

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2012

Calvary Baptist Church  
Washington, DC



⊕ Gospel Lesson (p. 820)      Mark 9:2-9      Eva Powell  
This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER      No. 182  
*Transform Us*  
PICARDY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER      Edgar Palacios  
*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as  
we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

SERMON      *The Rules of Improv:*      John Ballenger  
*Always Be Supportive*

MUSICAL REFLECTION      Cheryl Branham

SERVICE OF GIVING  
Invitation to Give and to Serve      Chuck Andreatta  
Musical Offering      *Ain'-A That Good News*      Sanctuary Choir  
Spiritual / arr. William L. Dawson (1899 - 1990)

⊕ Hymn of Dedication      No. 50  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

⊕ Prayer of Dedication      Chuck Andreatta

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP      Jason Smith

⊕ Hymn of Invitation      No. 631  
*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
LIFT EVERY VOICE

*During the Hymn of Invitation, we invite you to come forward if you would like to make a public commitment to Christ or wish to join our family of faith.*

⊕ Welcoming New Members  
*We give thanks that you have been guided by the hand of God to this community of faith. We pledge to love each other and to work to grow into the fullness of Christ together. Amen.*

⊕ BENEDICTION      Edgar Palacios

POSTLUDE      *Adagio non troppo*      John Dautzenberg  
Alexandre Pierre François Boëly (1785 - 1858)  
*We invite you to sit quietly and listen, or you may exit quietly.*

Following worship, please join us in Woodward Hall, located to the left as you exit the Sanctuary, for fellowship and refreshments.

Visitors, we look forward to greeting you as honored guests.

Audio enhancement devices and Spanish/English Bibles are available for use during worship. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The readings for February 26, First Sunday in Lent, are Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15.

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

The Antrainor family, friends of Katie and Ryan Harvey; family and friends of Marty Auman who passed away February 14; Eloise Brunnemer, great aunt of Cheryl Branham; Sandra Harvey, aunt of Ryan Harvey; Betty Mein; William B. Mills, friend and colleague of Cheryl Branham; Dwayne Pinkney, and family, whose great uncle, Fred Leon Tyree, passed away recently; Dee Robbins (contact the church office for current address); Dr. Nadia Sarafova–Fortunova, mother of Liubov Russell; Doris Vermilya.

### **WORSHIP**

#### **THE RULES OF IMPROV: A GUIDE TO LIFE IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**



Throughout the season following Epiphany, we're using rules of improvisational acting to examine the texts, to learn how we might live more intentionally in Christian community, and to explore what it means to be a member at Calvary.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** The Lenten season begins this Wednesday, February 22, with two opportunities for worship and Imposition of Ashes—noon and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us!

**PROMISES, PROMISES** Beginning next Sunday, and through the season of Lent, we'll explore the idea of covenant: *What promises do we make to God? What promises does God make to us?* As we consider spiritual disciplines and reflections of Lent, we'll explore God's promises in the Hebrew lectionary texts. Join us as we discover the promises we make with God in our lives.



### **TODAY**

**MARTHA STEARNS MARSHALL PULPIT EXCHANGE** Today we welcome Rev. Dr. John Ballenger to our pulpit, while Pastor Amy preaches in his pulpit at Woodbrook Baptist Church in Baltimore. He is a member of Pastor Amy's planning group which meets annually to work on sermons for an entire season of preaching. Welcome, Dr. Ballenger!

**PASTOR LEAH** is preaching this morning at Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco, as their Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher.

**JOURNEY: A THINKING FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** Today we wrap up our series on wisdom literature. Next Sunday, we begin a study on Lenten sermons preached by Barbara Brown Taylor. Join us at 9:45 a.m. in Kendall Hall.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** If you love to sing, Sanctuary Choir is for you! Join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for rehearsal in the Sanctuary, then stay on to sing with us in worship. All are welcome!

### COMING UP

**CHURCH OFFICES** will be closed tomorrow, Monday, **February 20** in recognition of Presidents' Day.

**CALVARY PRESENTS... FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB** Noontime concerts are free and open to the public, each Friday in the Chapel.

**CALVARY YOUTH SKI TRIP** Join Calvary's youth next Saturday, **February 25**, as we venture to Liberty Mountain Lodge to spend the day on skis and snowboards. Contact Jason Smith if you would like to join as a youth or chaperone.

**CALVARY CONVERSATION, CAMP FRASER CHALLENGES AND PROMISE** Join us next Sunday, **February 26**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel as the Camp Fraser Task Force reports on their efforts to meet the challenges of sustaining Camp Fraser, and meet representatives from Living Classrooms, a potential partner to operate and provide programming in accordance with our mission.

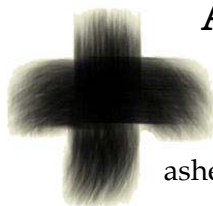
**MUSIC FOR KIDS** We're back! Kids of all ages, grab a snack after worship each Sunday, then come to the Music Suite, 12:30–1:00 p.m., for movement, singing and fun. Cheryl Branham leads Music for Kids each Sunday during Lent, beginning next Sunday, **February 26**. Remember families, these weekly meetings prepare us to sing in worship on Palm Sunday, so stick around and join us every week!

**FESTIVAL CHOIR** Looking for a Lenten discipline that's also a great way to celebrate resurrection? Easter Festival Choir is for you! Join us in rehearsals beginning next Sunday, **February 26**, 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the Music Suite (childcare is available). We'll rehearse for six weeks, then sing in worship on Easter Day. Youth and adults are welcome! Contact Cheryl Branham for information.

**LOVE LETTERS** Calvary's Diaconate has started a new initiative. Get-well, sympathy, birthday and thinking of you cards are available in Woodward Hall each Sunday, ready to sign or add a personal note. Look for the table and add your name to a love letter from Calvary.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK** As we celebrate 150 years of breaking bread together at Calvary Baptist Church, we are working on a cookbook filled with our favorite recipes, as well as favorites from Calvary cookbooks of years past. If you have a recipe to share, an old Calvary cookbook, or if you'd like to join the cookbook team, talk with John Duffell, [duffell@gmail.com](mailto:duffell@gmail.com).

**WE NEED YOU ON THE USHERING TEAM** Are you looking for a way to welcome visitors and to meet more Calvary members? Perhaps you're interested in volunteering, but don't have time to spare? Serving as an usher might be the perfect match for you! Ushering is fun and easy, and with enough volunteers requires a commitment only once monthly. To volunteer as an usher or to learn more, contact Courtney Rice, [courtney.rice@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.rice@gmail.com).



## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Services at noon and 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary as we come together for solemn worship, prayer and the imposition of ashes. Be sure to invite friends, family and co-workers to one of these special services.

### CALVARY SMALL GROUPS, SPRING 2012

**CALVARY STITCH ALONG** Enjoy an afternoon of knitting, crocheting, conversation and crafts, meeting one Sunday each month, **12:30–2:00 p.m.** Watch the bulletin and the *Caller* for dates and room locations.

**THEOLOGY ON DRAFT** Join us Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Asian Spice, 8th and H, NW. Starting **Tuesday, February 28**, we'll discuss The Lord's Prayer line by line. Email Pastor Leah for information.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORDS** resumes **February 29**, with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in G319. As we begin our Lenten series, *Feast*, bring a dish that means something in your life and be prepared to share why. As we continue on Wednesday nights through Lent we will work with elements adapted from the book, *Feast for the Journey: A Creative Path for Cultivating and Celebrating a Life that Matters*, by Karen Lee Turner. If you are looking for a small group that will welcome you as you try on five weeks of Lenten practice, this may be the group for you!

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP** We meet in homes, so stay tuned for more information about events! To join the listserv, email Myra Houser, myra.ann.houser@gmail.com or Rachel Johnson, rnoelj@gmail.com.

**THEOLOGY AND POP CULTURE** resumes **Sunday, March 11**, with more West Wing episodes and discussion. We meet in homes, so please consider hosting us one night. Email Pastor Leah for info.

**ANOTHER SMALL GROUP?** Is there a topic you want to explore? Maybe you'd love to host a group in your neighborhood? We're always creating new groups around here. If you're dreaming up a small group, contact Pastor Leah and let's make it a reality!

*We are an ecumenical, multi-racial, multi-ethnic Christian body that reaches out to the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. To that end we strive to be welcoming, responsive, trusting and prayerful in everything we do.*

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