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PARISH OFFICES ARE OPEN WEEKDAYS 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist

5 p.m. Evensong first Sundays, Sept.-May

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Assisting Priest

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Rector

The Rev. Katherine Bush
Associate Rector

The Ven. Mimsy Jones
Deacon

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Christmas at Calvary

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3:30 P.M. WITH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This lively liturgy is designed for families and children, but all ages are welcome! The St. Cecilia and Boys & Girls Choirs will sing. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5. No rehearsals are required for pageant participants. Our youth will narrate and perform leadership roles. All Calvary members are invited to portray angels, shepherds, and animals of all kinds. You may create a costume at home, or you may simply come at 3:00 p.m. on pageant day to choose a costume from our supply. Contact jbusby@calvarymemphis.org or jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org with questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5:30 P.M.

This Festival Eucharist is family-friendly and features music led by the Calvary Choir and trumpets. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 10:30 P.M.

This service begins with congregational caroling and choral anthems at 10:30 p.m. A Festival Eucharist follows at 11 p.m. and reflects the glory and beauty of the story of Christ's birth with hallmarks of Anglican worship—candlelight and incense.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Celebrate the birth of Christ with carols and reflection on our greatest gift of all. The Rev. Miranda Cully will be our guest preacher.

Please note there will not be an 8 a.m. service on Christmas Day, nor parish breakfast, faith formation classes, Children's Chapel, or nursery care.

The sculpture hanging in the church today is the third iteration of David's design.



It's All About Love

By David E. Johnson

It's all about love. In 1988, through discussions with our rector (Doug Bailey) and several other Calvary folks, I expressed my concern for several friends with AIDS. AIDS was, at that time, a

death sentence. There was so much fear and prejudice. Their ministers even told these friends that they could not officiate/host their funerals because they had AIDS.

Doug Bailey responded that we must educate people not to be fearful. Committees of concerned volunteers came together to discuss issues and suggest solutions. Doug and the committees gave birth to

Each cutout in the banner represents someone affected by AIDS, either personally or through the loss of a loved one.

an ecumenical AIDS Healing Service, inviting ministers from throughout the community—representing all faiths—to take part. The idea was for the Memphis community to come together to honor all those affected by AIDS and for all who came to the service to be able to ask for individual prayers and blessings from the priests and rabbis participating in the service. One of the hopes was that all who participated in this service would return to their respective churches and synagogues, sharing a message of understanding and love with their congregations. This annual service was born of and represented LOVE for our fellow human beings—for all men, women, and children—of all races and sexual orientations.

For the sculpture, I wanted something shiny, bright, white, and uplifting for anyone who came to this service. Each cutout in the banner represents someone affected by AIDS,

either personally or through the loss of a loved one. And the truth is, we have ALL been affected by this disease. The sculpture hanging in the church today is the third iteration of my original design. Over the years, we have learned much about handling and storing the hangings, preventing the deterioration of fabric and tears in the openings that occurred with the first two sculptures.

The original banner was hung each year in conjunction with the annual AIDS Healing Service. While that service no longer exists, the banner is hung annually for one month, ensuring that it is in place for World AIDS Day—December 1. I hung the first sculpture with three friends and two sextons who held the ladders. After three years, I realized I could no longer climb those ladders. A committee of volunteers took over the mounting of this enormous project.

On Nov. 3 of this year, Madge Deacon, who has cared deeply for this project for years, invited me to come and take part in the installation of the sculpture. In this special union, I found friends—each caring so much about this project. Some have worked for years, installing and then a month later taking it down. They have fine-tuned this 4-hour process to make it seem almost effortless. Those diligent folks are Elizabeth Elder, team leader Mary Jane Viar, Raymond Spence, Gayle Spence, Mark Elder, Karen Spence Bondi, Pete the fireman and ladder climber, Joey the fireman and strongman ladder holder, Zack Ferguson, Madge Deacon, and Bob Carlisle.

I look forward to taking part in the take-down on Dec. 2. To be part of Calvary is to be part of an exceptionally loving family that continuously demonstrates that “God Loves You—No Exceptions.”



100 Years of Lenten Preaching

by Madge Logan Deacon

“It is hard for me to think of Calvary without thinking of the Lenten Preaching Series. This amazing gift to the Memphis-area community will celebrate its centennial anniversary during the 2023 season of Lent. For so many, Calvary and LPS are synonymous. For many, LPS is what first brought them through Calvary’s doors. And for others (including yours truly before my FedEx retirement), personal time or days away from the office are booked based on the importance of hearing given speakers.

One of my most vivid memories of LPS occurred almost 36 years ago. My daughter, who was just five at the time, and I were at the Ash Wednesday evening service. Logan had just begun receiving communion, and it was wonderfully important to her that we “get our ashes” and take communion. The Rev. John Stone Jenkins was the Ash Wednesday priest that particular night, and the church was close to full. Much to Logan’s dismay, the host fell to the floor just after it had been gently placed in her little hands. She burst into tears and sobbed repeatedly that she had “dropped Jesus.” The Rev. Jenkins saw her distress and immediately knelt in front of her, holding her face in his hands, assuring her all was well. He didn’t let her go until he saw she was okay. The long line of parishioners waited patiently as my little girl was comforted. This image of Lent and Calvary’s Lenten Preaching Series will forever be intertwined in my

mind because it so powerfully, and yet tenderly, represents this season of contemplation.

The slate of speakers for our 100th season is beyond remarkable in its diversity and strength, and high praise and countless kudos go to Heidi Rupke, LPS Coordinator, and to all who have played a role in securing this powerful roster. You will soon see biographies of each of the eighteen speakers who make this a not-to-be-missed LPS season, and it would be easy for me to “gush” about each of them. Space allocation for this article limits me to highlighting just a few, so here I go. I will not miss a single speaker, and will eagerly listen to each and every one, many of them several times, thanks to our archives of live-streamed presentations!

The noon speaker on Ash Wednesday will be Pulitzer Prize-winning author, historian, Canon Historian of Washington National Cathedral, Sewanee graduate and Vanderbilt professor Jon Meacham. Dan Matthews will grace our pulpit for the 51st time on Thursday of Week One, and Becca Stevens, Episcopal priest at Vanderbilt’s St. Augustine Chapel and founder of Thistle Farms will wrap up the week.

“The Stage” on Wednesday evening of Week Two will be shared by perennial favorites Dr. Omid Safi, Director of Islamic Studies at Duke University, and Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Sr. Rabbi, Temple Israel Memphis,

with Dr. Safi preaching on Thursday, and Micah following on Friday.

Week Three will include Brian McLaren, Trinity Wall Street’s Winnie Varghese, and Dalia Mogahed, Director of Research at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding in Washington, D.C. . . . And all of these experiences get us to only the half-way mark of our 100th LPS!

Week Four begins with the compelling stories and work of Father Greg Boyle, a Roman Catholic priest and founder/director of Homeboy Industries, the world’s largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program. Father Boyle will be joined on Wednesday evening by Irish poet and theologian Padraig O Tuama. Padraig will be with us again on St. Patrick’s Day, and on Sunday, March 19. Area residents will have the opportunity to participate in a Padraig O Tuama half-day retreat on Saturday, March 18.

Priest, academic, and author Barbara Brown Taylor leads us at both Wednesday noon and in the evening as we begin Week Five. David Wolpe, Sr. Rabbi of Los Angeles’ Sinai Temple joins Barbara on Wednesday evening and preaches on Thursday, and Memphis’ own Rosalyn Nichols closes this inspirational week. How do you wrap up the 100th Lenten Preaching Series? We begin with author/poet/storyteller Kaitlin Curtice, followed by historian and author

Jemar Tisby, and close with Rev. Sam Teitel of the Church of the River.

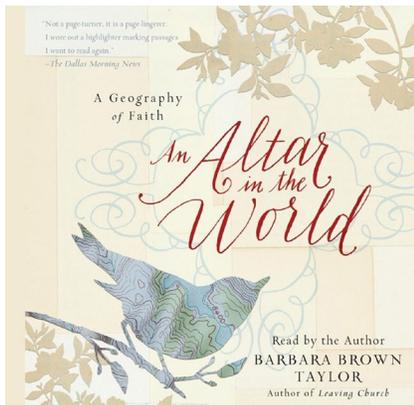
Books by our many authors, reservations for special events throughout the 2023 Lenten season, and Waffle Shop gift

certificates will make the perfect and treasured Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year and Valentine's Day gifts! Be watching for opportunities to share the entire speaker series list throughout the community and to post LPS/Waffle Shop

signs in your yard. Calvary's 100th Lenten Preaching Series will, indeed, be yet another special way of making God's Love Visible in Downtown Memphis.

Light in the Dark: Spiritual Stories from our LPS Preachers

by Heidi Netz Rupke, LPS Coordinator



The fall of 2022 has been a challenge for me in several ways. Part of the issue is logistical: Dave and I have three wonderfully smart and active children with multiple

activities to attend while we balance work and care for the home. Another part of my struggle has been dealing with internal voices of doubt and disillusionment.

When it was hard to have in-person conversations with people who I know care about me, I found solace in the stories shared by the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, one of the preachers who is coming for the 100th anniversary of the Lenten Preaching Series in 2023.

An Altar in the World migrated from Calvary to my bedside table, to Minneapolis for a

girls' weekend, and back home again, bathed in tea from a mug knocked sideways. She accompanied me to swim meets and parks, a gentle companion to my shifting emotions. Barbara's honest explorations both calmed my spirit and suggested that my pendulum of feelings were part of a growth process. In her experience, connecting with God could happen during a literal walk in the dark or an ordinary task like cleaning windows. I'm not yet convinced about the spirituality of absolutely everything (like carpool duty), but I'm open to that conversation and I now have a few tools when things go sideways.

Perhaps you or someone you know could use some spiritual companionship. May I humbly suggest one of these titles by our LPS 100 preachers? Their stories may be just what you need during this Advent season of hope and waiting.

<https://www.novelmemois.com/2023-calvary-lenten-preaching-series-books>

Use the code CALVARY at check-out and Novel will donate a portion of the sale to support this free-to-the-public series.

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100th lenten preaching series
& waffle shop

WEDNESDAYS-FRIDAYS
FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 31, 2023

PREACHING
12:05 p.m.

WAFFLE SHOP
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

DIALOG LIVE PODCAST RECORDING
Wednesdays · 6:15-7:15 p.m.

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MR. JON MEACHAM

Wednesday, Feb. 22 ~ 12:00 pm



THE REV. DAN MATTHEWS

Thursday, February 23



THE REV. BECCA STEVENS

Friday, February 24



THE REV. JENNIFER BAILEY

Wednesday, March 1 ~
noon and 6:15 p.m.



DR. OMID SAFI

Wednesday, March 1 ~ 6:15 p.m.
and Thursday, March 2 ~ noon



RABBI MICAH GREENSTEIN

Wednesday, March 1 ~ 6:15 p.m.
and Friday, March 3 ~ noon



DR. BRIAN MCLAREN

Wednesday, March 8 ~ noon and
6:15 p.m.



THE REV. WINNIE VARGHESE

Wednesday, March 8 ~ 6:15 p.m. and
Thursday, March 9 ~ noon



MS. DALIA MOGAHED

Friday, March 10 ~ noon



FATHER GREG BOYLE

Wednesday, March 15 ~ noon and
6:15 p.m.



THE REV. CANON MARIANNE BORG

Thursday, March 16 ~ noon



MR. PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

Wednesday, March 15 ~ 6:15 p.m.
and Friday, March 17 ~ noon



THE REV. BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

Wednesday, March 22 ~ noon and
6:15 p.m.



RABBI DAVID WOLPE

Wednesday, March 22 ~ 6:15 p.m.
and Thursday, March 23 ~ noon



THE REV. DR. ROSALYN NICHOLS

Friday, March 24 ~ noon



MS. KAITLIN CURTICE

Wednesday, March 29 ~ noon and
6:15 p.m.



DR. JEMAR TISBY

Wednesday, March 29 ~ 6:15 p.m.
and Thursday, March 30 ~ noon



THE REV. SAM TEITEL

Friday, March 31 ~ noon



Pastoral Care Ministries

By Vincent Astor

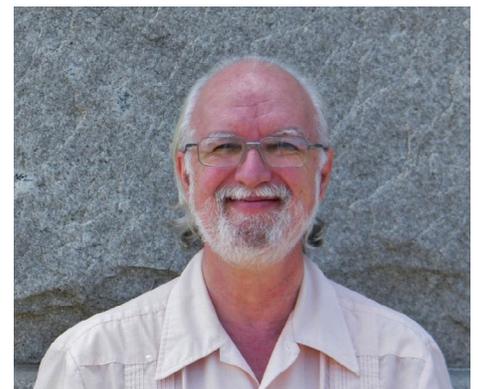
I read an article at least ten years ago about a woman looked after by Calvary's pastoral care teams. She had been a world traveler but was now confined to one room and infirm. It was that article that tipped the scale toward me becoming a full member of Calvary.

Over the summer, I had an "I've fallen, and I can't get up!" episode. It was two days before I could get to my phone, two days in the hospital, and more than a week in inpatient therapy. I guess I was traumatized and too disoriented to be able even to get up high enough to see where on the bed my phone was. I was far away from everything.

I still go to physical therapy twice a week but am much recovered. Pastoral care volunteers call me weekly to check on me. I don't go out as much anymore (and God be praised for virtual church). Volunteers have even come over to help me downsize and collect things to give away. Even to clean up the spot where I was found. My gratitude knows no bounds.

This is an important and active ministry that does so many so much good. It is a variety of parishioners who have the same object in mind—to take care of our own. I have had errands run for me, I have gotten rides when necessary, and I have felt cared for and cared about.

I want everyone to know and appreciate the dedicated volunteers in this ministry. Perhaps this article may encourage someone else new to join our loving church. The caring is palpable, and that is truly doing God's work.



IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Wedding Bells

Alyssa Arnijo & Adrian Akin
Elizabeth Fortin & Matt Kroeger

Great Expectations

Ainsley & Battle Beasley
Olivia & Mike Hammond

Saints Departed

Mary Armstrong, cousin of Bunny Oates
Jerry Arnold, friend of Kendra Martin
Irb Benjamin, uncle of Nick Nesmith
Shannon Bettis, friend of Katherine Bush
Jane Von Boeckman, friend of June Rose
Leslie Boyd, friend of Dee Wallace
Ulrich Boyd, friend of Paul McLain
Rev. Willie Boyd, Jr.
Sarah Anne Carroll, wife of Issiah Carroll
Robert Chandler, friend of Edward Rupke and Ruby Glenn
Ed Crenshaw, husband of Rhea Crenshaw, father of Miller Cowan, Clay Crenshaw, and Alice Crenshaw
Leo Cyr, friend of Mary Fortin
Eddie Dixon, friend of the Kitterman family
Marion "Buddy" Eddins, friend of Allison & Tommy Parker
Tom Faulkner, friend of Peg Wahl
James Franklin Faust, Jr.
Patrick Ferrar, friend of Kendra Martin
Liza Wellford Fletcher
John Flynt, friend of Paul McLain
Steve Gahn, brother of Adam Gahn
William Garner, relative of Carrington & Alex Wise

New Life

Mason Lee Griffin, grandson of Tom Lucey
Aare Lee Haltom, grandchild of Claudia & Bill Haltom
Patrick Wilson Joyce, son of Maggie & Matthew Joyce
Beckett Pauley Mathewes, grandson of Lisa & Louis Jehl
Margot Collette Murphy, daughter of Emily & Patrick Murphy
Henry Rowlett Nelson, son of Molly & Wes Nelson
Everett Scofield, son of McKenzie & Wade Scofield
John Cassian Stout, son of Hallie Balling Stout & JBen Stout
Baylor Joyce Wallace, daughter of Barbara Radebaugh & Brie Wallace

Fred Goldsmith, father of Gigi Goldsmith Franklin (Doug), grandfather of Maggie Franklin Joyce (Matthew) and Grace Franklin, and great-grandfather of Patrick Joyce
Thomas Curtis Horton, father of Camille Gamble
Annie Hutkin, friend of Vincent Astor
Christine Johnson, mother of Demetrius "Dee" Boyland
Jack Kinard, father of Debbie Kinard
Jaime Marrs, friend of Crady Schneider
Dorothy Marie Mas, aunt of Clayton Peeples
Jeanette McCready, friend of Audrey & Gary Hager
Frank McLallen
Fay Mitchell, cousin of Mark Mitchell
Earl Mitchell, uncle of Mark Mitchell
The Rev. Richard Murphy, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Harrison Myles, friend of Joseph Powell
John Owen, Sr., father of John Owen
Paul Owen, friend of Carrington Wise
Will Pace, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Betty Lee Quinn, mother of Nina Grice
Elizabeth "Libba" Rainey, mother of Lois Rainey, grandmother of Carl and Drew Rainey

Mal Reed, friend of the Rupke family
Amanda Robinson, friend of Sarah Squire
Enza Sanfilippo, relative of Kell Christie Gary
Ruth Singley, friend of Kendra Martin
Doris Smith, aunt of Kendra Martin
Devereux "D.R." Smith, friend of the Franklin family
Jean Spakes, friend of Madge Clark and George Johnson
George Tredwell, friend of Christine Todd
Sarah Underwood, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Carolyn Watson, mother of Bruce Watson



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- Make cornbread at your house and bring to Calvary by Friday, Dec. 16
- Volunteer to serve
- Buy a turkey to offset the price for the meal (\$40)
- Decorate on Sunday, Dec. 18
- Sign up with your family to help clean up Monday, Dec. 19, from 1:30-3PM

Learn more and sign up at
calvarymemphis.org/emmanuel-meal

Give Christmas Flowers

IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Donations due Friday, Dec. 16 to be printed in the Christmas service sheet.

Contact Connie Marshall, schylie1@yahoo.com
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