CALVARY united methodist Church





JAN 7TH 2023 Yoy, are God's beloved. Yoy, are welcome here.



WELCOME TO CALVARY

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**.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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 better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

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

Mary Ewalt Colleen (daughter of Terri J.) Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter) The Family of Dan & Holly Pultz due to his sudden passina The Family of Mary Callison (Mary passed away recently) Marcia Webb (dear friend of Mark Snyder) Charles Foreman (Claudia's husband) Mayernik dauahters & arandfather Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne Hudson) Linda Trautman Megan MacDonald Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure (friends of Fred Ruddock) Venus' family Michelle (Venus' friend)

ONGOING CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz Judy Melvin Sara Belohavek Paul Brucker Rev. Tom Funk Martha Helmreich Tom Smith Dan Souza

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.

You can also complete the new "Prayer Request" form on the Calvary website at <u>calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php</u>. 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.

If you would like a card or email sent from the church to let people know we are praying for them, please give us an address or email.



PRELUDE



WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP ****** Liturgist — Megan Bova Leader: God of the weary traveler, our feet are dusty from the roads we've traveled this past week, this past year, every day of our lives.

- All: We've followed your star here, looking for a glimmer of hope. And now, after a long journey, we set our baggage down. We have arrived. We're here, and we're on holy ground.
- Leader: You may not show up where we expect you, but we trust that you are here nevertheless. Be known to us in the hope of the star, the peace of a baby snuggled in the manger, the joy of arrival, and Love that could not stay away.

All: We are here. You are here. And we are so very grateful. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER +*

All: God of today, tomorrow, and yesterday, like the Magi, we are seeking you. Like the Magi, we are bringing ourselves closer to you, step by step, and word by word. So today we ask that you would make yourself known to us. Reach into our spirits and give us a boost of confidence that love is real and we are not alone. We don't have gold or frankincense or myrrh. We haven't spent the last several days traveling here by camel. We're no Magi, but we're yours. Instead, we bring ourselves to this worship service in hopes of catching a glimpse of you. Holy God, you were the God of yesterday, and we know you'll be the God of tomorrow, for you have loved us from generation to generation. With grateful hearts, we pray together. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We are gathering change to support a monthly meal at Daily Bread. When the children come around, please give generously. When all of our "extra" change comes together, we can make a positive difference.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

- 1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem,
- 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage."
- 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him,
- 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
- 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:
- 6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "
- 7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
- 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
- 9 When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
- 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
- 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Order of Worship continued on following page. + Please stand as you are able | * Words on screen | Bold text is unison

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: Friends, we know what it feels like to look for God. We know what it feels like to turn our heads up to the sky, looking for stars, listening for a voice that calls us beloved.

I think that's part of why we end up here, because we are hoping that in the midst of this messy world we might catch a glimpse of God that will carry us through.

Well friends, I have good news. God is already here. Like a mighty wind, God is moving through this room. God is at this Table, inviting us forward.

So come to this Table with your questions and your doubts. Come with your joys and your gratitude. Come seeking, come hungry, come curious. Come open. Come not because you have to but because you can. Come with all of you, for there is room for you here.

This is God's Table; this is God's meal. You are beloved, so come.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANGSGIVING

Leader: God of today, tomorrow, and yesterday, As we begin this new year, we once again find ourselves looking for you. We long for the clarity of a star in the sky, or a voice in the clouds declaring your presence in our lives. So today we ask that you would make yourself known to us. Do what only you can do. Reach into our spirits to give us a boost of confidence that love is real and we are not alone. Remind us that we are beloved in your eyes.

> We know we're asking a lot for a group that brings very little. We don't have gold or Frankincense or Myrrh. We haven't thrown off our shoes to honor your holy ground. We haven't been baptized in the Jordan river. We haven't spent the last several days traveling here by camel. We're no Magi, Moses, or Messiah, but we're yours.

Instead, we bring ourselves to this Table—to your Table—in hopes of catching a glimpse of you. Speak to us in this bread. Speak to us in the cup. Speak to us through these star words. May these star words may be a tool that helps us look for you in the coming year.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On a different night, under a different set of stars, that same child, now grown and at the other end of his life, gathered his friends and they shared a meal. On THAT night, Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me." When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we remember the birth, the life, the ministry, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We join in his story, and boldly follow that star, as a people who await his coming again in glory.

Friends, we have been seeking, but God is here. Thanks be to God.

As you come forward to the altar, at the lead of our ushers, please kneel if you are able. The bread, which is gluten free, will be offered as well as the cup of grape juice. You are invited to dip your bread into the cup and then eat. As you rise to leave, please take a star word with you.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God of open horizons and open roads, like the Magi so many years ago, we are here, seeking you. Step by step, we have wandered into this space, into this hour, with the hope of feeling you in our midst. Step by step, you have seen us, claimed us, and called us beloved. Today we have drawn star words. For some, these words are full of meaning, challenge, and invitation already. For others, these words are a blank canvas—inviting you into our lives.

> So as a new year dawns, we pray that just as you have spoken to the generations before us, you would speak to us again. Allow us to use these star words as a tool that might help us hear you more clearly. May they guide us, as the star guided the Magi. And in a year, may we find ourselves here, together again, with mouths full of praise for the ways in which you have been present with us. Together we pray, with joy in our hearts. Amen.

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERING PRAYER +

BENEDICTION +

POSTLUDE +

+ Please stand as you are able | * Words on screen | Bold text is unison

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN	"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING
JAN 7	During Worship (Monthly) Sanctuary

COMMUNION During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

- MON **SLEEPING BAG GROUP**
- JAN 8 6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall
- TUES **EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES** JAN 9 9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) 7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES **JAN 11**

9:00 AM (Weekly) Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00 - 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

DAILY BREAD — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Monthly) | Trinity Lutheran Church

OPEN SANCTUARY 6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

SUN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

JAN 14

10:00 - 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

CHOIR REHEARSAL 10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

FAMILY CORNER WINTER SCHEDULE

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 2

6:00 - 9:00 PM

We will do Christmas activities, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and dinner. This will give parents time to finish shopping and be able to wrap presents. We wil also have a Christmas Shop for kids to shop for parents.

MOVIE NIGHT

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Friday, January 19

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.

MORE INFO

MEGAN 412-715-4946 BRITTANY 412-715-4947



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 10

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Dinner and snacks will be provided.



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc., please email Karen Ferguson <u>karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com</u>). Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. Please include the following information:

- Title/subject of announcement
- Content
- How long it should be advertised
- Where you want it publicized

CALVARY'S ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR IS NOW ON THE WEBSITE!

If you prefer to see a month at a time, or a week at a time, you now have the ability to do so on the Calvary website. You can go there directly at <u>calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/</u> <u>calendar.php</u>. Or, you can go to our main website — <u>CalvaryPgh.com</u> and select the Calendar icon in the middle banner. Finally, you can also scroll down on the main page and choose the calendar icon from the image buttons. Please enjoy this new feature!



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats, and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / <u>trr howell@yahoo.com</u>) with any questions.

OPEN SANCTUARY

Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary

The sanctuary will be open for prayer or silence or meditation every Thursday evening. Feel free to pass through as our special guest, or return on Sunday to make us your home.

EVENTS

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, January 7 (1st Sunday each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help Women United in Faith purchase food for Daily Bread.

DAILY BREAD — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, January 11 (2nd Thursday each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The United Women in Faith (UWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are under-employed. **They are currently in need of cookie makers.** See Joan Bradley if you would like to get involved.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, February 3, 2024 & Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights All participants have found it to be a rewarding experience, and we would love to have some new volunteers as well. Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Please feel free to contact Stacey Chervon (stc38@pitt.edu) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com) for any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana Thompson, Director, would like Calvary to continue to collect it as she can then have it on the weekly grocery list available to the patrons. We continue to have a wonderful response from the generous hearts of our Calvary family! There are 2 collection bins — one at the Allegheny entrance and the other in the parlor/chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORSHIP SLIDES

We are looking for someone to take over the responsibility of the worship slides for Sunday mornings. A template would be provided for you and you would receive the Order of Worship and the lyrics to the music ahead of time. If you are familiar with Microsoft PowerPoint and are interested in learning more about this task, please contact the church office, Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / <u>bsburns77@aol.com</u>) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / <u>karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com</u>). Thank you so much!

LAY LEADERS AND LITURGISTS

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. They help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. Please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / <u>kenelliott76@gmail.com</u>) if you are interested.

TUTORS NEEDED

Want to make a difference? Join the fun and consider being a tutor at The Bridge Learning Hub (1500 Chicago St, Pittsburgh, PA 15214). One hour a week can help a child lean and grow. Interested? See Rev. Beth Nelson for more information.

READING MENTORS NEEDED

There is a need for reading mentors at Morrow Elementary School (1611 Davis Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212). We are looking for weekly volunteers. Please see Rev. Beth Nelson or contact the church office for further information.



FIRST TIME ATTENDING A MEETING, GROUP, OR EVENT AT CALVARY?

All those attending meetings, groups, or events during the week are to enter the building from the Dounton Way parking lot door.



SMALL GROUPS

WEEKLY



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor This group is led by Rev. Chad Bodgewic. All are welcome!

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

AA meetings are designed to help you on your road to recovery — designed to help you get sober and remain sober.

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor

Join us as we study "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" by Beth Moore. Beth Moore has an excitement and an exuberance for the Gospel and will involve you on an adventure into discovery and growth in the Spirit of the Lord. John 14 tells us that God gives us the Holy Spirit to be in us – Christ in us, the hope of glory.

MUSIC MINISTRY

WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Sanctuary THERE WILL BE NO REHEARSAL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 OR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! Please join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans!

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel) THERE WILL BE NO REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

No audition required and you do not have to be able to read music. All are welcome! Please reach out to Music Director Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / <u>bsburns77@aol.com</u>) with questions.

FAMILY MINISTRY

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15. Please meet in the chapel and everyone walks across the street together.

EVENTS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 19 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

Come and enjoy popcorn and movie snacks! Bring your favorite stuffed animal, blanky, and wear your favorite PJs as we watch a family friendly movie!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 10 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

Dinner, games, a movie, and crafts for kids of all ages! The best part about it is it's FREE!!





AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PITTSBURGH Sunday, February 11 | 3:00 PM | Calvary

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT — PITTSBURGH YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Sunday, April 21 | 4:00 PM | Calvary

GET CONNECTED

EVENTS

COMMUNION

Sunday, January 7 (First Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You do not need to be a member of Calvary or any church to participate. The bread that we share is gluten free so that all may partake.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, January 28 (Last Sunday of each month) | **Following Worship** | **Fellowship Hall** This is an expansion on our normally scheduled Fellowship time following morning worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council Meetings will begin again in January 2024. Date TBD.





You, ARE GOD'S BELOVED. **You**, ARE WELCOME HERE.



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