

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*James Weldon Johnson and
J. Rosamond Johnson*

We Confess and Remember God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dot Killian

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

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. 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 Minute for Mission

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Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski

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

Rev. Justin Martin

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

Nancy Pugh

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 36:5-10

OT, p. 482

New Testament Lesson

John 2:1-12

NT, p. 87

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Weddings, Water, Wine and Wisdom

Rev. Dot Killian

We Respond to the Word in Various Ways

We Reflect On God's Word

Rev. John Cleghorn

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA, 1983)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 Welcome a New Member

Kris Vogel

We Pray for the People

Rev. John Cleghorn

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 379

We Shall Overcome

*African American Spiritual
arr. William Farley Smith*

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dot Killian

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES - THIS WEEK

Today

- 9:00 - 10:00 am Coffee and Company, *Hope Hall*
9:45 am Adult 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*
12:30 pm Mission & Justice Committee, *Shelby Room & Online*

Monday

- Church Office closed
6:30 pm Elder Training, *Shelby Room*

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting, *Shelby Room*
6:30 pm Easter's Home Board, *Shelby Room*

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Wednesday Prayer Group, *Hope Hall, Prayer Room (3rd Floor)*
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room*

Thursday

- 2:00 pm Easter's Home Furnishing Committee, *Shelby Room*
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, *Shelby Room*

Friday

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

Saturday

- 4:00 pm Room In the Inn, *Hope Hall*

Those who need to attend meetings online can find links on the church calendar at 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.

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."

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. If you are interested in joining or learning more about Caldwell, see John or Dot or go to 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.

The Mission & Justice Committee will be meeting today at 12:30 pm in the Shelby Room. If you are new to Caldwell or have been wanting to get involved with M&J, this first meeting of 2025 is a great one to attend. Come and help us plan for 2025.

Please join us in prayer in the Caldwell Prayer Room upstairs in Hope Community Hall on Wednesday nights. Enter the church by the courtyard choir door before our start at 6:30 pm or join us virtually at meet.google.com/ojn-iath-rxi We also have Prayer Partners in the Prayer Room available after Sunday morning worship.

Did You Know? Caldwell is pleased to welcome author Kevin Adler through a webinar on Sunday, January 26 at 6:30 pm. He will discuss Social Capital and Building Relationships from his book, [When We Walk By](#). Join here: www.caldwellpresby.org/webinar
This is offered by OURNEIGHBORSOURSELVES, the team responsible for providing the congregation with educational, cultural, and logistical information about Easter's Home and the neighbors who will be joining us this year.

There will be a Congregational Meeting at the close of worship on January 26, for the purposes of voting on Rev. Cleghorn's terms of call and hearing a report on the 2025 church budget.

Grief Support Group: Beginning February 9, Jane Mitchell will offer a weekly, 6-session grief support group in Room 2 of Hope Hall immediately following worship. This is available to anyone within Caldwell and to those in the greater community who are experiencing grief, as a result of loss due to the death of a loved one. Join us as we explore healthy and constructive ways of navigating the grief process. Each session will be 90 minutes. Registration is required: Simply email Jane at jem12552@yahoo.com and include your name, phone number, email address, person(s) you have lost and the approximate date of your loss. Questions are welcome by email or phone at 704-654-1018.

Congregational Care wants to expand Caldwell's prayer shawl ministry. We are

exploring how to launch a crafting group. Please fill out this interest form at: www.caldwellpresby.org/crafty so we can set up the day, time and more. Questions? Contact Rachel Eldridge at racheldridge@hotmail.com or 704-258-6033.

Today's flowers are generously provided by Judy and Harry Johnston in honor of John Cleghorn's birthday.

Earth Care: Did you know that as early as 2006 the General Assembly of our denomination was asking us to aspire to living carbon-neutral lives? Caldwell is working on this. Hope Hall kitchen was designed and our solar panels were installed with that in mind.

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.

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

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.

Today's liturgy is from the Presbyterian Outlook.

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.

The QR code for giving:



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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