

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



*Sunday, May 10, 2026*

Worshipping God Together

# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## 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.**

## NEW TO CALVARY?

If you're new to Calvary, you're invited to visit the Welcome Areas to learn more about the church—pick up the monthly newsletter, and fill out a Get Connected card found in the pews. Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available upon request. Our monthly newsletter includes ministry updates, upcoming events, small group opportunities and a monthly calendar insert outlining all activities and gatherings.

## FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome. A Family Area is available at the back left of the sanctuary, with rocking chairs and toys for your little ones.

## RESTROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary, restrooms are available to the right, including an accessible restroom with a baby changing table; additional men's and women's restrooms are located at the back of the chapel to the right, and downstairs to the left, with elevator access from the right side of the sanctuary.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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## IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt  
Al Meyers  
Christine Siewers  
Corrine Houser  
George Janocsko  
Niko  
Judy Melvin  
Charles Moore  
Aleata Weis  
Rick Stern  
Barbara Wood - friend of Marirose

## CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker  
Bobby Buckner and his family  
Jeanne Dithomas  
Terri Jagielski  
Martha Helmreich  
Sheila Molyneaux  
Renee - friend of Mark Snyder  
Marcia Webb - friend of Mark Snyder  
Venus W.  
Joyce Zimmerman - sister of Yvonne Hudson

## SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

Share prayer requests or joys by filling out a pew card, calling the church office, or submitting the form online at [calvarypgh.com/contact](http://calvarypgh.com/contact).

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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## SUNDAY, MAY 10

- **A Service of Celebration–Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY, MAY 11

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00-7:00 PM | Choir Loft
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00-9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00-11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Open Sanctuary** | 6:00-8:00 PM | Sanctuary
- **Hand Bell Rehearsal** | 6:00-7:00 PM | Music Office

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 10:00-11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Bible Study–Exploring Spiritual Gifts** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School (K-3rd, 4th-6th)** | 10:00-10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School (7th-12th)** | 10:00-10:30 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Choir Loft
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- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **Celebrating Progress: Phase 1 & New Pew Cushions Dedication** | 12:15 PM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **Kickoff to Summer Cookout** | 5:00-7:00 PM | Outside (Weather Depending)

# SUNDAY CELEBRATION



**PRELUDE** . . . . . "Meditation on 'Schmücke dich'", Johann Crüger

## INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP + \*

Leader: Gather us in , O God, Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.

People: **Bring us into your presence, Holy One.**

Leader: From suffering and pain, save us.

People: **Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.**

Leader: On the highways of life, guide us.

People: **Make us your disciples, Great Spirit. As we worship this day, lead us home.**

**OPENING HYMN + \*** . . . . . "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – #89 UMH

### OPENING PRAYER + \*

**Holy flame, burn away our fears and regrets, that our spirits may shine like burnished gold.  
Refiner's Fire, purify our lives like precious silver, that our hearts may glow with holy love.  
Forge of truth, mold us into vessels of compassion, that our lives may reveal your glory.  
Nurture our hope this day, as we fulfill your commandment of love, that we may live as  
your children and abide in your Spirit. Amen.**

### WORDS OF WELCOME +

### COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

**GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE + \*** . . . . . "Shine, Jesus Shine"

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.**

**Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**PSALTER LESSON \*** . . . . . Psalm 66:8-20 NRSV

8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

9 who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

14 those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

17 I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

- 19 But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.
  - 20 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.
- 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** \* . . . . . " The Gift of Love" – #408 UMH  
*You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal 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.** . . . . . Donald Kortlandt – Trumpet

**GOSPEL LESSON** + \* . . . . . John 14:15-21 NRSV

- 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.
- 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
- 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.
- 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.
- 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
- 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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** . . . . . "Our Legacy" – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY.** . . . . . Calvary Bell Choir

**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** † \* . . . . . "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – #384 UMH

**BENEDICTION** †

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** † \* . . . . . #881 UMH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** † . . . . . "Toccatà on 'Unserer Herrern'", Alan Smith

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

**POSTLUDE TRADITION:** At Calvary, we stand and listen to the postlude, many turning toward the choir loft to watch our organist play. This tradition began after our once silent organ was restored, renewing our gratitude for its beautiful sound and our strong music ministry. We invite you to join us in this meaningful moment.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP:** You're invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of good company, along with a light meal and beverages. The Fellowship Hall is located down the stairs, or you may use the elevator at the back of the chapel.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **CELEBRATING PROGRESS: PHASE 1 & NEW PEW CUSHIONS DEDICATION**

**Sunday, May 17 | 12:15 PM | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Rev. Beth L. Nelson (412-398-7894 or [revbeth@calvarypgh.com](mailto:revbeth@calvarypgh.com))

Phase 1 of our building improvements is complete, featuring a renovated first-floor bathroom and kitchenette. In addition, AHPS has led the replacement of our pew cushions. Join us as we celebrate our community and the progress we've made together.

## **CAN WE "DRAG" YOU TO CHURCH?**

**Friday, May 22 | Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00 PM & Pageant 7:00 PM-? | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Tim Napieralski ([queerministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:queerministry@calvarypgh.com))

**Tickets:** \$20 Dinner Only, \$15 Pageant Only, \$30 Dinner & Pageant Both

**Purchase Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4vY64fN>

**FREE:** Ages 10 years & under

**Interested in performing?** Contact Tim Napieralski to get involved.

Get ready for a night of fun, flair and fabulousness! Calvary is thrilled to present "**Can We DRAG You to Church?**" – a fabulous fundraiser featuring a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and an unforgettable all-ages professional drag show. **You can join us for the dinner, the pageant or both!** The evening stars Guest MC and performer Pittsburgh's Comedy and Broadway Queen **Dixie Surewood** and Pittsburgh Drag Queen and Miss Gay Pennsylvania United States at Large **2025 Leia Way LeStat** (so far!), along with special performances by Calvary members and friends. This Calvary and **family-friendly** event celebrates, supports and uplifts the Trans and Drag Queen communities, with lively performances scored by a panel of celebrity judges and culminating in the crowning of **Miss or Mr. Calvary 2026!!**

## **HONORING BRIAN BURNS: 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND MUSIC**

**Sunday, May 31 | During Worship & Luncheon Following Worship | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Karen Ferguson ([kferguson@calvarypgh.com](mailto:kferguson@calvarypgh.com))

**RSVP for Luncheon by Sunday, May 17 to Karen Ferguson** ([kferguson@calvarypgh.com](mailto:kferguson@calvarypgh.com))

Join us as we celebrate Brian Burns' 25 years of faithful service at Calvary UMC. A catered luncheon by Fabled Table will follow worship as we give thanks for his leadership in music, historic preservation and congregational life, along with his enduring commitment to hospitality, inclusion and community engagement on Pittsburgh's Northside. During his tenure, Brian has restored Calvary's historic sanctuary and chapel organs, revitalized the church bell and carillon and helped guide major building improvements that preserve Calvary as a landmark for future generations. He founded and directed the Messiah Sing Along, which has grown into a beloved regional tradition with national recognition, and he has supported more than 1,000 weddings, countless funerals and countless moments of worship, celebration and outreach. Through music, stewardship and compassionate presence, Brian's leadership has helped shape Calvary into a deeply welcoming and inclusive community rooted in beauty, service and connection to the wider Pittsburgh region.

## **PITTSBURGH PRIDE**

**Saturday, June 6 (Pride Events/Booth) & Sunday, June 7 (Parade) | TBA | Downtown**

**Main Contact:** Tim Napieralski ([queerministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:queerministry@calvarypgh.com))

Calvary United Methodist Church is partnering with First Church and inviting other congregations from the United Methodist Church to join us in this year's Pride Parade. We will have a float with marchers, Calvary T-shirts and swag to share at our booth. We will also be singing simple praise music on the float and will have one rehearsal prior to the parade. If you are interested in singing on the float, please contact Brian Burns at 724-388-3246 or [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com).

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA – BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. FOLLOW US!**

**Facebook:** [Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh](#)

**YouTube:** [Calvary UMC Pittsburgh PA](#)

**Instagram:** [calvaryumc\\_pittsburgh](#)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday:** 9:00 AM–Noon

**Tuesday:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

**Thursday:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

## **PASTOR**

**Rev. Beth L. Nelson** (412-398-7894 / [revbeth@calvarypgh.com](mailto:revbeth@calvarypgh.com))

## **CHURCH STAFF**

**Music Ministry:** Brian Burns

**Family Ministry & Education:** Megan Bova

**Communications:** Karen Ferguson

**Lay Leader:** Ken Elliott

**Treasurer:** Georgia Brucker

**Facilities Manager:** Brianna Wolfe

**Wedding Coordinator:** Aleata Weis

**Queer Ministry Coordinator:** Tim Napieralski

**Social Media Coordinator:** Judith Melvin

**Worship Tech Coordinator:** Aiden Weis

**Food Ministry Coordinator:** Michael Schnitgen

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