



Waiting for the Messiah



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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 <code>CalvaryPgh@gmail.com</code> or visit our website at <code>CalvaryPgh.com</code> 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**

Ronald Frank (Karen Ferguson's Pap)
Robert Frank (Karen Ferguson's Uncle)
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 *calvarypgh.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.



# **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**

# **First Sunday of Advent**

Today, 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

# **Trustees Meeting**

Sunday, December 4 at 12:00pm in the Chapel

#### **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!



# HELP NEEDED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

# All Events Included for November and December

Hello everyone! There is **A LOT** happening at Calvary during the months of November and December and along with that is a tremendous need for **A LOT** of help. This year we decided to send out an email that details all of our needs and volunteer opportunities for the upcoming Christmas season. Please read thru the below and let us know how you are able to help. The Christmas season at Calvary is always busy, fun, exhausting, memorable, and meaningful. Please help us to continue the events that have become traditions for not only our Calvary family, but the Northside Community.

#### **RUNS TO GOODWILL**

# Various weekdays during daytime hours over the next couple of weeks

- WHAT IS NEEDED: Brian Burns will be working to clean out the chapel during the upcoming weeks during the day. He is asking for help to make runs to Goodwill with donations which would also be during daytime hours.
- WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Contact Brian Burns directly at 724-388-3246 if you are able to help.

# **COOKIE MAKERS**

- WHAT IS NEEDED: We need cookies for the House Tours, Messiah Concerts, and Christmas Eve... That's A LOT of cookies! PLEASE HELP! J
- WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). There will also be a spreadsheet floating around church for you to sign up on as well.

# **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3pm

- WHAT IS NEEDED: Volunteers needed to help with crafts, games, and snacks as well as setup and cleanup.
- WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact either Brittany (412-715-4947) or Megan (412-715-4946) directly if you are able to help. The party begins at 1pm so setup will begin around noon.

#### **HOUSE TOUR**

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-10:30pm Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-9:00pm

- WHAT IS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help in kitchen, sell food, help with sales tables, handing out postcards for tours, setup and cleanup. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the House Tours.
- WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help. There will be a spreadsheet with timeslots floating around in church on upcoming Sundays to fill in empty time slots.

#### **MESSIAH CONCERTS**

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

- WHAT IS NEEDED: The following is needed for **EACH** concert: Box Office Lead (3), Box Office Assistant (3), Parking (4), Ushers (6)
- WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

# **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Saturday, December 24th at 4pm and 7pm

- WHAT IS NEEDED: At least 8 volunteers to do the most meaningful and satisfying service to make sure everyone who comes to Calvary feels welcomed, loved, and experiences God's love: Help with the welcome team, pass out bulletins and candles, handicapped entrance, door openers, setting up the luminaria, floating around church to answer questions, point out bathrooms, collecting the offering, lighting the candles during Silent Night, and helping however we need.
- WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please reach out to Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 or kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **Prelude**

Prelude			
Welcome and Announcements			
<b>Lighting the Candle of Hope</b> Nancy Richards; Patty, Ellie, and Jonathan Bogdewic			
Opening Hymn †*			
Prayer of Penitence †*			
Leader:	God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."		
All:	But we say, "Our lives are too messy."		
Leader: All:	You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."  But we say, "It's too risky to hope."		
Leader: All:	You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."  But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."		
Leader:	God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.		
All:	Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.		
Leader:	Help us remember, today and tomorrow,		
All:	There's room for every story. Amen.		
Words of Hope			
Community Greetings †			
Children's Message			
<b>Prayer Hymn</b> $t^*$			
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 *			

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**Choral Response** (Choir & Congregation) †\*
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

1 An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Abr aham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband

JESUS

who is called Christ.

of Mary, of whom was

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sermon	"Adopted" — Pastor Shane Siciliano
Choral Anthem	The Renewal Choir
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes	
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!	God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH
Offering Prayer †	
with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who gr who dreamed with Joseph, and who hope loving, inviting, transforming, and challeng	aham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked ieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, d like Mary. We believe in a God who has been ging us from generation to generation. And we a, saying, "Come on in; there's room for you

Closing Hymn †\* . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" — #206 UMH

Benediction \*

Postlude †

<sup>\*</sup> Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able

# **COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES**



# HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

There are a multitude of ways to get your news to the members of Calvary and the wider community: (1) weekly bulletin, (2) prayer list, (3) church calendar, (4) website, 5) Facebook, and (7) Email-Blast. Here are the guidelines for each:

- 1. Weekly Bulletin: Announcements or events for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. For announcements that you wish to have run more than once, please include the dates you'd like to have it run.
- 2. Prayer List: 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 calvarypgh.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.
- 3. **Church Calendar:** Please contact Kim Butler at the church office to check availability for the date and location of your meeting or event. Once the event is scheduled, she will inform Karen Ferguson to have it publicized on all requested medias.
- 4. **Website:** Changes, additions, edits, announcements, etc... for the website can be submitted at any time. Website changes will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 7 days between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
- 6. **Facebook:** Facebook posts can be submitted at any time. Posts or edits will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
- 7. **E-Blast (Email Blast):** If you have information that you would like to be emailed to our member distribution list, please send your request to Karen Ferguson. Announcements can be submitted at any time and will be made soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and distribution, so please provide info as early as possible. All submissions are subject to editing, and images are encouraged wherever appropriate. Around major church holidays, the deadlines may change. To make a submission for any of the above or if you have any questions, contact Karen Ferguson via phone at 724-448-1429, email at *karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com*, or in person.

# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### SUNDAYS DURING ADVENT

**Invitation to Prayer** 

Time: 9:30am or Immediately following worship

Location: Communion Rail

**Description:** A time to pray for our world and each other as we eagerly await the celebration of the baby who would be the Savior of our

world and the Prince of Peace.

The hymn by Charles Albert Tindley, one of America's great Methodist hymn writers, goes like this:

"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me, When the storms of life are raging, stand by me, When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the Sea, Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me."



Dear Friends,

Sometimes we feel a bit overwhelmed and tossed in this rough and tumble world that we live. Even in the midst of our great church, things can seem rather chaotic at times and we struggle to hang on to the foundations of our faith. So what can we do? I'm sure everyone has a uniquely personal answer and they would all be great ideas.

I am inviting you to join me during the Advent Season in silent prayer at the communion rail in the Sanctuary at Calvary each Sunday. — The world, our community, our church, our pastor, and each of us are in the need of prayer. If you are able, please join me at 9:30 am on Sundays or immediately following the 11 am worship service and the communion rail. Let set aside this time to pray for our world and each other as we eagerly await the celebration of the baby who would be the Savior of our world and the Prince of Peace.

Please extend this invitation to any of your pew partners too!

With many thanks, praise, and blessings,

David Grinnell

# **WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...**

# **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**

# An Invitation to Prayer—A Message from David Grinnell

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# 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 is included in this 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 purchase 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

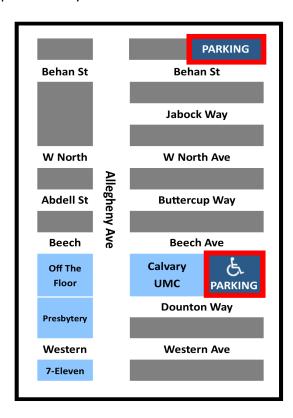
Liturgists serve and important role in worship. Liturgists help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the recitation of the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and 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

Name



# 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. Checks should be made out to "CUMC". Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Phone	Quantity		
In Memory or Honor of (Please circle choice)			
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