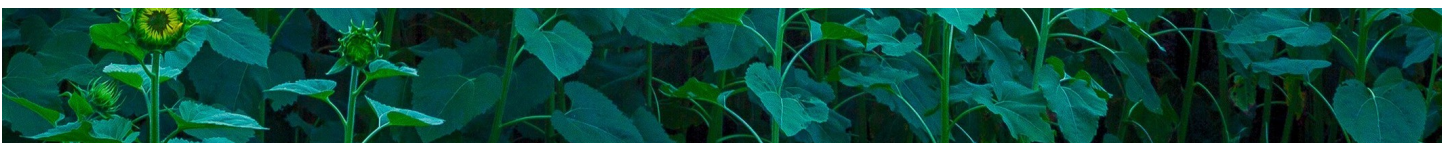




**The Clarion April 2020
Calvary Presbyterian Church**



Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice, and our roots



What that it means to say humans are created in the image of God?

The Biblical accounts of creation portray humans as created by the power of God (Gen. 1-2). The Scripture also indicates that humans are created "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:26-27). Most basically, this defines who humans are. We are creatures of God and created in and for a relationship with God.

There have been various ways of understanding what the phrase "image of God" means. Some have said we should understand it in terms of the characteristics that humans share with God. These would include things like rationality, freedom, dominion, and so on. Some have made a distinction between the "image" of God and the "likeness" of God, since Gen. 1:26 says: "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." In this view, "image" relates to our intellect or reason and "likeness" to our righteousness," or relationship with God.

There is no one Presbyterian view on this matter. Most simply, we can understand the idea that humans are created in the "image of God" if we say that we are created to enjoy a relationship with our creator. As humans, we are inextricably connected to God our creator. We are not intended by our creator to live isolated lives.

Also, we can read "image of God" as verb. As humans we are "to image" God. We are to reflect and represent God our creator.

The most important fact of our human condition is that all persons are created to live in relationship with our creator and we are all created to point toward God, or "mirror" God, so that we "image" God. When people see us, they should see God reflected in us. This is God's intention in creating us. It is seen clearly in Jesus. Our sad story, as humans, is that the image of God in us has been spoiled by sin.

-from Donald K. McKim, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*

Birthdays

Maxfield Dube	4/6
Devon Douglas	4/9
Jeff Bruce	4/10
Donna Heselbarth	4/15
Kelly Douglas	4/16
Lorenz von Bibra	4/16
Cynthia Zack	4/26
Reiko Furuta	4/26

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Church Staff is working remotely, but the church's phone number has been forwarded, so someone will answer.

If you need help, here is a list of people willing to run an errands for you.

Linda Kopperud (626) 429-6719

Ashley Roque (818) 934-6908

Megan Guerrero (213) 840-5908

Susan Shaver Kane (818) 439-2625

Nathana Schooler (323) 222-3417

Pat Martinez-Miller (310) 420-9054

Cathy Riley (323) 702-6806

Maribel Valadez (323) 747-0244

Creating Our New Normal

During this season of crisis and disruption, we want to provide our church family with some helpful suggestions and resources to help you strengthen your faith and impact your local community. While we aren't able to gather together on Sunday mornings, we are still able to grow together as a church family and be a faithful witness to the hope we have in Christ.

Ideas and Resources

1. Draw near to God for He cares for you.
 - a. Watch Rev. Millason's "Fireside chats" posted every Sunday on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
 - b. Develop your quiet time with God by reading Scripture and spending time in prayer.
 - c. Worship with your Calvary family by singing along with the [Calvary Church choir](#).
 - d. Pray each day asking God how God would have you care for your neighbors around you. Ask God to strengthen the Church to bring peace to our global and local communities in this time of crisis.
2. Develop a new routine.
 - a. Set a new schedule that includes 1-2 daily walks.
 - b. Set small and doable goals for yourself and your family.
 - c. Catch up on reading the books on your nightstand. (Check out Millason's suggested reading list on the church website)
3. Reach out to others.
 - a. Use FaceTime, Google Hangouts or the phone to call and connect with loved one and friends.
 - b. Join the church's closed Facebook group, "Calvary Presbyterian Church Family."
 - c. Be intentional about updating your friends and family on how you are doing.
 - d. Download the [Nextdoor app](#) to see how you can serve your neighbors in need.
 - e. Write letters to your neighbors that include your phone number and ask you how you can be of help. Check out these [ready-made cards](#) that many are using.
4. Stay active
 - a. Do a group workout online.
 - b. Go for walks.
 - c. Stretch.
 - d. Do projects around your home.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH CHAT

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY FROM
12-1PM ON ZOOM



Join us every Wednesday from 12-1pm with your favorite mug full of coffee as we chat about a virtue of the Christian faith. Tomorrow we'll be talking about gratitude and sharing with others about what is giving us joy in this season of disruption and crisis. Meditate on this:

“Being grateful all the time isn’t easy. But it’s when you least feel thankful that you are most in need of what gratitude can give you: perspective. Gratitude can transform any situation. It alters your vibration, moving you from negative energy to positive. It’s the quickest, easiest most powerful way to effect change in your life.” –Oprah Winfrey

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6759828821>

Meeting ID: 675 982 8821

*If you have any challenges with Zoom or would like assistance getting it set up, please contact Ashley at
626-799-7148, ext. 218*

ashley@cpcsouthpas.org

Mission Updates:

The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting “safer at home” orders have disrupted our lives and our plans. The Mission Committee remains committed to caring for our members and our neighbors through this uncertain time. Jesus’ commandment through Matthew 25:40 guides our work.

- Please continue to Support One Great Hour of Sharing. The Presbyterian Hunger Fund, The Self Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are all funded through OGHS. These organizations are already responding, and will have greatly increased requests for aid in the immediate future. We will work to quickly mobilize online donations to OGHS.
- We are working with our partners at Union Station and Door of Hope to see the best way to continue providing dinners.
- The Benevolence Fund continues to provide support to people needing food (and other) assistance. Please consider making an online donation to this fund so that we are able to support those who require assistance.
- We are collecting hygiene supplies for Angel Interfaith Network and the San Fernando Refugee Children’s Center. Those collections will continue when we can gather together. Online donations for this project are also welcome.
- The Eclectic Music Festival has been postponed by the City of South Pasadena.

Calvary Benevolence Fund:

This is a perfect time for the Church to broadcast hope and love. We know that our neighbors include those who are currently not able to work, or whose children are not receiving food assistance through schools at this time. The Church office phone is being checked, and Church Staff are checking phones and emails.

We have already responded to 2 urgent requests for food aid. PLEASE contact us if you or someone you know needs assistance.

Already tired of singing “happy birthday” twice through every time you wash your hands? We’re here for you! Here are some hymns/ worship songs where one verse takes between 20-28 seconds to sing:

Jesus' hands were kind hands
Morning has broken
The day you gave us, Lord, has ended
Doxology
The Lord's my shepherd
We sing a love that sets all people free
Behold! The mountain of the Lord
By cool Siloam's shady rill
This is the day
My song is love unknown
Be thou my vision

Or you can just sing the chorus of:
Here I am, Lord
How great Thou art
Great is Thy faithfulness
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind (Skye Boat Song)
Spirit of God, come dwell within me (“Jesus is living, Jesus is here...”)
Great Big God (2x through the chorus)
Blessed be your name (from “every blessing you pour out..”)

Maybe print the list and put it on the wall by the sink so you can choose a different one each time — hopefully we’re all washing our hands many times a day, so we can get a little praise in as well!





Keep a daily schedule that allows for time active play (games in the apartment) and walks outside.

Limit news coverage to 30 minutes in the morning and evening.

Take this time to teach them new skills: cooking, baking, gardening, etc.

Create a special place in your home for schoolwork so that it signals it's time to learn.

Pray out loud together as a family.

Check [out this article](#) on how to talk to your teen about the Coronavirus from the New York Times.

Practice self-care and self-compassion. These are challenging times and your children and youth need you at your best.

If your child or youth needs someone to talk to, call or email Ashley anytime – day or night 626-799-7148 ext. 218 ashley@cpcsouthpas.org



Network Partners:

Calvary Presbyterian Church's Sip'N'Stitch volunteers meet Saturday morning to create blankets for a variety of charities. Since 2008 they have stitched or knit and donated over 2200 blankets in our community and around the world, including 361 to Acts of Kindness at LAC+USC Medical Center.



Save the date for a Tardeada, a time of entertainment and delicious food, on May 31 held from 3 to 7pm at the Angel Interfaith Network Gate House.

Those We Serve:

Cristina is a single mother with two children. She is unable to work because of her illness and has been unable to pay her utility bill. Her social worker requested payment on her bill so the lights stay on.

Steven is a homeless patient receiving radiation in the oncology clinic for prostate cancer. His social worker requested a change of clothes, a food coupon and a hygiene kit for him.

Synya is a 27-year-old woman who gave birth to her first child at LAC+USC medical center. Her baby boy is being observed for respiratory issues. Synya is diabetic and is suffering from anxiety. She is from Bangladesh and is adjusting to our culture and language and to being a new mom. Her social worker asked for a baby basket and car seat. We were also able to refer to other agencies who can provide support.

Thanks to you, our faithful donors, Angel Interfaith Network was able to help these "neighbors" in need.

Urgent Needs:

How can you help? We need: volunteers with computer skills, particularly PowerPoint, marketing background, donor development experience, contacts among community and church groups to help us grow our network, and volunteers with just plain energy to dig in and get things done. Please call 323 409-6923 or contact: office@angelinterfaith.net. -Susan Brown, Council Member

Alert: We still need wheel chairs, large-5X clothing and shoes for men, and infant socks and car seats.



Become a Sustaining Angel:

<http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Boy Scout Meeting	2 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 10:30am Staff Meeting	4 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
5 8:30am Choir Rehearsal Palm Sunday 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour	6 7pm Boy Scouts 2:30 Traditional Committee 7pm Bible Study	7 7pm Women's Bible Study	10 10am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	13 8:30am Moms in Prayer Maundy Thursday Seder TBD	9 9am Pre-school Staff Meeting	11 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
12 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Easter Sunday Egg Hunt immediately following	13 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O. Chapter 7pm Bible Study	14 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Toastmasters	15 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Mission Meeting	16 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir	17 10 am Personnel Committee	18 9am Music Rehearsal 9am Sip N Stitch
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All calendar events are cancelled until further notice.



We are all in this together! We've temporarily converted our birdhouse library into a mini food bank of non-perishables in case someone is hungry and has ran out of food. We also have some fresh produce: lettuce, bok choy, and herbs.

There was no Session Retreat or Meeting in March.

March Financials

March Budgeted Income \$16,066.67
March Actual Income \$7,929.08
March Budgeted Expense \$37,037.38
March Actual Expense \$34,671.38
March Food Bank Expenses: \$50.00

*These amounts reflect the operating budget only. Income numbers are purely from Sunday offering. Investment and property numbers are not included.

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Sunday Worship:
Traditional: 10 am in the Sanctuary
Informal: 11 am in Fellowship Hall

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Church Office Hours:
9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday

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*At Calvary Presbyterian Church, Christ meets community:
Welcomes Everyone, Deepens Faith, Sends All ...to love and serve as Jesus did.*

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