

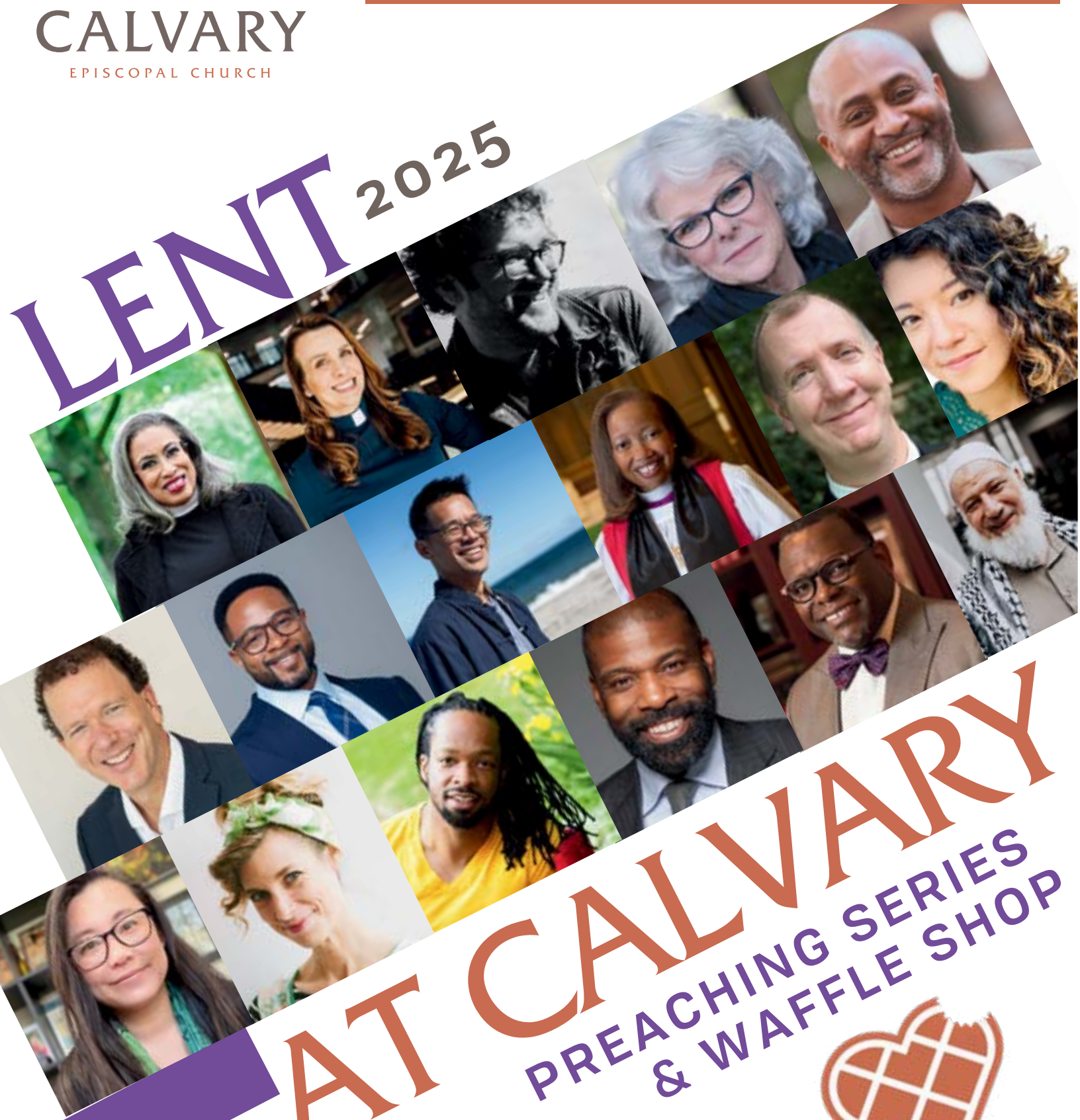


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LENT

by the Rev. Scott Walters



Richard Howard purportedly said, “Being a famous poet is like being a famous mushroom.” I suspect the same could be said of preachers. What passes for fame is likely to occur within a shrinking realm that seems increasingly esoteric to more and more people by the year. I hadn’t actually heard of Richard Howard until I went poking around on the internet for the source of the poet as mushroom quote, which I vaguely remembered stumbling upon somewhere.

But, friend, it’s also true that the grilled mushrooms with chimichurri at the tapas place just down the street from our

house will change your life. Preaching can too, I’m told. The wise and quirky old tradition of Lenten preaching at Calvary has certainly changed my life very much for the better.

Once Lent begins, of course, my WASPy middle-class earnestness will require me to tell you, if asked, that, yes, I am just so incredibly busy and exhausted by all that it takes to pull off these twin miracles year after year. The truth of the matter is that nearly all of that work is done by people who are not me, most of whom are tireless and joyful volunteers. I’m actually secretly giddy (an acceptable Lenten frame of mind at Calvary, at least) that it’s somehow my job to settle into one of our creaky old pews three times a week to listen to what another preacher has to say and wander downstairs afterward for a waffle and chicken hash.

This year’s preachers include an iconographer and liturgical

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thought leader in the Episcopal Church, a renowned Old Testament scholar who centers the stories of women in the Hebrew Bible, longtime favorite Memphis preachers, and new voices from pulpits around our city, as well as a playwright and a cupcake baker and, yes, perhaps even a poet or two. We’ll hear Christian, Jewish, and Muslim preachers, preachers who stand in the long line of prophets whose calls to racial justice are grounded deeply in Holy Scripture, and many more.

This Lent, we also invite all of Memphis into a newly renovated Calvary. Our spaces have been designed to be more accessible, integrated, welcoming, and bright. Excitement has been gathering by the week as we wander the widened, light-filled hallways, each of us

making our own inspections as the project nears completion. Have you also been imagining these spaces brimming with people filled with Calvary’s signature Lenten energy?

As you read, you’ll also be reminded that day-to-day life and ministry at Calvary go on even in waffle and preaching season. Nathan will tell the story of an Emmanuel Meal celebration where neighbors received nourishment and music and gifts and fellowship despite construction displacement and rain showers. There’s a piece written by an elder and a teenager on our vestry about a retreat facilitated by the aforementioned cupcake baker, news from the Children’s Ministry Department, and an invitation to a Hymn Fest at which we’ll sing God’s praises to celebrate the restoration of

our historic organ.

It’s such a gift to take part in the vibrant life of Calvary Church, don’t you agree? I suppose our fame is down at the mushroom end of things, as we’re not advertising in the *Wall Street Journal* or the *New York Times* quite yet. But there is a locally famous Calvary spirit that’s been alive among people trying to live the way of Jesus at the corner of Second and Adams for nearly two centuries now. That spirit is rich and nourishing and deeply rooted. God is still at work within it, drawing people into a way of love that knows no exceptions—drawing in people like me. Drawing in people, I suppose, since you’re somehow still reading this, like you. And since it draws you too, I hope to see you at Calvary in person, if that’s possible for you at all, very soon.

SILENCE FOR LUNCH

by the Rev. Katherine Bush



One Tuesday during a past Lent, I unlocked the red Second Street doors to the church and hauled the Silence in the City sign out to the sidewalk. As usual, a few folks were walking up and down the street on their blustery February lunch breaks. A group of three women approached in lively conversation, clearly catching up on each other's news. They passed me, but one woman (who may or may not have been a recognizable former local

newscaster) turned around and asked me what was happening at Calvary that day.

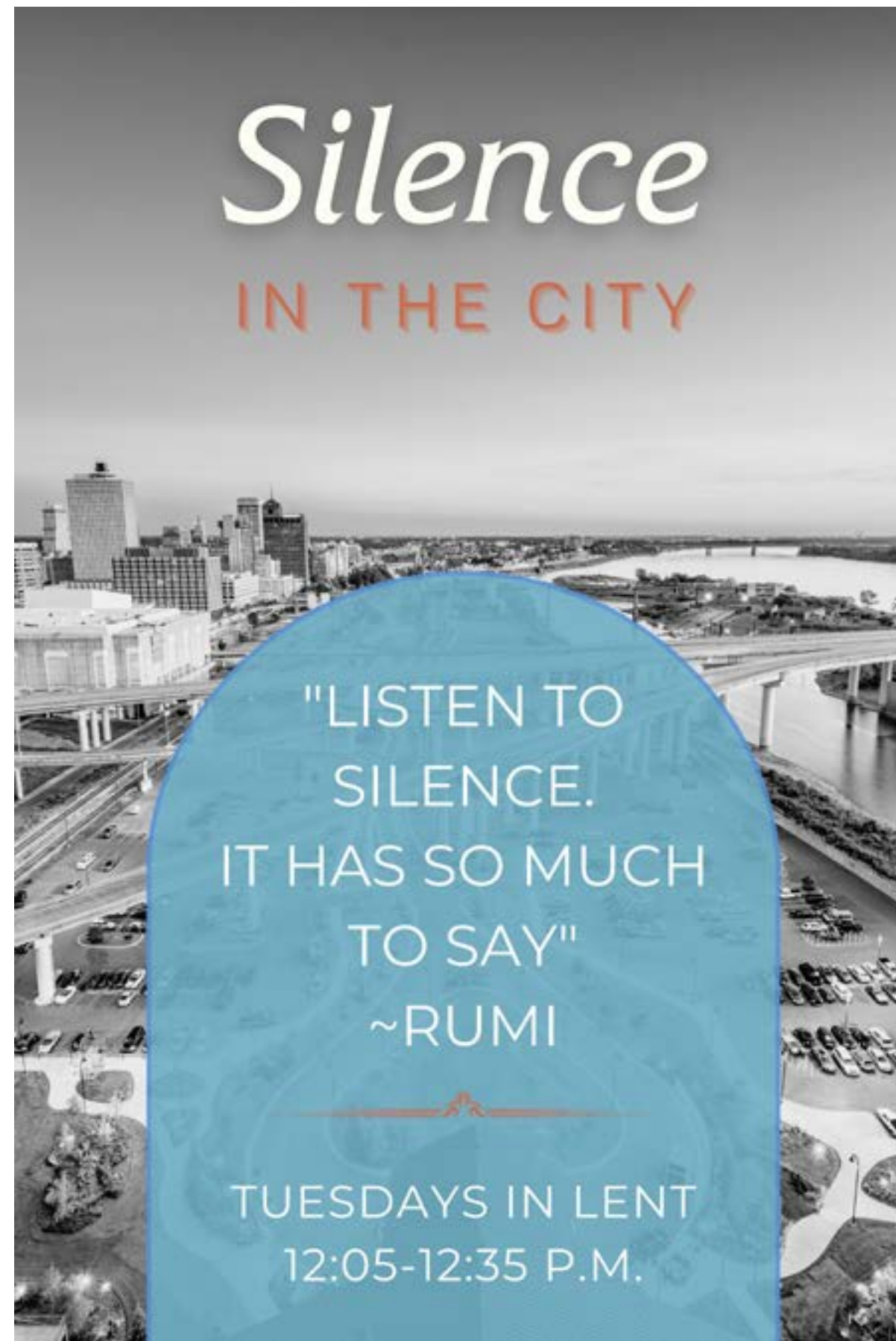
I explained that we offer inspiring preaching and a great meal three days a week during Lent, and she nodded - familiar with our historic offering. But I said, "On Tuesdays, nothing happens on purpose." We open the church, and no one preaches; there's no aspic or pie. We offer a big, beautiful, quiet half hour. We are silent in the city together." She turned to her two friends, who were already hedging up the street, and said, "Y'all go ahead; I'm going to have silence for lunch."

Her friends walked on, and she came in and joined the very sparse gathering. We rang a small bell at 12:05. I read a bit of a psalm at 12:10, and then, as I promised, nothing happened until the bell rang again at 12:35. She gave me a small wave and mouthed a quiet "thank you" as she slipped back out the doors when we're we done.

Lent at Calvary, in all its splendor, can sometimes feel a little un-Lenten. This is not a criticism—you won't stop me from

enjoying Boston Cream Pie or from laughing delightedly at one of those "reunion moments" when we encounter friends we only see in the weekday pews.

And because we all need different ways of connecting, Calvary offers a quiet corollary on Tuesdays. We open the doors of the church and sit still for about thirty minutes. I know for some folks, it's a long way to come for "nothing to happen," and I know just the idea of sitting quietly for that long feels strange and even uncomfortable. Still, I invite you to try it sometime. Come join a few of us bathing in the stained glass light, or set your own timer wherever you are. Try having silence for lunch (you can still eat after!), and you might just discover that it's actually not true that nothing happens.



THE PLACE TO BE IN LENT

by Madge Logan Deacon



I am a lifelong Calvary-ite, and—as I begin these Lenten Reflections—I realize I have been at Calvary for ALMOST three-quarters of the lifespan of the Lenten Preaching Series and that Waffle Shop has been welcoming the community for only about two decades longer



Photo by Cindy McMillion

than I've been alive! Holy Cow! I may or may not suddenly feel like Mother Time!

My parents, Cordelia & Adrian Logan, moved to Memphis and joined Calvary about three years before I was born, and the Rev. Don Henning baptized me when I was six weeks old. I was often in attendance at Calvary during Lent as a little girl whenever my school schedule allowed. And I have wonderful memories of waffles, sausages, and peppermint ice cream in Calvary's Mural Room.

Mama was a faithful member of the waffle-making brigade from when I was a toddler until her health began failing in the mid-1990s. Daddy, my sister Nell, and I were always thrilled when Mama brought Calvary waffles home for dinner.

When my sister died on March 19, 1993, Mama, Whit, and I sat at Mama's dining room table, planning Nell's service. To our surprise, Mama insisted that we must all be at Calvary the next day for LPS and Waffle Shop. In the midst of the shock of having just lost my sister, this made no sense to me, but it's what Mama wanted, so that's what we were going to do! I don't remember who the Lenten speaker was that day, but I do remember suddenly understanding why we were there. We were at our beloved Calvary, surrounded by people we knew and loved, and we were doing something "normal" at a time when everything else seemed strange and abnormal. Someone spoke warm and

remarkable words from the pulpit, and we ate waffles, sausage, and peppermint ice cream, and I knew all would be well again.

The Waffle Shop continues to amaze me and baffle me! The dedication of the women (and men) who make mayonnaise and Tennessee Bourbon pies and chicken salad and waffles year after year. And the volunteer teams from churches and temples and Rotary Clubs who don aprons and serve hundreds of guests per day. And the annual reunions that occur each and every year. Friends who eagerly order their annual serving of Fish Pudding and continue conversations put on hold the year before. Waffle Shop is THE PLACE TO BE during Lent!

I was in my late twenties when I first really understood the importance of, and the wonder of, the Lenten Preaching Series. Where else could one hear such diverse speakers telling incredible stories and addressing critical issues in a sanctuary filled with people of all ages, faiths, backgrounds, and ethnicities? Throughout my thirty-six-year career at FedEx, I often took at least one half-day off during Lent to be able to come to Calvary to hear one of the remarkable speakers and—of course—to enjoy lunch in the Mural Room!

Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop—Calvary's beautiful gifts to the community—and two beautiful examples of "Making God's Love Visible in Downtown Memphis".



WE NEED YOU TO
HELP US CELEBRATE
CALVARY'S
COMPLETE
RENOVATION!

Join us for *Show Forth God's Praise: A Hymn Festival*,
March 2, at 5 p.m., led by
guest musician and Yale
University lecturer *Walden Moore*.

**A Feast (free for all)
follows in our newly
renovated Mural Room.**



CALVARY'S FIRST NOONDAY LENTEN SERVICE took place in a downtown theater 102 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. And Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series continues in 2025, adapting and speaking, as it always has, to the times. We hope you'll join us.

The Rev. Scott Walters
RECTOR

PREACHING SERIES & THE WAFFLE SHOP
MARCH 6 - APRIL 11
WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS,
FRIDAYS



ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at Ash Wednesday services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality. Calvary will offer Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m., and 12 and 7 p.m. Childcare will be offered at 7 p.m.

2025 Lenten Preaching Series



Paul Fromberg

Thursday, March 6

The Rev. Dan Matthews Day Speaker

Rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco and author of *The Art of Transformation* and *The Art of Disruption*



Wil Gafney

Friday, March 7

Womanist biblical scholar and the Rt. Rev. Sam B. Hulseley Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth; author of *A Women's Lectionary*

for the Whole Church and Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to Women of the Torah and of the Throne



Ekundayo Bandele

Wednesday, March 12

Renowned playwright and theater director whose work has significantly impacted the American theater landscape; founder of Hattiloo Theatre in Memphis



Jericho Brown

**Wednesday, March 12 at 6:15 p.m. and Thursday, March 13

Author of three collections of poetry: *The Tradition*, *The New Testament*, and *Please*; editor of the anthology *How We Do It: Black Writers on Craft, Practice, and Skill* and *The Selected Shepherd*

Peggy Jean Craig

Friday, March 14

Cumberland Presbyterian minister, community development nerd, wannabe poet, and personal photographer for her identical twin girls



Mihee Kim-Kort

**Wednesday, March 19 at 12 and 6:15 pm

Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church; named one of Center for American Progress's "21 Faith Leaders to watch" in 2021; author of *Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith*



Nabil Bayakly

Thursday, March 20

Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Biology professor; advocate for social justice who works with a plethora of local organizations that aim to make the Memphis community more welcoming, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable



Kat Gordon

Friday, March 21

Proud Memphian and founder of Muddy's Bake Shop



Jemar Tisby

**Wednesday, March 26 at 12 and 6:15 p.m.

Author of *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the Church's Complicity in Racism*, *How to Fight Racism*, and *The Spirit of Justice*

Lillian Lammers

Thursday, March 27

Ordained minister in the United Church of Christ; currently leading First Presbyterian in Downtown Memphis



Earle J. Fisher

Friday, March 28

Senior Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Memphis; founded #UPTheVoteGo1 to empower voters and elevate political engagement



Barbara Brown Taylor

**Wednesday, April 2 at 12 and 6:15 p.m.

Author, teacher, and Episcopal priest; new book *Coming Down to Earth* will be out in 2026



Jeff Chu

**Wednesday, April 2 at 6:15 p.m. and Thursday, April 3

Marcus Borg Endowed Speaker

Journalist, author, preacher, and teacher; editor-at-large at *Travel+Leisure*; author of *Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay*



Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America and the forthcoming *Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand*; co-author, with the late Rachel Held Evans, of *Wholehearted Faith*

Dorothy Sanders Wells

Friday, April 4

Eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi; former rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown



Micah Greenstein

Wednesday, April 9

Regarded as "Memphis's rabbi"; Temple Israel's eighth senior rabbi



Christopher B. Davis

Thursday, April 10

President of LeMoyne-Owen College; pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Holmes Road



Padraig O'Tuama

**Thursday, April 10 at 6:15 p.m. and Friday, April 11

Poet, peacemaker, and storyteller from Ireland; new books include *Kitchen Hymns* and *44 Poems on Being with Each Other*



Learn more at calvarymemphis.org/lent



LENT
at CALVARY

THE WAFFLE SHOP

March 6-April 11, 2025

WEDNESDAYS through FRIDAYS: 11 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Download the entire menu at calvarymemphis.org/waffleshop.

It's been 97 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. Waffle Shop has become the ultimate annual comfort food for many, and we can't wait to see you again in 2025!

Groups of 10+ can make reservations in advance by calling 901-525-6602. Not able to stay? Get it to go!

DIALOGUE: The Lenten Preaching Series Podcast recorded live

March 12, 19, and 26 • April 2, 9, and 10**

WEDNESDAYS | 6:15-7:15 p.m.

** A special Thursday evening with Pádraig Ó Tuama

In addition to the noontime experience, Calvary offers Dialogue: The Lenten Preaching Series Podcast, recorded live at Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, each Wednesday. You are invited to these live podcast recordings with our guests each Wednesday evening. Attendees also will have the opportunity for a Q & A session with our speaker following the podcast recording.

March 12: Jericho Brown

March 19: Mihee Kim-Kort

March 26: Jemar Tisby

April 2:

Barbara Brown Taylor & Jeff Chu

April 9:

Honoring the memory of the brilliant urban thinker and Calvary parishioner Tommy Pacello, the Rev. Scott Walters will host a conversation with Todd Richardson of Crosstown Arts and Stuart Harris of Constellation Properties. Both are practicing Christians who believe that how we attend to the built environment has a great impact on human flourishing.

April 10: Pádraig Ó Tuama

A special Thursday evening event

VESTRY RETREAT

by Bill Bangham
and MC Hitt



Early on a recent Saturday morning in January, Clay Woemmel found himself chasing his dogs, Gracie and Caroline, through his neighborhood in his pajamas with a fistful of bacon in his hand. They had escaped the house in an unguarded moment and were playing a delightful—for them—game of catch-me-if-you-can.

Gracie and Caroline like bacon.

Once the dogs were corralled, Clay pulled himself together

and raced from his East Memphis home toward Second and Adams. On Second, a block from the Calvary, he got a speeding ticket.

It was not the best beginning of the annual Calvary vestry retreat for Clay. But as Kat Gordon, founder of Muddy's Bake Shop, one of this year's Lenten preachers, and facilitator for the retreat reminded us, we all come with baggage. We carry with us things needed to be done that

are left undone, and others that we anticipate, some with pleasure or others with dread. All are part of the minutia and drama of our lives.

That morning, Kat asked us to center ourselves and be present for the next few hours.

Her request was met with silence and affirmation. Two vestry members admitted their biggest problem would be ignoring their thoughts—the "gerbils"—constantly swirling in their heads. She reminded us

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this was the only time this vestry would exist. Each year, five adults and one youth rotate off, and six new members join those left to form a new vestry.

The vestry is a representative body. It is a reflection of the church. Some are young, others old. Some work, others are retired. Some are students. Some have partners. Others are single. Gender identification and lifestyle vary. The vestry is as varied as Calvary is as a church.

Kat asked that this not be a day of setting an agenda for the coming year—or crafting a five-year plan—but a time of visioning, exploring possibilities, and considering what we would like to see for the coming year.

The question of how we define the vestry arose. Several key elements were initially set down:

- a decision-making, representative body;
- that conducts the business of the church;

- who knows the dirt, and;
- can answer and ask questions.

By the end of the day—after thought exercises led by Kat, much discussion, and breaking apart and meeting in small groups—the list expanded dramatically:

- a listening body that is non-reactive, respectful, empathetic, and calm;
- that is open to and expects surprises, particularly within our new space, a clean slate—a tabula rasa—which will begin to be filled in unexpected ways;
- while unified in our diversity;
- striving to understand patience and urgency and knowing the difference between the two; and,
- are better friends at the end than at the beginning.

Plus elements within our church life to foster:

- community—both internal and external—recognizing big communities are made up of many small ones;

- continuing as a safe place of acceptance that prizes love over hate;
- that values our worship, liturgy, sacraments, and music;
- is open to mystery and thanks; and,
- receives communion, as well as gives it.

This was not the first Calvary vestry retreat that Kat has led. She facilitated the January 2020 retreat. At that retreat, she asked the vestry to imagine every possible thing they wanted to do if money or feasibility were not factors.

“She then asked us to imagine if the floor fell out, and none of it was possible,” said Scott, our rector. “She asked, what is at the core of all the plans you created?”

Neither Kat nor the rest of the world could have imagined that the floor would fall out. In March of that year, the COVID-19 pandemic struck. “We could not even meet together physically as a church,” said Scott. “The vestry did indeed have to fall back on the core of the plans that Kat asked them to create.”

Scott described Kat facilitating this year’s retreat as fitting—putting a bookend on the past five years—the challenges of COVID-19 met and the renovation of our building nearing completion.

When the retreat ended, most of the vestry lingered. Some stood talking in groups of two or three. Others roamed our newly renovated building together. For Senior Warden Jessica Flynn, the retreat went beyond her expectations.

“I’m so happy with how this year’s vestry retreat went,” she said. “Everyone was so engaged and thoughtful.”

“I’m really excited about the year ahead for Cavalry and our greater community. We’ve laid the foundation for the essential work of this coming year—and most importantly—laid the foundations of friendship among the vestry members.”

EMMANUEL MEAL THRIVES IN NEW SPACE

by Nathan Brasfield



This past fall, the 2024 Emmanuel Meal approached us in a way it hadn't for the many years that the Calvary community has put it on because we

weren't sure where to have it! Due to ongoing renovations inside the church building, spaces in other church buildings in the area were considered as possible venues for this annual holiday meal for our downtown neighbors who appreciate a warm meal. But after kicking around possibilities for a little while, an impromptu meeting in the staff break room one day sparked an idea: "What if we had it outside?"

So, this idea became a reality on December 16 from noon to 2 p.m.—still in the season of Advent but with the Christmas season rapidly approaching. As an alternative to the traditional

turkey dinner with all the fixings served in previous years, Chef Mary O'Brien and her team prepared a delicious turkey chili that was warmed in big pots over propane and served with cornbread and a few other snacks distributed in paper sacks decorated by our youth.

Coffee and hot chocolate were made available to the guests as they came to line up where they were able to check in and receive a name tag, pick up their reusable grocery bag containing a beanie, gloves, and hand warmers, receive their meal, and sit down to enjoy it under the big tent covering the grassy area filled with tables and chairs. Inside, the Deborah Swiney Trio (booked for the occasion by Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Kristin Lensch) provided live music, including some holiday tunes. All of it was contained in just about a perfect set-up in the courtyard between the Welcome Inn and the main building, all envisioned and executed by Manager of Facilities Richard Hendricks.

Upon finishing their meal, some guests took advantage of resources made available by the Shelby County Health Department and the

Hospitality Hub. These resources included information about local health services, mental health support, and housing assistance. Some guests also received flu and COVID vaccines from representatives from Walgreens.

As we cleaned up and in the days that followed, the resounding sentiment was one of joy and warmth. Guests appreciated the outdoor setting and departed with smiles on their faces. Volunteers and Calvary staffers alike remarked on the communal spirit that permeated the event. It was a truly enjoyable, fun, and joyful experience for all.

The 2024 Emmanuel Meal was truly a community ministry at Calvary in action. It was generous and thoughtful, and it was an exercise to meet our neighbors where they are. We aim to do this as well as we can every Sunday morning when our volunteers open the clothes closet and serve breakfast for approximately 200 people.

I give thanks to the many volunteers who signed up and showed up for the guests by taking care of various jobs to make the meal a smooth process, and I give thanks to everyone who donated so that we met our goal of \$7,000 to cover the costs of the meal, the gift bags, and other materials—including the big tent! And I give thanks to everyone, especially the Calvary staff, for their flexibility in ensuring that the 2024 Emmanuel Meal lacked absolutely nothing—even when we were without a kitchen and dining room! I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our guests, whose presence and participation made the event truly special.

It is really amazing what happens when this community comes together to give with generous hearts. May that same spirit see us through the rest of the year to the 2025 Emmanuel Meal!



photos by Bill Bangham

A NEW SEASON IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Jocelyn Busby



As Calvary's breathtaking renovations end, new spaces inspire expanded Children's and Family Ministry offerings. Beginning in March, the children's wing will welcome those aged 0-5th grade in fresh and intentional ways. When lecturing on Bible pedagogy and Christian formation for children and youth, Dr. Roger Nishioka of Berkeley Episcopal Seminary at Yale explains that "The power of small groups creates a sense of belonging and enables connection." This driving principle is the basis for our vision and design on the reinvigorated second floor.

A team of reliable and faithful leaders will teach Godly Play on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Godly Play is a group

effort and consists of four steps: listening, wondering, reflecting, and feasting. Just as Early Christians met to gather, pray, eat, and share, we invite your child to join us! Children will be grouped with age-mates to explore the stories of our faith. Grades K-1 will meet in Room 203 and will be led by Karyn Bondi and Jordan Edmundson. Second and third graders will gather in Room 202 and be guided by Casey & Logan Graves, Dana Sue Percer, and Greg Busby. Fourth and fifth graders will convene in Room 201 and will be led by Emily Smith, Jennifer Shiberou, and Rachel Welcher. Our devoted volunteers have committed to an increased frequency to strengthen the relational

aspect of children's formation at Calvary. They are revving up to welcome your children, explore the Bible, and form connections.

Additionally, our experienced nursery team will tailor their program to small groups. Babies aged 0-2 will enjoy free play, songs, and stories in the new Church Nursery, where a beautiful glass wall provides welcome and visibility. Children aged 3 through 5 will gather in Room 204 for Little Lambs, a new Sunday School program for preschoolers led by Robbie Phillips. Little Lambs will provide an enriching space for older nursery children to grow together and with God. Both spaces will be open from 7:45 a.m. to noon on Sundays. The Nursery will also be available on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Calvary's Children and Family Ministries look forward to providing new opportunities for families at Calvary. On February 9, we hosted the Special Friends Fellowship Group at their Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. Thanks to Ainsley & Battle Beasley, Karyn Bondi, Greg Busby, Emily Smith, Rhoda Smith, and Scott Walters for their dedication and support! On March 22 and April 26, Sun and Fun: Parents' Coffee and Playdates will resume at Overton Park from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We are grateful to Molly & Wes Nelson for serving as our playdate hosts. On Easter morning, April 20, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Calvary's new green space following the 9 a.m. worship service. Many thanks to our Egg Hunt committee, Bailey Fountain, McKenzie Scofield, and Maggie Morgan-Smith!

Lastly, a new living room dedicated to welcome, comfort, and conversation has been added in Rooms 205/206. It will serve as a multi-purpose space for groups, families, and individuals and will be a permanent home for Children's Chapel.

With hope and love, we invite you to join us for any and all of the offerings described above. We are confident that you will glory in the fabulous, soothing, eye-catching renovations, and we offer this new programming to live into them fully. It is our credence that faith formation and family fellowship events cultivate belonging and provide fondness and celebration for all! We welcome all who are interested to join us as we grow in faith by gathering in God's name.



HAPPENINGS AT CALVARY

(top row): Volunteers and guests at Calvary's Emmanuel Meal

(middle row, from left): Emmanuel Meal volunteers Margaret McLean and Elizabeth Colbeck; Acolytes on Christmas Eve; the blessing of the stuffed animals on the Feast of St. Francis

(bottom row, from left:) Calvary Off-Campus gathering at the home of Kate & Coleman Connell; children and youth participants in the Christmas Eve pageant



IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Great Expectations

Ainsley & Battle Beasley

New Life

Eleanore Logan Solum Ball, daughter of Sarah & Erik Ball - 12/4/2024

Isla Elizabeth Barzizza, granddaughter of Tom Barzizza - 12/9/2024

Saints Departed

Becky Adams, friend of Martin Jellinek

Sandra Askew, friend of Kendra Martin

Steven Bercier, friend of Kendra Martin

Breen Bland, friend of Sarah Squire

Michael Brown, partner of Cary Schwartz

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Suzy Young, friend of Nancy Manire

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; And 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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HOLY WEEK AND

Easter

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 8 & 10:30 A.M.
LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17
5:45 P.M. AGAPE MEAL • 7 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18
10:30 A.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS LED BY THE DOK
12 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
12:45 P.M. WAY OF THE CROSS IN DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 19, 7 P.M. LITURGY

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20
7:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
9 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II WITH CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
11 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II WITH CHILDREN'S CHAPEL