

IN-PERSON WORSHIP | CULTO EN PERSONA

9 de agosto | August 9, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

CALVARY DC

Watch live at
facebook.com/calvarydc

CALVARY CREATES!



Verano en Calvary | Summer at Calvary

Preludio | Prelude

We'll Walk in the Light

Chris Urquiaga, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

*Canción | Opening Song

This Little Light of Mine | Esta Lucecita

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine.**

**Esta lucecita,
La dejaré brillar.
Esta lucecita,
La dejaré brillar.
Esta lucecita,
La dejaré brillar.
Brillará, brillará,
Brillará.**

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Claudia Moore, Deacon

In the beginning,
Before anything else was made,
God said:
Let there be light!
And there was light,
And it was good.

Sometimes light flashes like lightning.
Sometimes light flickers like a flame.
All light is a miracle.
All light guides our path.

Let us worship the God who spoke light into being,
And whose light shines in us.

*La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**

*Respondemos Juntos | Responding Together

Make Us One | Haznos Uno

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Maria

**Congregation stands in body and/or in spirit. La congregación se pone de pie en persona o en espíritu.
Para traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.*

Ofrendas | Offertory

The First Day of Creation, #54

Chris Urquiaga, piano

Please visit <http://www.calvarydc.org/give>. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice tracing back to the early church. As followers of Jesus began re-imagining their allegiance to God and not Caesar, they also chose to share their money, time, and resources in ways that disrupted systems of power and violence around them. As a community of faith shaped by this intention as we strive to be radically inclusive, progressive, and multicultural, we pray that our commitments might free you to give to this place both joyfully and intentionally.



Oraciones del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

Claudia Moore, Deacon

Canción | Scripture Refrain

Many Are the Lightbeams, #492

**Many are the lightbeams from the one light.
Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the lightbeams from the one light;
We are one in Christ.**

**Many are the members, the body is one
Members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one;
We are one in Christ.**

Lectura | Scripture and Special Introduction

Genesis 1:1-5

Pastor Maria

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

--

En el principio creó Dios los cielos y la tierra. ²Y la tierra estaba desordenada y vacía, y las tinieblas estaban sobre la faz del abismo, y el Espíritu de Dios se movía sobre la faz de las aguas. ³Y dijo Dios: Sea la luz; y fue la luz. ⁴Y vio Dios que la luz era buena; y separó Dios la luz de las tinieblas. ⁵Y llamó Dios a la luz Día, y a las tinieblas llamó Noche. Y fue la tarde y la mañana un día.

Música Especial | Special Music

The Storm is Passing Over

Chris Urquiaga, soloist

Una Obra Especial | A Special Performance

"Life with Lightning"

written by Jodi Smith

performed by Jodi Smith and Jeannine Deem Purdy

*Himno | Departing Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other, #487

Please sing all four stanzas.

***Bendición | Benediction**

Pastor Sally

Postludio | Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, #66

Chris Urquiaga, piano

Sign up for our weekly newsletter, **Latest Happenings**.
Visit calvarydc.org and select "Sign up for Updates."

Contact the **Deacon of the Week**, Claudia Moore,
cjmoorekn@aol.com with your cares and concerns.



Livestream available on all In-Person Sundays— facebook.com/CalvaryDC.

Join us from home on Zoom for Holiday Virtual Sundays—
bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC or watch the livestream at link above.

Next Virtual Sunday— Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!— Calvary's annual Retreat at Camp Fraser will take place on **Sunday, September 20**. Please make plans to join us for a day of fellowship and fun!

Theology on Zoom— Calvary Book/Study group is now **Theology on Zoom**! We will continue to "Screen-In" on the **4th Thursday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm**. The next gathering is **Thursday, August 20**. Join us! Our conversations will explore [For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional](#). If you have questions or wish to receive email updates, please reach out to Becky Vaughn (becky@beckyvaughn.org.)

Calvary Creates!

A Five-Week Summer Series on Creativity as a Spiritual Gift

On the seventh day, God may have rested, but that doesn't mean God was finished creating! This August, the Calvary community will explore and celebrate the gift of creativity imbued in each and every one of us.

August 2 — Introduction: Co-Creators with God

We open the series reflecting on what it means to be made in the image of a Creator — and called, in turn, to create alongside God. We'll also celebrate a baby dedication, a fitting reminder that creation is always ongoing.

August 9 — “Life with Lightning”

A one-act play written by our own Jodi Smith, drawn from her experience as a mother raising a son on the autism spectrum. A brief synopsis here— *Set inside a therapist's office during a raging thunderstorm, Life with Lightning offers an intimate look into the complexities of special-needs parenting. As Jenna navigates a session with her therapist, Rachel, she untangles the dance between grief and joy in raising her eleven-year-old autistic son, Lincoln. Sparked by Lincoln's fascination with light and the symbolism of the Statue of Liberty, the story becomes one of resilience, isolation, and love without words — a celebration of the small joys that illuminate the dark.*

August 16 — Celebrating the Quilt-Making of Calvary's Women's Missionary Society

We're so grateful to WMS for all the way they extend God's love and care to so many in the community. This Sunday, we'll celebrate the beautiful, faithful handiwork of the women who have spent months stitching beauty for others.

August 23 — A Special Hymn-Sing Sunday

Led by our very own Tim Shaw and featuring some of his own songwriting compositions alongside beloved favorites. It'll be a morning of song shaped by a songwriter in our own congregation.

August 30 — A Potluck Celebration

One of the most profound ways we can create is at the table! We'll gather for worship in Woodward Hall for a potluck brunch (bring your favorite dish!) and we'll get the gift of a shared meal nourish the creative spark within us all!

OUR LABOR TOGETHER | A Mission Statement

We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community of Christ followers committed to the sacred work of anti-racism, social justice, and radical inclusion.

OUR BELOVEDNESS | A Values Statement

We affirm that God celebrates the creative diversity of God's kin-dom, loving people of every color, faith, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. It matters that people who have been historically marginalized by the Christian church in America see themselves listed here as God's beloved. In other words, **you** are our values statement.

- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people of faith to keep saying, and living, this truth.
- We believe no human being is "illegal," and as a Sanctuary Church, we fully welcome and support people of all immigration statuses.
- We believe LGBTQ+ lives are sacred, beautiful, and ought to be fully included and affirmed in all aspects of congregational life and leadership.
- We celebrate that our worshipping life is multi-lingual and multi-dimensional, especially shaped by Latin American, particularly Salvadoran, traditions, and the Historic Black Church tradition.
- We value interfaith inclusion and welcome people of any and all faith traditions to find a home here.
- We value people for who they are and not for their role in an economy where wealth accumulates and people struggle to live.
- We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the Piscataway, Anacostan, and Nacotchtank Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We believe that the earth is sacred and that we must continue to learn how to be better caretakers of the land we inhabit.
- We value diverse theological voices which have long stood on the margins within the Christian tradition in America.

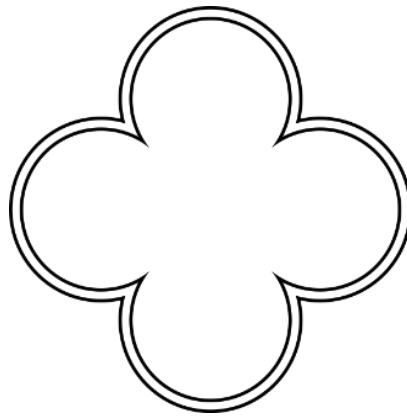
OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work of anti-racism and decolonization, both within ourselves and in the world. Ultimately, we commit to this labor as a *joyful* act of discipleship that leads us ever deeper into the Gospel of liberation and life.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New this week: Family and friends of Doris Washington, Desmond Thompson's mother

Sherry Reid, Jackie Wright's mother; Lena Lenrova, friend of Liubov Russell; Karla Fahey; Manuel Torres; Francisco Pereira; Barbara Rice, Courtney Miller's mom; Nik Andonov, friend of Liubov and Chuck Russell; Dan Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's father; Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; For peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Afghanistan, and Yemen; Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; People targeted with hate crimes; Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil; Our collective response to resisting white supremacy; Victims of terror everywhere.



CHURCH STAFF

Sally Sarratt (she/her)

Maria Swearingen (she/her)

Mahogany Thomas (she/her)

Shiowei Cheng (she/her)

Jojo Angdisen (he/him)

Senior Co-Pastor (ssarratt@calvarydc.org, ext. 121)

Senior Co-Pastor (mswearingen@calvarydc.org, ext. 103)

Womanist Theologian in Residence (mthomas@calvarydc.org)

Children/Youth/Congregational Coordinator (scheng@calvarydc.org)

Facilities and Operations Coordinator (jangdisen@calvarydc.org)

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

755 Eighth Street NW
Washington DC 20001

202.347.8355
www.calvarydc.org