

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

WELCOME TO CALVARY

YOU ARE GOD'S
BELOVED,
AND YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE.



Our Welcome Statement

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background – ***you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.***

Welcome to Calvary!

If you are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a "GET CONNECTED" card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

Families with Babies or Young Children

Families with babies or young children? We have a family area in the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys so your family can participate in the service.

How Do I Get Involved?

There are many ways you can become involved at Calvary United Methodist Church. If you have been promising yourself to join a small group experience for not just a continuing learning opportunity but also to meet new friends, please fill out a "Get Involved" card in the back of the pews. You can also email CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or visit our website at CalvaryPgh.com for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

PRAYER CONCERNS



*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer
and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.*

Philippians 4:6

Immediate Needs

Tom (friend of Anne Christianson)
Beth Ober and Family
Scott Siciliano (Pastor Shane's brother)
Chris Griffin
Hailey Mickens and Family
Jenalee Morris
Father of Liz Martinez
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)
Juan Martinez's Grandmother
Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova)
Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son)
Danny (Bova's cousin)
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)
Thomas Warnock (Susan Derouin's dad)
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
Paul Brucker
Joan Jessep
Joan Sturtz
Randy & Danny
Dan Souza
Tom Smith
Jared Burt

How Can We Pray For You?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at calvaryppgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

ADVENT 2022

“From Generation To Generation” — An Advent Message Series

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

Our Advent theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Considering the many ways we embody, remember, and tell the story of Christ’s birth, which rituals hold the most meaning for you? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won’t let you go.

Devotional Booklets can be found at each of the Welcome Tables. Please help yourselves to these Advent resources.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Fun Day

Today, Sunday, November 20 from 1:00-3:00pm

Come join us for a FREE family game day! Enjoy pizza, snacks, drinks, and board games! Come enjoy some games before the Steelers Game!!

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Calvary

Join us as we decorate Calvary for the upcoming Christmas season!

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27

Join us for morning worship at 11:00am.

Charge Conference

Wednesday, November 30 from 6:00-9:00pm in the Chapel

A meal will be provided prior to the meeting.

Kids Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3 from 1:00-3:00pm

Christmas Dinner - All Women Welcome!

Thursday, December 15 from 6:00-8:30pm

All women are invited to gather and celebrate the holidays with a night of food and festivities hosted by the Calvary United Women in Faith, on Thursday, December 15, at the Fabled Table Banquet Center. Cost is \$25. Join the fun with a "Regift Exchange". RSVP by Sunday, December 4 to Kathy Wagner at either 412-837-2081 or kbwagner47@gmail.com. Fabled Table is located at 1400 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

10th Annual Messiah Sing-Along Concert

Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 at 4:00pm

Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. Tickets are now available for purchase. Please see today's announcements for Sponsorship options.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24 at 4:30pm & 7:00pm

This year we will be having two services on Christmas Eve. One will be held at 4:30pm without a musical prelude. The other will be our normal 7:30pm service with special music beginning at 7:00pm.

Family Movie Night

Friday, January 13 from 6:30-9:30pm at Calvary

Movie is to be determined, but we will encourage families and church members to wear PJs and bring pillows/blankets for a true movie night feel!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Lay Leader — Shelley Rorher

Leader: The time of gathering is here.

All: **We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God’s many blessings to us.**

Leader: Open your hearts to God’s compassionate words of love.

All: **Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of helpful service to others.**

Leader: In Christ’s Name, we pray.

All: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn †* “We Gather Together” — #131 UMH

Opening Prayer † Lay Leader — Shelley Rorher

Community Greetings †

Children’s Message

Stewardship Moment

Prayer Hymn †* “Rock of Ages” — #361 UMH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer * #895 UMH

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture * Psalm 71:1-6, 17-24 NRSV

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. 3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. 6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you. 17 O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. 18 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. 19 Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? 20 You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. 21 You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again. 22 I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. 23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued. 24 All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.

Choral Response (Choir & Congregation) †* “Alleluia” — #2014 TFWS

The image shows a musical score for a choral response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first system shows the vocal line starting with a quarter note 'A', followed by eighth notes 'l', 'e', 'l', 'u', 'i', 'a', then a comma, and the sequence repeats. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the same melody and accompaniment.

Gospel †* John 15:1-9 NRSV

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

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Sermon "Being a Sap" — Rev. Myles Bradley

Choral Anthem The Renewal Choir

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH

**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!**

Offering Prayer †

Offering Our Stewardship for the Next Year

Closing Hymn †* "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" — #203 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Chapel

Description: *"Affirming the Scriptures of an Affirming God"* — How can we respond when people use verses of the Bible as a weapon? We can relearn the weaponized Scriptures in defense of love. We'll be looking at the Scriptures through the lens of welcoming, affirming, and accepting all people. Feel free to bring your Bible, but we also have more Bibles available.

Sunday School

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Description: Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes: (1) Ages 3-10, (2) Ages 11-15. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Choir Loft

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Time / Location: Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

Description: Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. A light array of foods and beverages will be served.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary Chapel

Description: There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

Messiah Festival Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 7:30-9:00pm / Calvary Sanctuary

Description: Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. All are welcome! No audition required!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN GRATITUDE — A Message from the Missions Committee

During this time of an inflated economy this wonderful congregation exceeded the 75 cans of cranberry sauce!! You gave 97!! The Northside Pantry had only 20 cans on their shelves so these were gratefully accepted with thankfulness. Praise on your "attitude of gratitude" for helping with our campaign to put "Thanksgiving on Every Table."

Read the Bible in Two Years — A Message from Pastor Shane

You are invited to join in a simple Bible reading plan that will help us read the whole Bible in two years! You can do it by reading approximately 15 minutes a day. In order to simplify and organize this process, I will be providing a bookmark for your reading time. This guide is designed to keep your place as you read through the Bible. By keeping this guide with your Bible and checking off each day's reading as you complete it, you will be able to follow a schedule that will enable you to read all the way through the Bible in two years. These bookmarks will be distributed every month over the next two years. The first bookmark will be included in next week's bulletin.

Messiah Sponsorships

Please review the Sponsorship Packages listed in the enclosed document as well as the additional opportunities we have available and consider how you can partner with us in offering this unique musical event. When you choose to sponsor this Community Christmas Concert, you are helping continue what has become a tradition at Calvary and in the Pittsburgh area. This year especially we need sponsorships to help cover the cost of producing this beloved event. No sponsorship or donation is too small (and none is too big 😊). We hope that you will consider reaching out to a local business for an ad or creating a booster listing for the choir. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brian Burns (bsburns77@aol.com or 724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com or 724-448-1429).

Messiah Tickets Are Now On Sale!

Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended to avoid the crunch at the door. Tickets can be purchased in a couple ways. Paper tickets will be for sale every Sunday during fellowship in the chapel following morning. Please see Karen Ferguson in the chapel to purchase. You can also purchase tickets on Eventbrite by going to CalvaryPGH.com and clicking on the "PURCHASE TICKETS" link in the banner at the top. We are asking that even "Free Admission" tickets be registered online if possible. We will be able to keep track of the audience count this way so we know how many printed tickets should be available. Ticket prices are as follows: General Admission—\$18, Students & Seniors (65 & over)- \$12, Free Admission—Children 12 & under, Members/veterans of the armed services, Firefighters, Police

Nursery Ministry — A Message from the Children & Youth Committee

Our nursery ministry can only continue if new volunteers sign up. If you are interested in volunteering occasionally in the nursery but are nervous to start, Brittany and Megan will be happy to train you and work with you. You can ease into this ministry. Just approach Brittany or Megan and say you would like to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias will decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service and can be taken home after the service. **The Order Form can be found on the back cover of today's bulletin as well as over the next few weeks. The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 11th.** Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Christmas Decorations Wanted

The Calvary United Women in Faith are asking for donations of used Christmas (only) decorations to be sold at the holiday shop in our Fellowship Hall during the Allegheny West Victorian House Tour on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. Items can be brought to the designated table in our Chapel from now until Wednesday, November 30. More details about the holiday shop later in November. Questions, contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com or Kim Butler at kimabutler4@gmail.com.

Lay Leaders and Liturgists

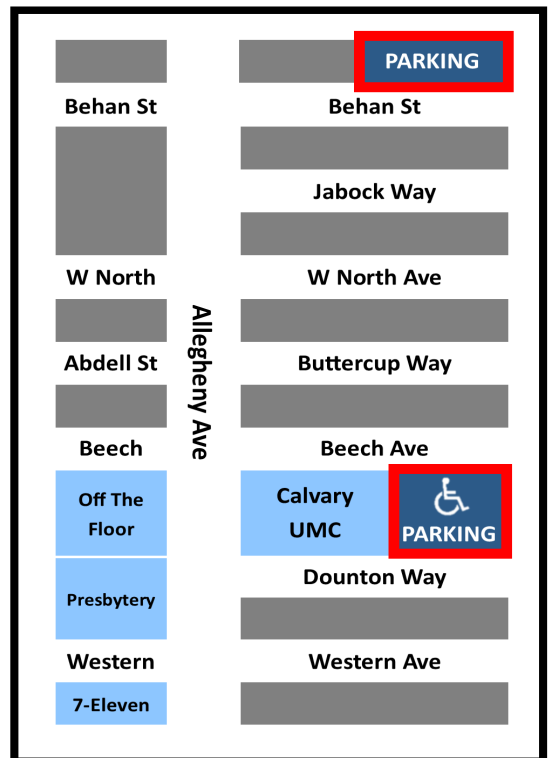
Liturgists serve an important role in worship. Liturgists help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the recitation of the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and it allows participants in worship to hear multiple voices speak from the pulpit. Please call the church office if you are interested or speak with Lynn Sevick.

Sunday 1:00pm Steeler Games

Greetings! Please see the map that lists directions to and where to park on Sundays when we do not have access to the lots next to and across from our church. Please be mindful that this lot is 5 blocks away from the church. Some of the sidewalks leading to and from this lot are red brick and are not flat. Please use caution when walking to and from this lot. If walking to and from this lot would be too difficult, park in the parking lot at the rear of the church which is also our handicap parking lot. Please note that you may get a parking ticket if you park on any street on Steeler Sundays. And, please do not pay to park in any of the parking lots charging money!

Special note about Handicap Parking:

The map lists where the church's handicap parking is located in the lot behind the church. The church's handicap ramp is also located in this lot. We encourage people not to park in the rear parking lot to allow people with special needs to have those parking spaces.



Poinsettia Order Form



Calvary UMC Christmas Poinsettia Sale — \$10.00

Poinsettias will decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service and can be taken home after the service. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 11th.** Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Name _____

Phone _____ Quantity _____

In Memory or Honor of... *(Please circle choice)*

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