

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



John answered all of them by saying,
"I baptize you with water;

but One who is

MORE POWERFUL

than I is coming;

I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the

HOLY SPIRIT and FIRE."

Luke 3:16 NRSV

JAN

12TH

2025

You are God's beloved. *You* 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

PRAYER CONCERNS

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Martha Helmreich

WEEK 1

Keith (nephew of Joan M.)
Sturtz family in the death of Chelsea
Wil
Michael
Yvonne H.

WEEK 2

Liz Chervon
Carol Piper
Stella (friend of Terry J.)
David B. (friend of Megan B.)
Charlotte (niece of Becky)

WEEK 3

Barbara Wood
Daniel Radelet's Family
Gina (friend of Judy M.)
Ed Warren
Marlene Burkhart

WEEK 4

Chris Sweeney
Wendy (friend of The Neuherz's family)
Jennifer (friend of Judy M.)
Georgieann (friend of Anne C.)
Tom Smith
Marcia Webb, friend of Mark S.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Prayer concerns will remain for 4 weeks. Each week the 4th week will drop off and others will move up.

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 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.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †*

Leader: Come to the waters.
People: We gather at the river.
Leader: Come to the waters.
People: The waters of grace flow over us.
Leader: Come to the waters.
People: We are washed in God's love.
Leader: Come to the waters.
People: We are God's beloved children.

OPENING HYMN †* "Shall We Gather at the River" — #723 UMH

UNISON PRAYER †*

Loving God, sometimes life seems overwhelming. There is so much happening that we can't control. We feel like we are drowning. Then we hear your voice saying, "Don't fear," and we remember that your love supports and sustains us. You are there when we feel overwhelmed. You are there when we struggle. You give us what we need. Help us place our trust in you, as we step away from fear, secure in your love. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †* "Spirit of the Living God" — #393 UMH

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

WORDS OF THE PROPHET * Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSV

- 1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

- 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "Spirit Song" — #347 UMH
You are welcome to come forward to the altar for prayer.

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.

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NRSV

- 15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,
- 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."
- 21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,
- 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON "With the Holy Spirit and with fire!" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF RESPONSE * "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" — #605 UMH

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

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 †

CLOSING HYMN †* "You Are Mine" — #2218 TFWS

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.

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



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JAN 12

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
JAN 13

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
JAN 14

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER

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

THURS
JAN 16

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel

SUN
JAN 16

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

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 MINISTRY



WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15.

EVENTS

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 8 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

Free babysitting and dinner.

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Love singing? Thinking about joining the choir?... Well, now is the perfect time to give it a try! Contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 or bsburns77@aol.com) for additional information.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (January – May) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

Thursdays (September – December) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

No audition is required, and you do not have to be able to read music. Contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 or bsburns77@aol.com) for additional information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The times we gather for food at Calvary are very important to making CONNECTIONS and continuing the fellowship after the worship service. We talk, laugh, share, and nourish one another in body and spirit. To sustain these connections, we are asking for volunteers and sponsors for our food/fellowship times. Volunteers can sign up to help with food preparation or service and clean-up. Sponsors can sign up by donating \$50 for food served in the chapel and \$100 for the monthly community luncheon. You are welcome to partner with someone else to sponsor. There are two sign-up sheets in the chapel along with envelopes for donations. Please give envelopes to Mike Schnitgen or place in the offering plate with date of sponsorship and names of donors. Please consider what you can do to help, and thanks very much.

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 16 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, January 26 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time following morning worship. Please join us in the fellowship hall located downstairs following morning worship.

COMMUNION

Sunday, February 2 (1st 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.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel

Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

2024 YEAR END UPDATE — In the year 2024 the congregation lovingly donated to the Northside Pantry 726 tubes of toothpaste along with gathering numerous homemade and other types of cloth, reusable grocery bags. In 2023 we collected 501 tubes so we continue to be aware and generous with our neighbors on the Northside. Perhaps our goal for 2025 can be a thousand?!? Thank you to you all.

NCM would like Calvary to continue to collect toothpaste. There is a collection bin in the chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

KIDCELERATE BRICK DRIVE

Help Kidcelerate's Learning Hub start their own "Brick Club" by donating your gently used bricks of any size (aka LEGO bricks)!

BRICK COLLECTION LOCATIONS

Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Monday – Thursday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM or Sundays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Christ United Methodist Church, 44 Highland Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Door 2, Tuesday – Thursday from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101

Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM or Sundays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Or call/email to make other arrangements at 412-251-4900 ext 305 or thehub@kidcelerate.org.

EVENTS

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, January 26 (Last Sunday of 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 purchase food for Daily Bread.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, February 1; Saturday, March 8; Saturday, April 26 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Northview Heights, 533 Mount Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrich927@aol.com) with any questions.

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, February 13 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The Calvary United Women in Faith (CUWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are underemployed. Cookies can be brought at any time and put in the freezer in the basement. Contact Joan Bradley or the church office for additional information.

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, and then distributed to nearby homeless shelters.

We are currently looking for blankets, sheets, pillow cases, and neckties as well as gathering personal items like small bottles of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, etc, and new men's socks. If you can help, please put your items in the bin in the chapel marked for the Sleeping Bag ministry or leave them downstairs by the old safe.

OPEN SANCTUARY

Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Sanctuary

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.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

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) - MANCHESTER

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 program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrich927@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Parlor

We are exploring Beth Moore's study of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5:22-23. A portion of our time is spent in prayer before delving into our study. This prayer and study time is open to all women. If you are interested and have questions, please email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com).

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