

*The Lord will send blessings!*

HAPPY NEW YEAR



**CALVARY**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 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](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com) or visit our website at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://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

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Rhonda Harrison — her brother Darryl passed away  
Joan Jessup's sister — passed away  
Lorraine's great-grandbaby — lead poisoning  
John Henderson (Ellen's brother) — leukemia  
Joshua (Brian's cousin's son) — brain tumor  
Shelly (Christine's daughter) — car accident  
Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg  
Gerald — hospital  
Jane Wederich (Ellen's aunt) — heart problems  
Danny (Bova's cousin) — ICU with respiratory issues  
Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice  
Lois (friend of Anne) — passed away  
John Burke Dr (Truddee's husband) — UPMC Monroeville  
Tea Sampson — ICU Presbyterian  
Brian (Debbie Neuherz's brother in law) — Covid, loss of his wife  
Brenda (Debbie's sister) — loss of husband Kevin to Covid  
Anna Jane (Bova family) — cancer  
Tavarious Lee — violence  
Kathy (Christine's sister) — recovering from stroke  
Kate (Christine's niece) — needs a kidney  
Charlee (Zeke's brother) — COPD  
Pat (friend of Christine) — health struggles

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill  
Ron and Sally Westerman  
Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant  
Dan Souza — cancer  
Tom Smith — cancer  
Rev. Edward Clarke (Emanuel UMC) — esophageal cancer  
Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

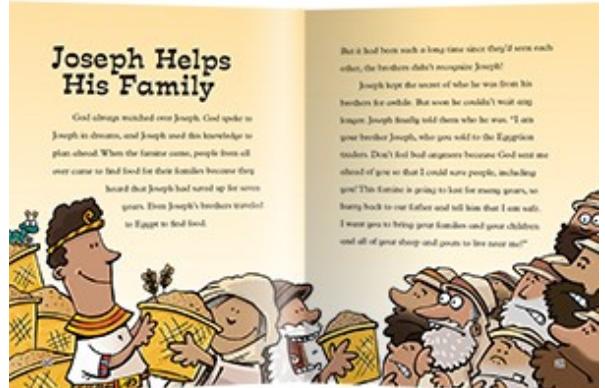
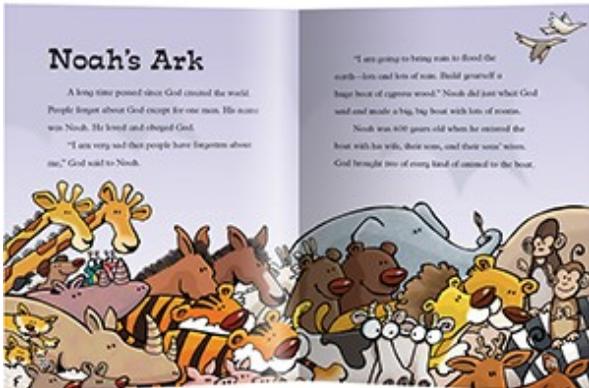
If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at [calvaryppgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](http://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.

# Children's Ministries



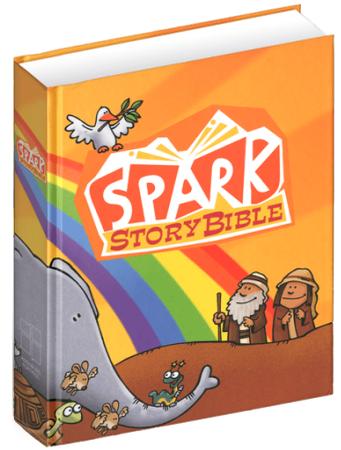
## Spark Story Bible— Sunday School Edition

Designed for early readers, the award-winning Spark Story Bible opens up God's Word to kids through colorful art and rich retellings of 150 of the most popular Bible stories. A key part of Spark Sunday School, the Spark Story Bible uses creative language familiar to kids and features activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Designed for age 2 to grade 2.



# Children's Bible Sponsorship Form

We'd like to fill our pews with Children's Bibles as a way of acknowledging the children in our presence and inviting them to engage with the Bible as we do.



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** **Are you willing to sponsor a Bible?**

Each Bible costs \$20 and can be in honor of or dedicated to someone special. 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)***

Memory | Honor \_\_\_\_\_

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Invitation to Worship

### Opening Scripture \* . . . . . Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . “Angels From the Realms of Glory” — #220

### Call to Worship \*

- Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching, who long for the nourishment found at your feast.
- People: Gather us in, the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.
- Leader: Gather us in, the bright and the bustling, the stirrers and shakers, the kind laughter makers, who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.
- All: Gather us in, from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, to be given a seat at thy feast.

## Community Greetings

## Message for the Young Hearted

*Order of Worship continued on following page*

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Communion Prayer & Litany \*

- All: Grant that we may enter it with humble and grateful hearts, and confirm our resolution. We beseech thee to walk more closely in thy way, and labor more faithfully in thy service. Let not the errors and offenses of the past cling to us, but pardon and set us free, so that with purer purpose and hope we may renew our vows in thy presence, and set forth under the guidance of thy spirit, to travel through another year of gifts and grace. Amen.
- Leader: Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies. O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.
- People: You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.
- Leader: You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your spirit and the witness of your church.
- People: You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very spirit of joy and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.
- All: You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace, we praise your holy name, O God.

## Offertory

**Doxology †\*** . . . . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — #95  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Communion Prayer & Litany \*

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through Baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with his own sacrifice that it might last forever. On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the source and perfecter of our faith. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's Table. Today, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God.

*Order of Worship continued on following page*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Communion Prayer & Litany \*

Leader: Let us make this covenant of God our own. Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable; others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests; others are contrary to both. In some works we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us therefore, go to Christ, and pray: Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things. I will put myself fully into your hands. Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

People: Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things. I will put myself fully into your hands: Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

## A Moment of Reflection

Communion Hymn \* . . . . . “O Depth of Love” — #627

## Sharing of Communion \*

Leader: We do here willingly place ourselves under your yoke, to carry your burden. All your laws are holy, just, and good. We therefore take them as the rule for our words, thoughts, and actions, promising that we will strive to order our whole lives according to your direction.

People: O God, you know that we reconfirm this covenant with you today without reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide us and help us to set it aright. And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom we from this day forward shall look upon as our God and Father: Glory be to you, O God the Son, who has loved us and washed us from our sins. Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power has turned our hearts from sin to God. O Mighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are our covenant friend, and we, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Closing Hymn †\* . . . . . “There's a Song in the Air” — #249

Benediction \* . . . . . “New Day's Lyric” — Amanda Gorman

## Postlude

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# “NEW DAY’S LYRIC” — AMANDA GORMAN



## “New Day’s Lyric”

*Amanda Gorman*

May this be the day  
We come together.  
Mourning, we come to mend,  
Withered, we come to weather,  
Torn, we come to tend,  
Battered, we come to better.  
Tethered by this year of yearning,  
We are learning  
That though we weren’t ready for this,  
We have been readied by it.  
We steadily vow that no matter  
How we are weighed down,  
We must always pave a way forward.

This hope is our door, our portal.  
Even if we never get back to normal,  
Someday we can venture beyond it,  
To leave the known and take the first steps.  
So let us not return to what was normal,  
But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure.  
What was plagued, we will prove pure.  
Where we tend to argue, we will try to  
agree,  
Those fortunes we forswore, now the  
future we foresee,  
Where we weren’t aware, we’re now  
awake;  
Those moments we missed  
Are now these moments we make,  
The moments we meet,  
And our hearts, once all together beaten,  
Now all together beat.

Come, look up with kindness yet,  
For even solace can be sourced from  
sorrow.  
We remember, not just for the sake of  
yesterday,  
But to take on tomorrow.

We heed this old spirit,  
In a new day’s lyric,  
In our hearts, we hear it:  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
Be bold, sang Time this year,  
Be bold, sang Time,  
For when you honor yesterday,  
Tomorrow ye will find.  
Know what we’ve fought  
Need not be forgot nor for none.  
It defines us, binds us as one,  
Come over, join this day just begun.  
For wherever we come together,  
We will forever overcome.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS

### Children's 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.

### Sunday Morning Worship

**Description:** Join us for worship every Sunday at 11AM whether in person or virtually!

Facebook — Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh

YouTube — Calvary UMC Pittsburgh PA

## MONDAYS

### Sleeping Bag Group — *ON BREAK UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 10*

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

**Description:** The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, stuffed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. The team is also working on plastic mats made from plastic grocery bags, so you can see there is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed; if you can tie a knot, you can make a sleeping bag! Please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Questions? Please contact Anne Christianson at [alchristianson@yahoo.com](mailto:alchristianson@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## TUESDAYS

### Exercise Class For All Ages

**Time / Location:** 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel. The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. You can participate at your comfort level, and many exercises are done while sitting. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)), or come by some Tuesday or Thursday morning to join in the fun. As the exercise leader always tells us, remember to "keep it movin".

### Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky And Rev. Kornelius Neal

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / New Destiny CMEC Church (Formerly Emanuel UMC)

**Description:** Please join us for our joint bible study with New Destiny. Afterwards it's also been our tradition to head to the Clark Bar for refreshments and further discussion. The address of New Destiny is 856 Crucible Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

### Renewal Choir Rehearsal — *NO REHEARSALS UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 11*

**Time / Location:** 6:30-7:30pm / Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** Love Singing? Thinking About Joining the Choir? Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! See Brian Burns for details.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

## TUESDAYS, CONT...

**Hand Bell Rehearsal** — ***NO REHEARSALS UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 11***

**Time / Location:** 7:30-8:30pm / Calvary UMC Upstairs Music Room

**Description:** Interested in joining? We are seeking new and energetic people willing to learn and participate. Please consider adding your talents to our group. No experience is necessary to join and it is probably easier to do than you think! See Brian Burns for details.

## THURSDAYS

**Exercise Class For All Ages**

**Time / Location:** 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich ([laehrich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrich927@aol.com)), or come by some Tuesday or Thursday morning to join in the fun.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COVID-19 Guidelines at Calvary

Masks or cloth face coverings are to be worn at all times inside the Church buildings. Mask or face covering must be covering both your mouth and nose. Every other pew is available for seating. Please space out seating to ensure individuals or families are at least 6 feet apart from anyone outside of their household.

## Sleeping Bag Group

The Monday night Sleeping Bag Group will take a break the rest of November and all of December. They will meet again in the new year on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30pm. Contact Anne Christianson at [alchristianson@yahoo.com](mailto:alchristianson@yahoo.com) with any questions.



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