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# INSPIRATION AND CHALLENGE

by the Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



If you work at a desk, don't eat your lunch there. That's not an order from me, nor is it a ploy to get you to come to Waffle Shop instead (although I do want you to come to Waffle Shop instead, now that I think of it, so go ahead and do that). Not eating at your desk is advice that's been emerging from workplace productivity studies for years. Researchers have found that most people tend to get more and better work done if they stop working, take a walk, and spend a little time nourishing themselves in the middle of the workday instead of pushing on through.

Of course, it's important to ask what you're actually producing before we decide that being more productive is a good thing. If you're the person who tried to saw the catalytic converter off of my Subaru a few months ago, I very much hope your productivity levels plummet to zero. And as a Christian, I should be very suspicious of the idea that money is a meaningful measure of productivity. I won't take you on a tour of all the verses in the Bible that warn us about that familiar trap. But I will ask what kind of world might we make if we thought of our productivity first in terms of the fruit of the Spirit Paul listed out for the Galatians? What if we turned our attention toward the production levels of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives?

There can be a tendency during Lent to turn our attention toward spiritual disciplines or practices without asking what it is we hope those practices produce in us. Why is it that you're giving up chocolate or taking up jumping rope? Why give up swearing or take up staying over night at Room in the Inn? Is it to be seen as a better person or to satisfy some nagging guilt? (Spoiler alert: that hardly ever works.)

Or are your practices such that you hope they produce a little more patience or kindness or joy or peace in the world through you? It's worth asking, don't you think?

What inspires and challenges me in the collection of stories that follow is seeing how the practice of participating in very different aspects of this Christian community — from serving at Basement Church, to receiving pastoral care, to finding more than just physical nourishment at Wednesday meals and more than entertainment in EpiscoPals and more than just new knowledge in book

studies... What strikes me here is the way several very different people have been changed because they stopped one part of their lives long enough to participate in Calvary's life and ministry in the particular ways they describe. They'll tell you about laughing and singing and mourning and serving, and about finding comfort and acceptance and challenge and much more. But it's because they each stepped back from one aspect of their lives and stepped into the life of Calvary, possibly with you, that something new and rich and healing came to be in them. And what comes to be in each of us will by definition be what spills out into the world around us.

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So, listen to these stories, not for how you can be a better person this Lent by imitating the particular choices the storytellers made, but by asking what it is that you might need to step back from and what you might need to step toward, maybe with regard to this beautiful and quirky Christian community we call Calvary, that might produce a little more of the fruit that really matters in your life and in mine. Fruit that will ultimately end up in the lives around us and probably much further beyond those than we'll ever know.



# A CUP OF COFFEE

by Bill Etnyre

A few years ago, before moving to Memphis, I began volunteering at The Madeline's outreach program in Salt Lake City for people without a home. My college roomie Scott, a retired Episcopal priest, got me involved. From 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., people could get a sack lunch—three times a day if they wanted—and something to drink—coffee, hot chocolate, a mocha, water. Every day of the year! We had clothes and toiletries, but nothing like the abundance in our clothes closet at Calvary. Though The Madeline (as it is known in SLC) is the Roman Catholic Cathedral, volunteers from many faiths participated in either the morning sandwich crew (about 800 bag lunches made every day) or took a 2- or 3-hour shift at the window to serve our guests. I worked the window a couple of times a week.

How many times did I hear, "A cup of coffee would be great...fantastic!" Heartbreaking gratitude for such a small gesture. And then there were families. Mom or dad would say to their kids, "We get to have a picnic here." Heartbreaking.

In January 2020, I came to Calvary for the first time, sat in the back, gladdened by the welcoming message in the Sunday bulletin—what you believe, don't believe, whatever and whoever you are. It seemed like a good place to be for someone who had been mostly away from the church for 40 years. A place where someone who wasn't sure who or what or if God is could at least be glad to be sitting in the back. But then there was Ebet, Scott, Amber, and Paul; it became hard to just sit in the back and leave.

One Sunday just before Covid, Scott said, "Let's go to coffee." A cup of coffee would be great, I thought. He told me about Christine Todd, and five days later, in early April 2020, with Christine's enthusiastic invitation, I showed up at 6 in the morning at Basement Church. And I have been there nearly every Sunday (and sometimes during the week) with the crew that unpacks the bags of clothes and shoes that show up every week.

What is remarkable/heartwarming? It's the people—the volunteers that show up during the week to get ready for Sunday or come Sunday after Sunday to serve food and help our guests get toiletries, clothes, or shoes they need,

or help them file tax returns to get their stimulus checks.

There must be 50 – 60 regulars plus med, nursing, and pharmacy students and people from other churches that show up to help. And our guests—"Thank you, God bless you, these pants are perfect!" So many poignant interactions.

All this during Covid! For more than a year, everything had to be done outside. We took and filled clothes orders inside with runners to bring to our guests for several months. We hauled bins and racks outside for many more months to serve our guests.

This is community. A place to be part of something good. To form friendships. To laugh. To listen. To weep. To mourn. To receive immense gratitude. To be outraged at systems and structures that cause such suffering and are inadequate to address the complexities of poverty and homelessness. To be heartened by the grit that keeps people going even though for many their home is beneath a viaduct.

Why do I do this? What about faith? "Whatever you do to [or for] the least of these...." Through the years, this message keeps coming back to me. Faith? Belief? Hope? No, faith...conviction that this Calvary community, by keeping on keeping on, going on being, putting one foot ahead of the other along with many others can make this a better world. God or Good or Life Force moving through, among, within. It's what keeps me coming back.



# FINDING STRENGTH THROUGH PASTORAL CARE

by Kathy Williams

Last year was a very challenging year for many of us. For me, the year began with my wife Mary recovering from a fractured hip. Then on April 1, my mom, Gail, died 11 days after open-heart surgery to repair a heart valve. And on the morning of June 14, my sister found her only son, Michael, at his home not responsive. He died in his sleep from complications related to diabetes. The Calvary pastoral care teams were so helpful and comforting during these times.

When Mary was recovering from her fractured hip, the countless phone calls, prayers, and meals provided were fantastic. Not having to plan dinners was more valuable than I ever could have imagined.

During my mom's ordeal, the support we received was absolutely life-sustaining for me and my sister, Peggy. We were in Covington, LA, where my mom lived with my sister, about 6 hours from Memphis. It was a roller coaster ride the 11 days following mom's surgery with so many setbacks. It was emotionally exhausting, and I honestly don't know how we would have made it through without the support of Calvary's pastoral care. Our hearts were breaking as we watched our mom slowly deteriorate but feeling the love and prayers from so many gave us comfort and truly gave us strength to get through.

My mom was not a member of Calvary, but she so enjoyed coming to church with me, and had she not moved to Louisiana in 2019, I believe she would have liked to become a member. She never failed to comment on the open, caring nature of Calvary and how she

always felt God's presence every time she was here. So, it was just so appropriate to have her celebration of life at Calvary. The service could not have been more beautiful and certainly told the story of my mom's spirit, as she was the most caring, loving person I have ever known.

My sister and I were still grieving the loss of our mom, when on the morning of June 14, my sister found her son not breathing at his home. He had died during the night from complications related to diabetes. I cannot begin to put into words the devastation and pain upon getting that news. Within minutes, I received many phone calls and prayers from the pastoral care teams and so many Calvary friends.

My sister and nephew lived in Louisiana, but we wanted to have Michael's service at Calvary. Once again, the support we received from everyone at Calvary was uplifting.

With the new year here, we are both still struggling with the losses of my mom, Gail, and my nephew, Michael, but we both are involved with the Grief Support Group and are slowly healing. I know the road ahead will be bumpy, but having the support from Calvary's Pastoral Care Teams, staff, and parishioners help us move forward. We continue to feel the outpouring of love and prayers.

I am so thankful to be a part of this beautiful community and truly cannot imagine my life without Calvary. Thank you to the pastoral care teams for helping sustain me during these most trying times.



# WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

by Crady Schneider

When COVID took a breather in the fall, my family decided it would be safe to head back to church in person for the first time in a year and a half. We appreciated the precautions Calvary was maintaining, and we missed our church friends. So, with a bit of nervousness and a lot of optimism, we headed back to Wednesday night gatherings, Sunday school, and the comforts of weekly worship in the church.

We've been going to Calvary on Wednesdays in time to eat dinner with my 5-year-old daughter's friends and their moms. My daughter happily joined the St. Cecilia choir, I (reluctantly at first because participating in anything musical was very out of my comfort zone) joined the Calvary Ringers, and my oldest son with disabilities is loved and fawned over by the ladies in the nursery. Everyone had a place, a community that welcomed us back to Wednesday nights with open arms. Except for Semmes. As a new third-grader, he had aged out of the St. Cecilia choir and was not interested in the Boys and Girls Choir. And to make matters worse for him, some of his other friends that used to come had prior obligations on that night, so even he was a little worried he wouldn't be able to find his place.

But I needn't have worried! He's been loving EpiscoPals. It's a smaller group than in years past, but honestly, I think he likes all the attention he gets because of that. He gets to ask all his crazy questions, and the adults teaching him have plenty of time to chat with him about whatever is on his mind.

I'm proud of Semmes and his bravery. Most Wednesdays, it's just him and one other child, a girl two grades younger, at a different school. Semmes is usually resistant to new things, new people, new experiences. But he just rolled with it. Both of these children are learning a lot, and not just about religion (although I'm sure they are learning that as well). They're learning to get along with other kids they haven't been classmates with their whole lives. They're learning to get along with kids of the opposite sex. They're learning to interact with adults since they get so much one-on-one time.

My experience this fall with Semmes finding a place for himself has reminded me, again, of the beauty of Calvary. And that really we're all one community, a place where people of all ages and backgrounds come together and are welcomed.

It's also true that community is sometimes what you make it. Semmes could've protested and complained about his new class. But instead, he chose to go with it, to make the best of it. And even when COVID came fully back with the Omicron variant, and my family took another break from indoor activities, he chose to go to Calvary for Wednesday night Episcopals with a friend.





# LEARNING AND GROWING

by Dave Rupke

The disruption of our in-person communities during the pandemic has caused me to ask myself again about the purpose of the Calvary community. Some of the answers come naturally when I consider how my family and I participate in formation.

The spiritual development of my kids is an important responsibility and gift, but my wife Heidi and I can't do it on our own. Thankfully, I can share this burden and joy with the people of Calvary. I am immensely grateful for the time, deliberate care, and love my three children receive. Their Sunday shepherds are a presence even after they've graduated into the next classroom, like the smiles, hugs, and questions we still get from Miss Ginny and Miss Christina. The amazing musical and life training that Miss Melissa, Miss Sarah, and Miss Kristin lavish on our children is something to which I can't attach a price. To have role models in our new children's director, Jeremy, and our faithful youth minister, Gabby. The relationships that they build with everyone around them. Like the woman whose name we didn't know, but who said to my wife one Sunday, "Your daughter isn't wearing her headband this morning!" Or Jim Walters, who inspired my son to start reading Psalm 91 at bedtime.

Honestly, Calvary has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to opportunities to learn and grow from people in our community, from the people of Memphis, and from people of faith around the country and the world. Looking back on a decade of Sunday morning adult formation teachers and Lenten Preaching Series speakers, the words and presence of so many still shine brightly in my memories. I don't think I'll ever forget the LPS sermon from John Phillip Newell or some of Mitzi Minor's Sunday lessons or Sherry Compton's practical encouragement to create a medical directive. Not to mention Tim Huebner's carefully curated description of John Wesley's "curiously warmed" heart, Buddy Stallings' post-2016-election plea to find a way to love those who are different from us, and the poem "Possible Answers to Prayer" by Scott Cairns that Scott Walters likes to repeat (and I love to hear repeatedly). I could name many others, and I'm sure you can come up with your own list.

This fall and winter, I've engaged in Wednesday night book studies with all three of our full-time clergy — Paul,



Scott, and Katherine. I'll be dangerously candid and say that I wouldn't have picked any of these books off the shelf. (Not that they aren't great, but we all have our own tendencies when it comes to choosing books.) I also have the hubris to think that I've done enough Christian "small group" studies in my life. But each of these group studies has been a realization of the best kind of spiritual practices in community. "Group spiritual direction" is not a bad metaphor. The hermitage has its value, but the equation that 1+1 is much more than 2 when "two or more are gathered in my name" is true when we are open to it. One evening, Scott commented that one purpose of the church is reminding each other that we are "enough." And it came to me that this is what the sacrament of the Eucharist is all about; one reason we gather every week, over and over again, is because we need that reminder. As all of Calvary, bound together by love, we are enough.

# CONNECTING WITH GOD

by Laura Trott



I have been amazed, sometimes saddened, as well as tickled by how many times I have to ask what day it is lately. To be fair to me, though, when I ask, no one else seems to know the day or time either. While I haven't been able to count on a steady beat from the world around me, I have been grateful for Calvary's steadiness and commitment to worship and ministry during this different kind of time.

I can still remember sitting on my front porch the morning of May 3, 2020, waving at neighbors on walks and listening to Calvary's service online. The Rev. Amber Carswell, our former associate rector, gave a sermon that Sunday on Morning Prayer opening with, "I don't know about you, but when things are bad, my motto is that misery loves company."

I know it was May 3, 2020, because I searched for this particular sermon on Calvary's website\*, where a wealth of beautiful, challenging, and thoughtful messages are posted for anyone to listen to or read. I also know that Amber was trying to help us find context for this recent pandemic through a combination of shared stories, both personal and biblical. She was encouraging a liturgical practice in which a person might find some peace in it all.

My schedule keeps me from joining Calvary's weekday Facebook offerings of online morning prayer at 6:30 and 8 a.m. Realizing the strength and centering that came with previous participation, I've taken on morning prayer as a personal practice.

However, I love the occasional opportunity to jump online weekdays long enough to type a quick "Good morning!" to everyone gathered.

This is also one of my favorite activities when I worship on Sundays from afar. It is fun to see names pop up as people join the livestream and to look through the pews to see who has made it to the corner of Second and Adams.

While the church pews are still set up to provide a safe distance for worship, and we remain masked, I enjoy watching friends and family snuggle up to each other in the pews, beloved introverts ready for quiet and worship, colleagues meeting outside of the workweek to pray together, new and old faces, and precious babies and children shining brightly with glee as they are held or as they run down the aisles like generations of children before them.

The varied timelines of my life align when I worship, study, and serve with the people of Calvary, whether I'm online or downtown.

I am inspired by the profound conversations I have with our young people during formation. Our time together warmly reminds me of my mother's loving dedication to all the children she served through faith formation and as an acolyte master and verger. I feel a full heart as I watch my own children serve as acolytes and remember the powerful and humbling honor it was to lift high that cross. I sing with joy as well as kneel and confess to regain the happiness

of my childhood and relief from my adulthood heaviness.

Our musicians' beautiful gifts raise the veil under which we hide the kingdom of God. I close my eyes and feel the communion of saints and hear the voices of my sisters and my dear daddy singing. Our lectors, including my goddaughter, capture my attention and focus my mind as they share God's word with us. I begin to wonder, and our priests guide us, inspire us, and challenge us with their skillfully, thoughtfully, and prayerfully crafted sermons.

We openly profess our faith and weave our prayers together in a mantle of comfort and hope.

As we move towards Holy Communion, our priests say, "The peace of the Lord be always with you." And we respond with our own uplifting reminder, "And also with you." We reflect on the life of Jesus, who died for us on a hill named Calvary, and celebrate the new life we have been given through his death and resurrection.

Thanks be to God for this community of faith called Calvary, for weekly and daily opportunities for communal worship, the encouragement to develop personal spiritual practices, the strength to continue living into our baptismal promises, and for understanding and support when we fall short. For God loves us wherever we are and at all times.

\*[www.calvarymemphis.org/sermons](http://www.calvarymemphis.org/sermons)



# LIFE AT CALVARY

## SUNDAYS

### **Community Breakfast Blessing/Basement Church**

Year-round, Calvary volunteers prepare and serve a hot breakfast to approximately 200 neighbors experiencing homelessness in our community. A member of our clergy team leads everyone in prayer before breakfast. Volunteers are always welcome.

### **8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

This service features more traditional “Elizabethan” language in a contemplative and intimate setting. This service ends before 8:45 a.m. and many of the early morning worshipers gather for the parish breakfast which follows in the Mural Room.

### **9:15 a.m. Formation for all ages**

Faith formation classes are offered for adults, children, and youth on Sunday mornings, at 9:15 a.m.

The Adult Christian Formation Committee (ACF), a lay-led group that seeks to nurture the faith and spiritual growth of the Calvary community through inspirational and challenging formation offerings for adults, plans classes for adults for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at Calvary. Classes are led by clergy, lay volunteers, and guest speakers from local colleges, seminaries, churches, synagogues, and non-profit organizations.

Sunday morning classes for children use Godly Play as its foundation, while youth focus on learning to interact as a community of faith and learning how faith shapes their daily lives.

### **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Children’s Chapel**

The 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with Children’s Chapel attracts a widely varied congregation of all ages including a strong contingent of young families. Music is led by the semi-professional Calvary Choir with participation from our Boys and Girls Choir, St. Cecilia Choir (second grade and younger), and the Calvary Ringers handbell choir. We also live-stream this service each Sunday. Watch the live stream on Calvary’s Facebook page, YouTube channel, and on our website.

### **5:00 p.m. Evensong**

Every first Sunday of the month, Sept.-May Join us for a traditional Anglican choral liturgy in Calvary’s beautiful nave at twilight. Following the *Book of Common Prayer* service outline, Evensong gives weekend travelers an opportunity to worship, or having been to a morning service, it offers a time of prayer and quiet reflection as evening falls. “Choral Evensong is a 45-minute long peace-inducing church service in which the ‘song’ of voices sounding together in harmony is heard at the ‘even’ point between the active day and restful night, allowing listeners time for restful contemplation—church members, agnostics and atheists alike.” (from [choralevensong.org](http://choralevensong.org)). This service also is live-streamed on Calvary’s Facebook page, YouTube channel, and on our website.

## WEDNESDAYS

### **12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing**

Join us in the church on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. for a short service of Noonday Prayers. Doors on 2nd Street open at 11:45 a.m.

### **7:00 p.m. Compline**

Join us for Compline every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the church. Compline is led by Calvary youth and all are welcome to attend.

*Calvary asks for masking in worship, formation, and fellowship for all people, regardless of vaccination status.*

# HONEY, IT'S ONLY A WAFFLE

by Connie Marshall

**I**n 2000 I was helping Cordelia Logan in the Archives Room. One day, she called and said she was sick and could I please cook waffles for her at Waffle Shop.

I was terrified. I'd never cooked a waffle before, but more importantly, the ladies that worked the waffle line were very intimidating. You had to wait years to earn a spot behind one of the waffle irons.

Well, I went, and I came home in tears. One of the cashiers, Jenny Emison, noticed how upset I was and she said, "Honey, it's only a waffle." Those words gave me the courage to return.

I found some common ground with the crustiest cook. I asked her if she knew my husband's grandmother, who had sung in the choir so many years ago under her husband's direction. Her face erupted into a smile, and she said, "Ah, Clara." We were good after that.

I found that I enjoyed the company of this different generation. I loved hearing the stories of Waffle Shop past and making new friends over the years.

However, it was when I was teamed up with Tinnie Blake and Margaret Weakley that Waffle Shop became so special to me. "The Girls" and I became very close, and they became our family friends. We carpooled to Waffle Shop for years, often with a carseat in the back with one of my kids. When they quit driving, I picked them up. I was determined to keep us together.

One of our favorite things to do after a long day at the Shop was to take a ride to Audubon Park and

see the cherry trees in bloom. I still do that every year and remember our time together.

We would also go to lunch at the Women's Exchange or stop for Krystal burgers. My son Bruce and I went to see Margaret not long before she passed away, and we stopped to get Krystals to share with her for lunch.

As our sons got older, I taught them to cook waffles and help me if needed. They would often spend their Spring Break and other days coming to Waffle Shop to help in various ways. That time with them was priceless.

The cast of characters has changed over the years, as we have lost so many. But new friendships have been formed, and for me, the joy of Waffle Shop continues and hopefully will for a long time to come.

**Margaret Weakley (l) and Tinnie Blake (r) cooked waffles in the Waffle shop for decades.**





# LENT

## at CALVARY

### PREACHING SERIES & THE WAFFLE SHOP

## LENTEN PREACHING SERIES AND WAFFLE SHOP BACK IN PERSON



CALVARY'S FIRST NOONDAY LENTEN SERVICE took place in a downtown theater 99 years ago. It would be another six years before the first plates of waffles, chicken hash, and fish pudding brought the Waffle Shop into being. In the decades since, in peacetime and war, booms and depressions, moon landings and struggles for civil rights and all the events that have shaped our common life in Memphis, Lenten Preaching Series preachers have spoken truthfully, hopefully, and prophetically to the world as it is, and to our lives as they are. They have nourished us when we've been depleted, and challenged us to be God's agents of healing, justice, and mercy in a world that has always needed much more of all three. A global pandemic hasn't lessened those needs. And LPS will go on in 2022, adapting and speaking, as it always has, to the times. I hope you'll join us.

**The Rev. Scott Walters**  
**RECTOR**

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# 2022 Lenten Preaching Series



**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,  
MARCH 3 & 4**

**The Rev. Buddy Stallings**

Former rector of St.  
Bartholomew's, Manhattan

After retiring as rector of St.  
Bartholomew's in Manhattan,  
Buddy Stallings wondered what  
church for him would look like

going forward, even pondering life with very little church involvement. To his delight, no matter how maddening the church sometimes can be, the church—all it is and longs to be—continues to live at the center of his life. As a priest, his path to God has been most vividly illuminated by the experience of God in others: we bear God to one another. Stallings believes the marriage of an ancient faith and the postmodern world, though tricky business, is the mission of the church, a mission which can be realized only in the gritty reality of love for God, one another, the planet, and ourselves.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

**LENT AFTER DARK**

**MARCH 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

**The Rev. Canon Stephanie  
Spellers**

**MARCUS BORG ENDOWED  
SPEAKER**

Presiding Bishop Michael  
Curry's Canon for Evangelism,

Reconciliation, and Creation, New York

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers serves as Canon to Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and spearheads Episcopal efforts concerning evangelism, reconciliation, and creation care. Her newest book, *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community* (March 2021), follows her popular titles *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other and the Spirit of Transformation* and *The Episcopal Way*. Spellers has served as chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops, and directed and taught mission and evangelism at General Theological Seminary. Before that, she founded The Crossing, a ground-breaking church within St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston, and led numerous church-wide renewal and justice efforts.

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,  
MARCH 10 & 11**

**The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones**

President of Union Theological  
Seminary, New York

A highly respected scholar and public intellectual, the Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is the 16th president of the historic Union Theological Seminary in New York City. The first woman to head the 182-year-old institution, Jones is a past president of the American Academy of Religion. She is the author of several books including *Trauma and Grace* and, most recently, her memoir *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World*. Jones, a popular public speaker, holds deep grounding in theology, politics, women's studies, economics, race studies, history, and ethics.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

**LENT AFTER DARK**

**March 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pádraig Ó Tuama**

Poet, peacemaker, storyteller,  
Ireland

Pádraig Ó Tuama's interests lie in language, violence, and religion. Having grown up in a place that has a long history of all three (Ireland, yes, but also Europe), he finds that language might be the most redeeming of all three of these. In language, there is the possibility of vulnerability, of surprise, of the creative movement towards something as yet unseen. He is inspired by any artist of words: from Krista Tippett to Lucille Clifton; from Patrick Kavanagh to Emily Dickinson; from Lorna Goodison to Arundhati Roy. Ó Tuama loves words — words that open up the mind, the heart, the life. For instance — poem: a created thing.



**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

**The Rev. Rosalyn Nichols**

Organizing Pastor of Freedom's  
Chapel Christian Church and  
Interfaith Officer at MIFA,  
Memphis

Dr. Nichols, a native of Memphis, TN, is the organizing pastor of Freedom's Chapel Christian Church (DOC). Following the



death of a childhood friend, Dr. Nichols created A More Excellent Way, Inc., an organization with a mission to help individuals from all walks of life to enter into, engage in, and maintain spiritually healthy relationships while eliminating relationship violence. She is a founding member of MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope) and serves as Inter-Faith Officer for MIFA (Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association). Dr. Nichols's deepest passions are transformational teaching and working with others to seek justice, love, and mercy.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 18

### The Rev. Joshua Narcisse

Director of Spiritual Care, Church Health, Memphis

The Rev. Joshua Narcisse is a proud native of Queens, NY, who now calls Memphis home. He is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

and a co-host of "The Mystic," a monthly discussion forum on spirituality, faith, and meaning hosted at Crosstown Concourse. He currently serves as director of spiritual care at Church Health, a faith-based healthcare organization caring for the uninsured and underserved in Memphis. He is interested in the intersection of the Black church and Mysticism traditions; he is a fan of Howard Thurman, Barbara Holmes, and Richard Rohr. Narcisse is motivated by the possibilities within life-giving and God-honoring human relationships and our broader connectedness to all creation.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 AND 24

### LENT AFTER DARK

March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

### Rabbi Katie Bauman

Senior Rabbi, Touro Synagogue, New Orleans

Rabbi Katie Bauman serves as the senior rabbi of Touro Synagogue in

New Orleans, LA. Bauman was blessed to spend the first ten years of her rabbinate at Temple Israel in Memphis, where she focused on worship renewal, youth and adult education, young adult engagement, and counseling and pastoral care as an assistant and then associate rabbi. Along with her Temple Israel work, Rabbi Bauman was the founding chairperson of MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope), and was a passionate advocate for social justice as described by the Hebrew prophets. Bauman's sense of purpose as a

rabbi is derived from the experiences of revelation she has encountered through relationships across lines of difference. She believes that our capacity to bring healing and wholeness to the world is predicated on our ability to trust and love each other. Her work inside the synagogue and beyond is inspired by and devoted to bringing people into authentic and even courageous relationships with one another, believing that holiness springs from that place.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 25

### The Rev. Lisa Anderson

Executive Director, Room in the Inn, Memphis

God's evolving call in the Rev. Lisa Anderson's life has led her from pediatric chaplaincy and parish ministry to caring for those experiencing homelessness. As founding director of Room in the Inn-Memphis and pastor of Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Anderson lives each day in an atmosphere of holy hospitality. She experiences being welcomed into the lives of people who are living unsheltered as a sacred gift. Through the Room in the Inn, Anderson oversees an ecumenical network of congregations who welcome strangers and experience the incredible joy this service brings to each community of faith. As places of worship in Memphis open their doors in reaction to God's call to justice, love flows in all directions.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

### LENT AFTER DARK

March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

### Dr. Ellen F. Davis

Theologian and Old Testament Scholar, Duke Divinity School, Durham

Dr. Ellen Davis spends most of her waking hours writing and teaching (or getting ready to write and teach) about the Bible in ways that may illuminate the difficulties and beauties of being human. Those difficulties may be personal (getting along with our neighbors), spiritual (getting along with God), or public and global (climate change, interfaith relations). Her latest book, *Opening Israel's Scriptures*, was published in 2019. She is currently collaborating with professional dancers, musicians, and painter Makoto Fujimura on interpreting the Psalms through the arts.





## THURSDAY, MARCH 31

### **The Rev. Dan Matthews**

Former rector of the Church of St. John the Divine, New York

The Rev. Dan Matthews is a consistent favorite at Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series. His preaching is inspired by powerful and meaningful stories like the

Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. In light of these stories, Matthews pushes us to recognize when genuine blessings come our way. He believes that these moments of being "kissed by God" are more than being in the right place at the right time. His spiritual discipline of holy love is modeled after his mother's ability to love with abandon. Each time he receives communion he is reminded of the transformative power of that love.



## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

### **The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel**

Senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn (Kat) Kimmel grew up in North Carolina where she learned to love the mountains, county fairs, and livermush (no, you don't want to know what's in it!)—and it was there she was formed and

loved into faith. She has served in chaplain and pastor roles during her years of ministry. Kimmel and her husband, Tom, moved to Memphis in 2021 when she was called as senior pastor at First Baptist Church. For Kimmel, ministry is about showing up and being present: listening, building trust, and journeying through this life together.



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

### **LENT AFTER DARK**

April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Rabbi Micah Greenstein and The Rev. Sam Teitel**

Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel and Minister at Church of the River, Memphis

Rabbi Micah Greenstein and Rev. Sam Teitel have been buddies since 2017. They share a love of scripture, a belief

in social justice motivated by faith, and an aversion to weak coffee. Micah is the senior rabbi at Temple Israel; Sam is the minister at The Church of the River. They are thrilled to be collaborating on this sermon together for LPS and hope to multiply the life of a sermon by the power of two!

## THURSDAY, APRIL 7

### **Mr. Geoff Calkins**

Columnist, *The Daily Memphian*

Geoff Calkins is the sports columnist for The Daily Memphian and hosts *The Geoff Calkins Show* on 92.9ESPN.

He has covered eight Olympics, a dozen Super Bowls, and more Memphis football and basketball games than he could possibly count.

But he has always been less focused on the games than on the people who play them, and on the stories those people have to tell. In that way, he takes inspiration from his great uncle, the Rev. Raymond Calkins, who preached his last sermon in 1964, at the age of 95. "I was fond of people," Rev. Calkins wrote. "Fonder of them than of books or anything else in the world. To be with them, to learn from them, to share with them, this I discovered to be the deepest interest in life."



## FRIDAY, APRIL 8

### **Mr. Justin Pearson**

Community activist and co-founder, Memphis Community Against the Pipeline

Justin J. Pearson is the fourth son of teenage parents who went on to careers in the ministry and education. His life journey has been marked by a restless pursuit of justice ranging from educational equity to access to environmental justice and liberation. He was one of the founders and leaders of Memphis Community Against the Pipeline (now Memphis Community Against Pollution, or MCAP), which successfully blocked the Byhalia Connection Pipeline. He is also the special assistant to the CEO at Year Up, an organization that furthers employment equity for young adults. Pearson has an unwavering commitment to social and racial justice for Memphis and for this country. He hopes his life preaches a sermon that will glorify God and honor his ancestors.



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## THE WAFFLE SHOP

**March 3-April 8, 2022**

WEDNESDAYS: 11 A.M.-1:30 P.M. and 5:15-6:15 P.M.

THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS: 11 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

*Download the entire menu at [calvarymemphis.org/waffleshop](http://calvarymemphis.org/waffleshop).*

It's been 94 years since plates were piled up with waffles, chicken hash, and fish pudding at Calvary's first Waffle Shop in Lent of 1928. For all that's changed in our world since then, Memphians still stream to Calvary each year for these three dishes, as well as more "recent" additions such as shrimp mousse, tomato aspic, and Tennessee bourbon pie. Why some of these might not have been on the menu even as long as you've been alive! But Waffle Shop has become the ultimate annual comfort food for many, so we are pleased to let you know that it will be up and running again in 2022!

Dining will be offered in-person! Come dine with us in the Mural Room for the traditional Waffle Shop experience. Groups of 10+ can make reservations in advance by calling 901-525-6602. Not able to stay? Get it to go! You can still enjoy your fish pudding and tomato aspic in the comfort of your home by placing an order to go.

**Wednesday evenings** will offer a Waffle-Shop-like experience with different Waffle Shop dishes and waffles available each week before the live podcast recording. Dinner will be offered from 5:15-6:15 p.m. and the live podcast recording with LPS speakers will begin at 6:15 in the Great Hall. Visit [calvarymemphis.org/waffleshop](http://calvarymemphis.org/waffleshop) for the full lineup of dishes and speakers.

### Daily Specials

#### WEDNESDAY

♥ Seafood Gumbo	\$11
Turnip Greens, Pork Belly, & Cornbread	\$10
Peanut Butter Pie	\$6

#### THURSDAY

Corned Beef & Cabbage with Horseradish Sauce and Cornbread	\$11
♥ Spring Vegetable Soup Bowl with Cornbread	\$7
Tennessee Bourbon Pie	\$6

#### FRIDAY

Fish Pudding with Potatoes, Slaw, & Cornbread	\$14
♥ Chicken Noodle Soup Bowl with Cornbread	\$7
Chocolate Bourbon Cake	\$6

♥ Heart-healthy

# 2021 VITAL STATISTICS

## WORSHIP



**880**

**WORSHIP  
SERVICES OFFERED**



**376**

**AVERAGE SUNDAY  
ATTENDANCE**  
*(in-person + online)*



**12**  
**BURIALS**

**3**

**MARRIAGES**



## MEMBERSHIP

**14**

**BAPTIZED**



**16**

**CONFIRMED**



**40**

**INCREASES**



**31**

**DECREASES**

**ALL BAPTIZED MEMBERS**

**803**

<b>Total \$ Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,302,226</b>
Total Pledges	228
New Pledges	18
Average New Pledge	\$3,303
Increased Pledges	86
Unchanged Pledges	97
Average Pledge	\$5,565





**Life at Calvary** over the last few months has been filled with blessing animals, welcoming the Rev. Katherine Bush, a pumpkin fest, Room in the Inn, Advent wreath festival, Lessons & Carols, Bishop's Visitation, Christmas Eve pageant, organ recital, and so much more...



# Prayer List

## Wedding Bells

Heather Reed & Jeremy Demarest, 12/16/21

## New Life

Clay Winslow Stroud, grandson of Harriet & Jake McFadden

Robert Hughes Flynn, son of Jessica & Mike Flynn

Cora Olema McFadden Gilles-Bower, granddaughter of Harriet & Jake McFadden

Sarah Virginia Ball, daughter of Sarah & Erik Ball

## Saints Departed

Phillip McKinley Parker

The Rt. Rev. Bill Sanders, former bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee

Dale Barnes, cousin of the Rev. Paul McLain

Tressie Gray, daughter of Linda Crockett

Frank Malta, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain

Sally Courtney, friend of Elizabeth Madden

Jenny Lanier, friend of Hal Crenshaw

Sharon Bellott Luck, friend of David Cocke

Sonia Foster Goode, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain

Mark King, husband of Tammie Flynn-King

James Catlett, cousin of Mary Fortin

Liz Kulow, friend of Mary Fortin

Virginia "Ginger" Elting, grandmother of Jessica Flynn

Paula Brumit, friend of Beverly Hedgepeth

Dale Pressley, friend of Annie Billions

Joe Sullivan

Norma Owen, mother of Penn Owen

Ken Mitchell, cousin of Sue Johnson

John Coop, uncle of Bryan Edmundson

Lynette Tidwell, aunt of Joel Wilhite

Jimmy Snyder, friend of the Rev. Paul McLain

Carmen Meeler, sister-in-law of Rhoda Smith

Herman Phillip Markell, father of Alison Wetter

Eric Martin

Audrey Nunnery, former wife of Fred Nunnery

Helen Turman Day, mother of Lou Anne Pritchard

Tommie Sanford, friend of Laurence Ritter & Michele Crump

Jim Walters, father of the Rev. Scott Walters

Ann Spurbeck, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker

Lynne Latham, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker

Tricia McClure Wilburn, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker

William Lee "Bill" Branch, husband of Martin Jellinek

Hershall Barrington, friend of Lynda Gayle Deacon

Arleen Pavlechko, mother of Thom Pavlechko

John Maxwell, friend of Betsy Kelly

James Holtzclaw, father of Tod Holtzclaw

Emil William "Bill" Henry

Virginia Rutledge, aunt of Gayle Spence

Dixie Inez Austin

The Rev. Bob Twobulls, friend of Katherine Bush

B.D. Bailey, father of Wendy Bailey

*Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*





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## IT'S TIME FOR LENTEN PREACHING

*Wednesdays-  
Fridays  
at 12:05 p.m.*

**LIVE PODCAST RECORDING:  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.**

## AND WAFFLE SHOP

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Fridays  
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