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8 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist  
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# A Process of Becoming

By the Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



This summer, several vestry members asked some non-Episcopalian friends to look through our website and give feedback. Their comments were overwhelmingly positive about the content and how beautifully its organized and made accessible to the curious. (Cue cheers for Director of Communications Robyn Banks!) But several asked what the term “Christian Formation” meant. We try to keep our peculiar terms to a minimum, especially in our communication with people who might not be used to talk of narthexes and lectors and cassocks and such. But, in this case, we didn’t immediately exchange “formation” for “education” in all our publications. Because there was some intentionality behind the word choice.

Formation suggests something more than the transfer of information into a person’s head. Formation suggests a process of becoming. Becoming wiser or kinder or more generous or loving or curious or attentive to the world and people around us. Christian Formation suggests the whole person is being formed a little more fully into who God made that person to be.

Such is the goal of Christian Formation at Calvary. In these pages, you’ll find an overview of some of the offerings planned for this fall. There are book studies and Bible studies, Confirmation classes for youth and for adults, Godly Play and choirs for kids, Wednesdays@ Calvary, EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) gatherings, guest speakers at Sunday Forums and much more. We’ll gather in these ways on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, but also at other times throughout the week, mostly in person, but occasionally online in hopes that everyone who wants one can find their place.

I hope you’ll find a small group, or class, or activity or two in which your soul might be nourished and expanded this fall. I also hope that an image, not only of individuals, but of a whole community being formed in the ways of Jesus begins to take shape. Because our goal is not that we assume just any old pleasing form, but that together we become a fuller, clearer expression of the body of Christ, for the sake of a world that’s never been in greater need of his ways, his presence, his love.

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# SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CALVARY

**6:30 AM**

Basement Church

**8 AM**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**8:45 AM**

Parish Breakfast in  
the Mural Room until  
9:45 a.m.

**9:15 AM**

Formation classes  
for all ages

**10:30 AM**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II with Children's Chapel

**11:30 AM**

Coffee Hour in the Great Hall and Courtyard

# Adult Fall Formation Opportunities

After more than a year's hiatus, in-person Sunday morning adult formation is back. This fall, join with others from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall to explore issues that can shape your faith and your life in the community. The Temporary Adult Formation Team, comprised of Sarah Ball, Bill Craddock, Zach Ferguson, Michelle Fulmer, Heidi Rupke, and Ted Schurch, has planned sessions around themes of Identity, Relationship and The World We Live In. Within each theme, we will strive to connect scripture and faith with real-life questions. For those who are not able to join us in body, we will make these sessions available via Facebook Live, YouTube and Calvary's website. Come ready for engagement and challenge.

## Sunday Mornings • 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

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### **Rector's Forum: What is Welcome?**

*The Rev. Scott Walters*

What do our scriptures, Christian tradition, and Calvary's own story have to teach us about the art of Christian welcome? More specifically, as some of us return after a long time away, and others arrive for the very first time, what does it mean to extend and receive Christian welcome at Calvary in the fall of 2021 after a year and a half of various forms of separation? Join Scott Walters as we explore these questions together.



AUG  
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### **A New Normal? Spiritual Growth in Uncertain Times**

*Linda Douty Mischke*

When life blindsides us with unexpected events, how can we use those upheavals to deepen our spirituality? During the disruptions of the past months, spiritual director and author Linda Douty Mischke has observed some creative and surprising responses in the lives of those around her. She will share some of those stories and suggest ways that we can glean insights for a new "normal" through the lessons of these "abnormal" times.



SEPT  
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### **Identity: Who were Moses and Peter? Who are we?**

*The Rev. Paul McLain*

The great leaders of the Old and New Testament each experienced a crisis of identity. Moses lived between two worlds, Egyptian and Hebrew, and was not fully at home in either place. Peter, an uneducated fisherman, became "the rock" on which Christ would build his church, but also denied he knew Jesus three times. Peter wrestled with identity questions on whether and under what terms Gentiles would be welcome as Christians. Both their stories help us unravel who we are and how we fit into a story much larger than ourselves. Join the Rev. Paul McLain as we explore these stories in Exodus 2:1-15, 3:1-12; Matthew 16:13-20, 26:69-75; and Acts 10:1-33.



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### **Ministries in the Diocese of West Tennessee**

*The Rev. Sharon Alexander, Canon to the Ordinary*

Join us as the Rev. Sharon Alexander, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of West Tennessee, shares many ways we can engage in ministry in our diocese. She will update us on the four ministries the diocese sponsors (St. Columba, Barth House, Haiti Partnership, and Thistle & Bee) and will discuss engagement in ecumenical ministries, locally-based ministries, and denominational groups.



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### **Gay and Lesbian Identity within the Episcopal Church**

*Panel*

In a world where the rights of LGBTQIA+ citizens are constantly being challenged in local, state, and federal courts, the need for a safe place for the gay community has become a necessity. Join us for a panel discussion about sexuality and life in the church, hosted by GLEE (Gay and Lesbian Everyday Episcopalians). All are welcome.

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### **Downtown Memphis: Present and Future**

*Paul Young, President and CEO of Downtown Memphis Commission*

All around Calvary, downtown Memphis is growing at a fast pace. Join Paul Young, president and CEO of Downtown Memphis Commission, as he talks about the identity of downtown Memphis now, where we are headed, and how Calvary fits into this identity.



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### **Conflict and Healing in the Modern Middle East**

*Beverly Tsacoyianis, Professor, University of Memphis*

You probably heard that the conflict in Israel and Palestine has been in the news again this summer, but are you familiar with the ways in which the political, cultural, religious, and historical dimensions of this and other conflicts in the modern Middle East connect? Join University of Memphis professor Beverly Tsacoyianis as we discuss conflicts plaguing the region and some modes of healing—emotional, religious, medical, social, and even political—developing in these regions to build safer and more resilient communities to cope with a challenging political and economic landscape. For those who want to dig deeper, Dr. Tsacoyianis's recent book, *Disturbing Spirits: Mental Illness, Trauma and Treatment in Modern Syria and Lebanon*, is available at novel bookstore and online.



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### **Your True Self: You Can't Get There...You Fall There**

*Video of Richard Rohr, discussion facilitated by Ted Schurch*

Father Richard Rohr, Franciscan brother, author and speaker, is familiar to many through his writings, lectures or daily meditations. Come for the video and stay for the table and group discussions. If you want to get a head start, you can find the video on YouTube: [youtube.com/watch?v=vK\\_IBkCyCdo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK_IBkCyCdo).

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**Relationships are Never Zero-Sum: Mutuality and Care in Jesus' Vision of God's Domain**

*Dr. Janel Kragt Bakker, Professor, Memphis Theological Seminary*

This session will consider relational dynamics of the "kingdom of God," the central metaphor of Jesus' message, as portrayed in the Gospels. Christians in positions of cultural dominance have often envisioned the kingdom of God as a territory that his followers should build or enlarge. Jesus, by contrast, described a realm of God's justice and love that his disciples were invited to receive as a gift, enter in a child-like posture, and accept as a reality within and among them. The session will challenge imperialistic patterns of Christian engagement in the world. In place of a zero-sum approach to building the kingdom of God, it will explore a missional "math" of mutuality and care.



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**Memphis Water: Past, Present and Future**

*Protect Our Aquifer Executive Director Sarah Houston and Calvary Parishioner Scott Crosby*

Why does Memphis have the best drinking water? What are the current threats? Come learn about the deep sand aquifer our region relies on and the existing threats to its quality and quantity. Protect Our Aquifer Executive Director Sarah Houston will share a presentation about the Memphis Sand Aquifer to better inform us of our water source and the recently canceled Byhalia Connection Pipeline. There will be plenty of time for questions, so let your curiosity wander.



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7

**Relationships in the Bible**

*The Ven. Mimsy Jones*

The Bible is full of surprising relationships, from Ruth and Naomi to Israel's connection with the land. Join the Venerable Mimsy Jones as she leads a discussion of biblical relationships that are both dynamic and unexpected.



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**The World We Live In: Grounding the Conversation in Scripture**

*The Rev. Katherine Bush, Chaplain at St. Mary's Episcopal School*

The Rev. Katherine Bush will help us ground our conversation in the messages we get from the Bible and other sources about this mixed-bag world of ours. Expect scripture, a little contemporary media, some open-ended questions, and a few poems!



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**Reparations: One Seminary's Approach**

*The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D. Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary*

In September 2019, VTS announced the creation of an endowment dedicated to the payment of reparations, and the intent to research, uncover, and recognize Black people who labored on-campus during slavery, Reconstruction, and segregation under Jim Crow laws. The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D. dean and president of VTS. will share the development and implementation of this reparations program and its importance and impact on the recipients and the Seminary.



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### ***Developments and Dilemmas in Gene Technology***

*Dr. Bill Walker, former lead research immunology scientist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*

What is CRISPR? How has recent work in gene editing and gene therapy changed our lives? What will be the bioethical implications for us and for future generations to come? Dr. Bill Walker, former lead research immunology scientist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will enlighten us about this powerful scientific breakthrough and there will be plenty of time for questions.



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### ***Video and Discussion: Spiritual Formation in Dark Times***

*Video of Richard Foster, discussion facilitated by Heidi Rupke*

Join us for a video and discussion of spiritual formation in challenging times. We'll kick off our discussion with a brief video of Richard Foster, Quaker theologian and author (*Celebration of Discipline*, among many others).

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### ***Wendell Berry: Nativity, Incarnation, & the Givenness of Things***

*The Rev. Scott Walters*

Among other things, Wendell Berry is a farmer, poet, novelist, essayist, critic, and Christian, not necessarily in that order. As we approach the Feast of the Nativity, we'll explore themes in a few of Berry's vivid and accessible poems that can help ground our spiritual lives in this given world into which Jesus was born.



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT CALVARY

**5:15-6:15**

Dinner for all. You may enjoy your dinner at physically distanced tables in the Mural Room or outside in Calvary Park.

**5:30-7:30**

Nursery

**6:15-8:30**

EfM

**6:15-7:15**

Adult Classes  
Calvary Ringers

**6:15-7:00**

EpiscoPals  
EYC

**6:15-7:00**

St. Cecilia Choir  
Boys and Girls Choir

**7:00-9:00**

Calvary Choir

**7:00-7:15**

Compline

*There is something for everyone  
on Wednesday evenings at Calvary.*



SEPT  
8**Call it Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World***The Rev. Paul McLain | Sept. 8-Oct. 6, | Emison Room*

"Theology is a place and a story." So begins Serene Jones's book *Call it Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World*. She draws on her Oklahoma roots and her historic journey to become president of Union Theological Seminary in New York to see God at work in our world. Serene makes complex teachings around hatred, forgiveness, mercy, justice, death, sin, and grace understandable and applicable for our times. The Rev. Paul McLain will guide us in a 5-week discussion of her new book as we prepare for Serene's presence with us during Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series 2022! Serene was one of Paul's favorite professors at Yale Divinity School. For more information or for help in obtaining the book, contact Paul at [pmclain@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:pmclain@calvarymemphis.org).

SEPT  
8**Vocations, Callings, & Careers***Ardelle & Scott Walters | Sept. 8-Oct. 6, | Library*

Frederick Buechner memorably wrote, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. Over the centuries, Christians have developed some countercultural language about the work one does in the world. Being people of an incarnational faith, rather than disembodied spirituality, we believe that the Christian life should affect our understanding and practices in all aspects of our lives. The idea for this class began with a conversation with a Calvary parishioner in his 30s about the relationship and differences between calling and career. We have people in the first few decades of adulthood in mind, but anyone looking to reflect on one's work in the world with others is welcome. Please join us! Questions? Contact Scott at [swalters@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:swalters@calvarymemphis.org).

OCT  
13**Confirmation Class for Adults***The Rev. Paul McLain | Oct. 13-Nov. 17, | Library*

Whether a newcomer or a lifelong Episcopalian, this class is designed to go to the heart of what it means to be a follower of Christ in the Episcopal tradition. The Rev. Paul McLain will lead us in a 6-week exploration of baptism, an Episcopal understanding of the Bible, why we worship the way we do, how we begin to understand God, navigating the *Book of Common Prayer*, and finding ways to be the hands of Jesus in service to our city. For those who desire it, the class leads to confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation in the Church. Our guidebook for this journey is *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber with Bill Lewellis. For more information or for help in obtaining the book, contact Paul at [pmclain@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:pmclain@calvarymemphis.org).

OCT  
13**Getting Involved With God: Rediscovering the Old Testament***The Rev. Scott Walters | Oct. 13-Nov. 17, | Emison Room*

The beloved biblical scholar Ellen Davis will preach at Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series in 2022. Her book, *Getting Involved with God*, is an accessible, creative engagement with the great stories of the Hebrew Scriptures. Its premise is that the stories are not simply historical artifacts, but sources of wisdom for lives like ours, especially as we think about what it means to live and pray more intentionally, and deepen our connection to God along the way. Join Scott Walters for a six-week study this fall. Order a copy of *Getting Involved with God* from Novel bookstore or wherever you buy books. Questions? Contact Scott at [swalters@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:swalters@calvarymemphis.org).



# Small Group Formation Opportunities

## **Young Adult Bible Study**

*Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Crosstown Brewery*

Calvary parishioners and friends in their 20s and 30s gather to discuss the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings or other selected topics. Contact Chris Cullum, [ctcullum@gmail.com](mailto:ctcullum@gmail.com), for more information. Or just show up and join the conversation! No prior Biblical knowledge (or previous interest in joining a Bible study) required.

## **Education for Ministry**

*Tuesday or Wednesday Evenings, 6:15–8:30 at Calvary*

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Contact Ashton Anderson, [ashtonleona@gmail.com](mailto:ashtonleona@gmail.com), about the Tuesday class or Richard Hendricks, [rah662@yahoo.com](mailto:rah662@yahoo.com), about the Wednesday class.

## **Men's Bible Study: The Baguette Brothers**

*Thursdays, 7:30–8:30 a.m. at Barth House, 409 Patterson St. and over Zoom*

Every Thursday morning, a few good men gather for coffee, prayer, Bible study, and terrible jokes. It's a "Pre-Game Show," as they study the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday service. It is now in its 20th year, so the jokes must not be that bad. Contact Bill Craddock, [wscraddock@icloud.com](mailto:wscraddock@icloud.com) or 901-276-0639, for more information.

## **Gleanings: Conversations with Scott Walters**

*Begins Thursday, September 9, at noon, on Zoom & at Calvary (see below)*

When writer Kathleen Norris returned to church after decades away, the language of Christianity was a barrier. "Judgment," "sinner," "dogma," "salvation," were all part of the faith's "scary vocabulary." Norris's wrestling with those words became a book that's remained in print for more than 20 years. Each week, a short chapter (2-3 pages) from *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* will provide the theme, to which we may add an online article, a poem, or who knows what else (we call these additions "gleanings") as discussion fodder.

The first Thursday of each month the class meets in person at Calvary. Bring a brown bag lunch to the Emison Room. For the rest of the month, we'll meet on Zoom. The class will be ongoing throughout the year, so feel free to join at any time. Get on the Gleanings email list by contacting Scott Walters at [swalters@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:swalters@calvarymemphis.org).

## **Grief Support Group**

*Every other Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.*

The Grief Support Group offers healing and hope after the death of a loved one or another form of loss. This is done through mutual sharing in a small group setting. Those interested are encouraged to contact Jo Speak-Casinghino at [mjospeak78@gmail.com](mailto:mjospeak78@gmail.com).

# Children and Youth Formation Opportunities

## Sunday Mornings 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

### Nursery Care

Ages 0-5

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages 0-5. The nursery is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Sundays. Nursery families are asked to commit to supporting the health, wellness, and safety protocols, and must agree to keep children home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-like symptoms, or have been potentially exposed. Masks are required for children ages two and up, as recommended by the CDC. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys and activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

A child registration form should be on file for each child who attends the nursery. Child registration forms can be obtained from Miss Robbie and are kept in a secure location. Please remember to bring diapers/pull-ups and wipes with your child every time they attend the nursery. Please also bring a change of clothing with your child, even if your child is potty-trained.

### Children's Formation Classes

Ages 3 through grade 5

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to the Children's wing on the second floor. Our young people will be exploring their faith and scripture through Godly Play and Weaving God's Promises, two curriculums based in storytelling designed to connect our young people deeper to their faith.

We are doing everything we can to keep our folks safe and healthy, and we ask you help support us in this mission. Please keep children home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-like symptoms, or have been potentially exposed. Our formation guides and classrooms will be following protocol as set by Shelby County Schools, and

masks will be required for anyone over the age of two.

On Sundays that our young people are called to choir rehearsals, formation will look a little different. Those folks who do not go to choir will all gather in one space for fellowship and mission activities led by Director of Children and Family Ministries Jeremy Demarest with help from the formation guides.

### Rite 13

Grades 6-8

Rite13 creates a safe space for middle school youth to explore new ideas and interests using thought-provoking, fun activities, reflection, and discussion. Youth will engage with Bible study, prayer, and service opportunities to explore their faith.

### Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

Grades 9-12

J2A focuses on critical thinking and responsibility while fostering a connection to the Christian community. During Sunday formation, youth will explore new ways of engaging with scripture and prayer.

## Sunday Afternoons 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Sunday Afternoon Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12

Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, youth are invited to lunch in the Courtyard from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. before EYC from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Sunday Afternoon EYC is a fellowship time for youth to learn more about themselves, their relationship with Christ, and the ever-changing, messy world around them. Youth are invited to bring a change of clothes to church for EYC.

## Wednesday Evenings • 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

### Nursery - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Ages 0-5

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### EpiscoPals

Grades 1-5

EpiscoPALS is a fellowship group for our young people that meets to play games, work on arts and crafts, tell and live into stories, engage in acts of kindness and mission, and have fun together in a loving, Christ-centered community. Led by Jeremy Demarest and friends.

### Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12

Wednesday night EYC will meet from 6:15-7:00 in the 3rd floor youth room after dinner. Wednesday nights are for any youth in grades 6-12 to come together and participate in team-building activities, games, service projects, discussion, and prayer. At 6:55, we will walk together to the Sanctuary for music and Compline at 7 p.m. Any and all at Calvary are welcome to join us for Compline.

**\*\* See also Music Formation Opportunities \*\***

# YOUTH: SAVE THE DATES!

## Diocesan EYC

All 6-12th grade youth in the Diocese of West Tennessee are invited to Diocesan EYC on September 16, October 27, November 28, and December 19 from 6-7pm. Our first two gatherings will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, starting in Martyr's Hall for dinner and fellowship before ending our evening with Compline in Sister's Chapel.

## Calvary Campout at St. Columba

Calvary EYC is going camping on October 16-17 at St. Columba! More details to come, but campfire stories and s'mores are guaranteed.

## Youth Confirmation

This year at Calvary, youth in grades 10-12 are eligible to be confirmed on Dec. 12. Youth do not have to commit to confirmation in order to participate in the classes. The choice to be confirmed at the end of the semester is entirely up to them. Weekly confirmation classes will start at the beginning of October. Contact Gabbie Munn at [gmunnc@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:gmunnc@calvarymemphis.org) if you are interested in Confirmation.

# Music Formation Opportunities

## St. Cecilia Choir

Grades K-2

The youngest choir of the parish is the St. Cecilia Choir. They sing periodically at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and at special services. Using a variety of activities, the choristers learn to use their voices by means of hymns and other sacred songs. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7. At the conclusion of rehearsal, they have the opportunity to join their friends to say Compline in the nave until 7:15 p.m. The St. Cecilia Choir is directed by Melissa Elsholz. For Fall 2021, masks are required, and we will rehearse distanced in Rooms 203-204.

## The Boys and Girls Choir

Students with unchanged voices in grades 3 & up

The Boys and Girls Choir, made up of students with unchanged voices in grades 3 and up, sings at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Using the *Voice for Life* curriculum established by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch promotes a complete and quality approach to children's music ministry that is as much a Christian education experience as it is musical training experience. Choristers often

become peer leaders over time as they progress through the program. Rehearsal is Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7 p.m. At 7, choristers will go to the chancel to say Compline until 7:15. For Fall 2021, masks are required, and we will rehearse distanced in the Crook Auditorium.

## Calvary Ringers

Calvary's liturgical five-octave handbell choir, the Calvary Ringers, rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings, from 6:15-7:15 p.m., and performs in select services throughout the year. New members are always welcome; the ability to read music is not required. Calvary Ringers are directed by Joseph Powell.

## Calvary Choir

Made up of both professional singers and auditioned volunteers, the Calvary Choir sings each week at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, monthly Evensong, and offers special liturgical services and concerts during the year. Strongly based in the music of the Anglican church, their repertoire spans the centuries and global traditions, from plainsong to spirituals. They are known for both their dedication to and love of music and close camaraderie. Directed by Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch.

*Evensong*  
*a traditional Anglican choral liturgy in Calvary's beautiful nave at twilight*

at 5 p.m. on

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|--------------------|------------|
| September 5        | January 2  |
| October 3          | February 6 |
| November 7         | March 6    |
| December 5 :Advent | April 3    |
| Lessons & Carols   | May 1      |

TRAVEL WITH THE CALVARY CHOIR FOR

# A CHORAL RESIDENCY AT ST. ALBANS

July 10-18, 2022

Contact Organist-Choirmaster  
Kristin Lensch for more information.

## THE INTERMISSION IS OVER!

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT CALVARY IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO CALVARY FOR CONCERTS ONCE AGAIN.

We are making a gradual return, highlighting local Memphis talent, and we are taking precautions to make our space safe and comfortable as we come together for inspiring music. As a way to say "Hello Again," we are hosting our first concert in reverse, with the reception BEFORE the concert. We can't wait to see you at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 17!

### **SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

Fri., Sept. 17, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

**WELCOME RECEPTION AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE GREAT HALL**

The Negro Spiritual serves as one of America's most influential and distinctive musical achievements. Inspired by the harsh and cruel conditions of enslaved people, Spirituals were created and employed to comfort, inform, and to celebrate lived experiences. Spirituals have since provided inspiration for future generations to combat the atrocities of social injustice. In an effort to reimagine social justice, Gavin Wiggison is now employing the songs of his ancestors to inspire new thinking

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on what social justice could be for our country and the world. Spiritual Reflections will explore the tragedies of social injustice through the lens of Spirituals and Folk Songs that have been arranged by 20th and 21st Century Black Composers. Each song will be preceded by a reading and a reflective pause to honor victims. Gavin serves as the concert choir director and instructor of applied voice at LeMoyne-Owen College, and as a fellowship coach with the Memphis Music Initiative.



# Getting Involved

Calvary's mission is making God's love visible in downtown Memphis. As you learn about Calvary's parish life and ministries you will recognize a lively parish where wonderfully diverse people have found a spiritual home and created a loving community. The opportunities for ministry at Calvary not only allow people to build authentic relationships with one another but also provide a supportive atmosphere for strengthening our relationships with God as we strive to be God's hands and feet to each other and to the world around us. Pull this section out and keep it as a reference of the many ways you can serve at and through Calvary.

To get involved in any of Calvary's ministries, contact Ebet Peebles, [ep Peebles@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:ep Peebles@calvarymemphis.org) or 901-312-5201.



## COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

### Basement Church

Serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness a delicious breakfast and provide them with an opportunity to select much-needed clothes and toiletries on Sunday mornings from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.



### Breakfast Prep

Prepare for Sunday's Basement Church by cracking eggs, placing bacon in pans, etc. on Wednesdays. In this ministry volunteers participate to ensure breakfast will be ready every Sunday morning.

### Clothes Closet

Organize, sort, and label clothing donations so our neighbors experiencing homelessness can find the items they need. Come anytime weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an hour or two.

### Donations for Outreach

Donate much-needed men's jeans, shoes, and coats as well as sleeping bags and

blankets. Also Calvary's Little Library can use gently used books.

### Emmanuel Center

Tutor, collect school supplies, or mentor the children of Emmanuel Center. The Emmanuel Center seeks to break the cycle of poverty through education and strengthening young minds, bodies, and spirits within a context of Christian witness. Each year Calvary volunteers host a carnival for the children and families of the Emmanuel Center.

### Emmanuel Meal

Host, serve guests, and buy turkeys for close to 300 of our unsheltered neighbors for a Christmas luncheon on a Monday before Christmas.

### Friends of the Mental Health Court

Attend Mental Health Court, provide incentives to participants, and advocate for the program. Defendants suffering from mental illness are given a chance to have their charges dropped in exchange for completing a year-long mental health treatment plan determined by the Shelby County Mental Health Court.

### Grizzlies Prep

Be a Lunch Buddy by eating a 30-minute lunch weekly with a student. This mentoring relationship has proven to be

a valuable asset not only for the student but also for the volunteer. Grizzlies Prep is a Title I charter school providing education to young men in grades 5-8.

### **The Hospitality HUB + Work Local**

Provide and drop off lunch once a month for 10 unsheltered people who work or support development efforts with communication and promotional work. The Hospitality Hub connects individuals with the resources they need to begin their journey out of homelessness. Work Local provides job access and blight reduction. The Hub transports job-seeking panhandlers to clean up sites where they help reduce urban blight while providing workers with lunch, a day's wages, and additional services.

### **Laptop Crew**

Help our neighbors one-on-one with their paperwork or reading needs. Complete forms for food stamps, apply for stimulus check, locate family members, and more. Bring your laptop on Sunday mornings from 6:30-8:30 a.m.



### **Lives Worth Saving**

Welcome, serve, host, and eat lunch with attendees. This ministry works with our police department and our district attorney to respond to trafficking and prostitution in our city by offering women a safe path to a new life. Second Thursday of each month.

### **MICAH**

Attend evening meetings and keep our parish informed and involved with MICAH. Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAH) provides community organizing with three initiatives: education, integration and intercultural equity, and economic equity. MICAH comprises over 50 churches and nonprofits.

### **MIFA (Memphis InterFaith Association)**

Deliver nutritious meals through Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors. This ministry supports the independence of vulnerable seniors and families in crisis. Learn more at [mifa.org](http://mifa.org).

### **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense**

Attend meetings, help with publicity, and keep Calvary informed of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families.

### **Pride Parade**

Staff the Calvary booth at the Mid-South pride parade. Calvary believes that God loves everyone. No exceptions. With this in mind, we provide kindness and encouragement at the Mid-South Pride Parade, especially for those who don't have relationships with their families.

### **Refugees**

Work with the Mariposa initiative, welcoming refugees at the bus terminal who are passing through Memphis or serving refugees who come to Memphis to meet with mobile consulates.

### **Room in the Inn**

Prepare meals, host neighbors, and assist with logistics. This program is dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter and meals here at Calvary on Saturday nights during the coldest months of the year—November through March—sharing the love of God through hospitality. Sign up at [calvarymemphis.org/riti](http://calvarymemphis.org/riti).

### **Thistle & Bee, Inc.**

Purchase Thistle & Bee's famous granola and other products, including honey harvested from the T&B hives, at Cooper-Young Farmers Market, Curb Market, Highpoint Grocery, Babcock Gifts, The Dixon, novel, Cordelia's Market, and at various community events posted on the T&B Facebook page throughout the year. Other volunteer opportunities include gardening, beekeeping, event planning, marketing, fundraising, and more. All products are made by women employed by Thistle & Bee, who have survived sex trafficking and prostitution. Learn more at [thistleandbee.org](http://thistleandbee.org).



# WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

## Acolytes

Acolyte means “one who serves.” An acolyte assists in worship by carrying a processional cross, lighting candles, holding the Gospel book, carrying candles or “torches,” assisting a deacon or priest set up and clean up at the altar, handing the offering plates to ushers, and many other tasks. Youth (grades 7–12) serve about once every three weeks. Adults serve every 5th Sunday. Participants arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled service. Training sessions are held before or after a service.

## Altar Guild

The duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare all things necessary to conduct a worship service at Calvary with order and beauty. This quiet, behind-the-scenes work is a true gift to the entire congregation. The Altar Guild at Calvary is divided into teams that rotate each week with each team serving every 4th week. Preparation for a Sunday service takes about 30 minutes before the service and another 30 minutes to clean up after the service. There also are opportunities to serve for special services, including mid-week services, funerals, and weddings.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) assist with the Eucharist on Sunday, at special Christmas and Holy Week services, and, occasionally, at weddings and funerals. It is a unique ministry, being involved with the congregation in a very personal way. New Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend a training that lasts approximately 90 minutes. Most EMs are scheduled for two Sunday services every six weeks.

## Flower Guild

Flower Guild members arrange flowers each week on the altar and adorn the church for major feast days such as Christmas Day and Easter Day. Members are assigned every other month to arrange on either Friday or Saturday. New participants work with another team member until confident enough to work independently.

## Greeters

Greeters are the first impression that parishioners and visitors have of Calvary. By their positive and welcoming greeting, they establish a pleasant atmosphere for those entering the building. Greeters are deployed to engage visitors in a warm and welcoming way after services on Sunday mornings. Greeters work approximately one Sunday a month before and after the 10:30 a.m. service.

## Lectors

Lectors help lead worship by reading the appointed lessons for the day or leading the congregation in the prayers of the people (Intercessor). This ministry offers an opportunity to better understand the liturgy and tradition of the Church and often leads to greater knowledge of the scriptures. Training is required, and lectors typically serve once every 10 weeks.

## Music at Calvary

St. Cecilia Choir (Senior K – 2nd grade)  
 · Boys and Girls Choir (3rd grade and up, unchanged voices) · Calvary Choir · Calvary Ringers · Friends of Music

*See p. 13 for more information about Calvary's choirs.*

## Wedding Guild

The Wedding Guild assists couples planning to marry by acting as the church's representative. They attend rehearsals and weddings to help as needed.

## Ushers

Calvary ushers assist parishioners and visitors in entering the nave for Sunday services and other special events. Specific duties include: collecting, counting, and recording the offering; counting attendance; cleaning-up pews after services; and ringing the tower bell. This ministry requires about 1-¾ hours for the 10:30 a.m. worship service once every six weeks and one hour for the 8 a.m. worship service once every five weeks.

# OFFICE MINISTRIES

## Front Desk

Calvary relies on parishioner volunteers to greet our guests and answer incoming calls every Wednesday and Friday and various other days throughout the year. Volunteer during church office hours from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and choose to work half-day or full-day shifts.

## Communications Office

Communications at Calvary has many facets and is always looking for new volunteers! Whether you are a writer, photographer, or have marketing or design skills to offer, Robyn Banks would love your help! Time commitments vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours per week.

## Finance Office

There are many volunteer opportunities in Calvary's finance office. From taking money at events to verifying deposit amounts, there is something for whatever time you have available to give. Time commitments vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours.

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# PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

## All Saints Guild

This guild supports families following a death by helping to coordinate funeral services and receptions.

## Arrival Angels

The Arrival Angels ministry at Calvary provides meals for Calvary families as new additions are welcomed to their family. Join us in offering a warm Calvary welcome to those who have just had a baby by signing up to deliver a home cooked meal or provide a gift card to your favorite restaurant or meal delivery service. For more information, contact Olivia Hammond, [oliviabuffington@gmail.com](mailto:oliviabuffington@gmail.com).

## Daughters of the King

The JOY Chapter of Daughters of the King is part of a worldwide prayer order for women that was established in 1885. Each day, members pray confidentially for those in need.

## Pastoral Care Teams

The Pastoral Care Teams offer a ministry of prayer and care for Calvary parishioners and their families. Teams provide care on a rotating basis (every 5th week.) Care may include sending cards, making phone calls, delivering flowers, providing a meal, making visits, or other kinds of support as appropriate. Care Team Members attend a one-hour meeting every 5th week and spend 1–3 hours on their assignments. Total hours per month: 2–4 (includes team meeting).

## Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic visitors are trained and licensed to share the bread and wine of the Eucharist with those who cannot leave their homes or hospital rooms. EVs function as part of Calvary's Care Teams and provide this ministry of care and prayer on an as-needed basis.

# SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS

## Kickoff to Wednesday Evenings at Calvary

Wednesday | Sept. 1

Join us from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Great Hall and Courtyard for our Wednesday Evenings at Calvary kick-off with a taco bar with ALL the fixin's! There will be Topo Chico mineral water and margaritas, along with fudgesicles for dessert. All are welcome! Suggested donations: Adults—\$8; Children—\$4; Family—\$25. Order online: [toasttab.com/calvary-waffle-shop/v3/](http://toasttab.com/calvary-waffle-shop/v3/)

## Coffee with the Rector

Sundays | Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, and Dec. 19 | 11:30 a.m. in the Library

Are you new to Calvary? Or reengaging after a time away? Or are you just curious and have a nagging question or two about the quirky miracle that is Calvary Church, especially after a year of pandemic separations? Bring your coffee and your questions into the library after the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday for conversation with Scott Walters about life at Calvary...or life in general. All are welcome.

## Law Day

Friday, Sept. 24 | 12 p.m.

Calvary will host the annual Memphis Bar Association Memorial Service for attorneys the legal community has lost in the past year, on Friday, Sept. 24, at noon. A reception will follow the service in the Great Hall.

## Brunch with Jeremy

Sunday, Sept. 26 | 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall

Come one, come all to get to know Jeremy Demarest, our new director of children and family ministry, and hear his vision for our Formation programming. We will meet in the Great Hall after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for a casual brunch. Jeremy will get on the "hot seat" and anyone can ask him anything, he only asks you do not hurt his soul. After the questions he will give information about what formation will look like this fall and ask a few questions of the parents. Parents and kids are welcome to join as well as anyone else in the congregation who wants to get to know Jeremy.

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 3

Calvary offers its annual Blessing of the Animals at Calvary's park at the corner of Adams and B.B. King, beginning at 4 p.m. If you had a beloved creature you would like to be remembered in the Prayers of the People's Pets Departed, e-mail the name to Clay Woemmel, [cwoemmel@gmail.com](mailto:cwoemmel@gmail.com), by Thursday, Sept. 30. Come join us to give thanks for all God's creatures great and small!

## St. Clare Silent Retreat

Friday-Sunday | Oct. 21-24

This retreat weekend for women is held at St. Columba Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis. The

schedule is carefully planned; meals are delicious, and above all, God's holy healing presence seems most especially present to everyone. Give yourself this priceless gift and join us in the fall. NOTE: All participants must be vaccinated for Covid-19. Registration is now open: [saintcolumbamemphis.org/stclare](http://saintcolumbamemphis.org/stclare)

## Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.

Join us for a traditional candlelight service of scripture and song featuring the Calvary choirs, and prepare your heart for the birth of Christ.

## Emmanuel Meal

Monday, Dec. 13 | Noon

Calvary parishioners invite close to 300 of our unsheltered neighbors to a Christmas luncheon on a Monday before Christmas. Volunteers host, serve guests, and buy turkeys to support this ministry. Contact Christine Todd to volunteer, [ctodd@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:ctodd@calvarymemphis.org).

## Christmas at Calvary

Dec. 24-25

Christmas services at Calvary are planned for 3:30, 5:30, and 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, as well as 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. Stay tuned for more details.



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Clockwise from top left: The Rev. Buddy Stallings preached at Calvary's 189th birthday at the Metal Museum. Children's Minister Jeremy Demarest passed out blessed backpack tags to students and teachers. Children especially enjoyed the MemPops after the worship service. It was a beautiful day and over 200 people attended the outdoor worship service at the Metal Museum.

