

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Third Sunday of Advent



JOY

— Season of Advent —



DEC

14TH

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 this is your first time with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you better, so please stop by the Welcome Areas to learn more about our church family. You'll also find a Get Connected card in the back of the pews – feel free to fill one out so we can stay in touch. If you need a large-print Bible or hymnal, just ask one of our friendly greeters – we're happy to help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children to join us in worship – including our littlest ones! If it would be helpful, there's a Family Area at the back left of the sanctuary, complete with rocking chairs and toys to keep little ones comfortable and engaged.

LOCATION OF RESTROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary: (1) to the right, you'll find an accessible restroom and a baby changing table on the same level; (2) to the right and to the back, you will find women's and men's restrooms; (3) to the left, restrooms are located down the stairs, or an elevator is available by exiting the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward the back of the building.

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

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Aleata Weis

Rev. David Eichelberger and family —
David's aunt, Cathrine Dittmar,
passed away on December 8.

Tim Napieralski

Joe Grzybowski — friend of Judy Melvin

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Renee — friend of Mark Snyder

Paul Brucker

Jeanne Dithomas

Kyle Giest

Susan Gilliland

Terri Jagielski

Martha Helmreich

Judy Melvin

Sheila Molyneaux

Marcia Webb — friend of Mark Snyder

Venus W.

Joyce Zimmerman — sister of Yvonne Hudson

SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

If you have a prayer request or a joy to share, you have a few options:

- Fill out a Prayer Request card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate.
- Contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.
- Submit a request online at calvarypgh.com/contact.

We treat all prayer concerns confidentially, unless you indicate otherwise.

Prayer concerns remain on our list for four weeks. Each week, the oldest requests are removed as others move up.

If you'd like us to send a card or email to let someone know we're praying for them, please include their mailing address or email.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP †*

Leader: Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

People: Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Leader: Mary said, "How can this be?"

People: We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Leader: Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

People: So may we trust the Inviter.

Leader: May we heed God's invitation.

People: May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Leader: Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Savior of the Nations, Come" — #214 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Holy One, the story of this season is not a new one. We've heard this tale before. We've seen the nativities, watched the plays, sung the songs, witnessed the children act it out. The story of this season is not a new one, and yet we long to hear it as if it is. So spark our spirits awake. Call forth awareness, attention, and reverence in us. Allow us to hear this ancient tale with brand new ears. With hope we pray, amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †* "Emmanuel" — #204 UMH

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel. His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON * Jeremiah 1:4-10 NRSV

- 4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
- 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
- 6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
- 7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you."
- 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."
- 9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth."

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE The Candle of Joy

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" — #198 UMH
You are welcome to come forward to the altar for prayer.

CALL TO CONFESION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Courageous God, you invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding "yes," we often hide our face. We dig our heels in. We look for someone else to volunteer. Spark courage in us. Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we're scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps we hope, we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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 1:26-38 NRSV

- 26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
- 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
- 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."
- 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
- 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
- 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

- 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.
- 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
- 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"
- 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.
- 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.
- 37 For nothing will be impossible with God."
- 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 "Even in our Fear, We are Called Forward." — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

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 †* "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" — #216 UMH

BENEDICTION †

Leader: In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit. May you reach for each other's hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with—go in peace and be not afraid. Amen.

POSTLUDE †

† Please stand as you are able / ★ Words on screen / Bold text is unison.



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**JOIN US SUNDAYS
AS WE CELEBRATE ADVENT**

10:00 AM — Sunday School

11:00 AM — Worship

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

4:00 PM — Child Friendly with Carols

7:00 PM — Music | 7:30 PM — Service

You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating Advent and Christmas at Calvary.

Let the words of beloved carols and scriptures set the foundation. Stirring choral and organ music will set the scene. The peaceful illumination of Advent builds to an unforgettable Christmas Eve Candlelight Service as both young and old remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at each service. Our communion table is open to everyone.

Refreshments to follow each service in the chapel.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



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Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

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NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) — MANCHESTER

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

WED

DEC 17

IRON CITY SQUARES — LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

7:00 – 9:15 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS

DEC 18

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
DEC 21

OPENING GATHERING

9:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

JESUS 101 – BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. MYLES BRADLEY

10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

SUNDAY SCHOOL – K-3RD, 4TH-6TH

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Presbytery

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 7TH-12TH

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

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Immediately After Worship | Parsonage

PARENTS' DAY OUT

1:00 – 4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

JOIN A FELLOWSHIP TEAM!



We are looking for teams of 2-3 people to help prepare easy, delicious meals for fellowship time.



No culinary experience? No problem! We also need people to help with clean-up.



It's a great opportunity to serve and connect with others in a meaningful way.



**INTERESTED? See Mike Schnitgen
or contact the church office directly.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, December 24 | Services at 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM | Calvary UMC

WHAT IS NEEDED: At least 8 volunteers for each service to make sure everyone who comes to Calvary feels welcomed, loved and experiences God's love. We will need help with the welcome team to pass out bulletins and candles, assist at the accessible 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 / kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE MAKERS NEEDED

We still need some cookies for Christmas Eve... A sign-up sheet is posted in the chapel.

WORSHIP COORDINATOR (LAY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER ROLE)

The Worship Coordinator is a lay volunteer who supports the Pastor, Lay Leader, and ministry teams to ensure worship services are welcoming, organized, and run smoothly. This role involves recruiting, scheduling, and encouraging worship volunteers, serving as the main point of contact for schedule changes, providing support during Sunday services, and helping organize volunteers for special services. The ideal person loves God and people, communicates well, values inclusion, and can adapt when plans change. The time commitment is about 3-5 hours per week, primarily on Sunday mornings !

WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Lay Liturgist: Brittany Bova Mickens

Welcome Team: JoEllen Parker, Fred Ruddock, Carl Traud

Acolytes: Gwen Cobb, Zay Burns-Elliott, James Mickens

Slide Projectionist: Patty Bogdewic

Children's Message: Shelley Rohrer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Lay Liturgist: Tim Napieralski

Welcome Team: Fred Ruddock, Megan McDonald, Patty Bogdewic

Acolytes: Gwen Cobb, Destin Cobb, James Mickens

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Children's Message: Kenny Elliott

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

JESUS 101 — NEW BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. MYLES BRADLEY

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Chapel

Join Rev. Myles Bradley for Jesus 101, an engaging study exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. The class will meet on December 7 and 14, and resume after the holidays on January 4, 11, and 18. All are welcome!

Session 1	December 7
Session 2	December 14
Session 3	January 4
Session 4	January 11
Session 5	January 18
Session 6	January 25

Put Christ Back in Christmas
Jesus Is the Reason for the Season
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Twenty Centuries of Jesus
Beyond Belief
Jesus Christ Superstar

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 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.

GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)

Mondays (2nd Monday every other month) | 6:30 PM | Chapel

Next Meeting: December 8

Through shared experiences, participants work toward recovery in a confidential and non-judgmental space.

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.

IRON CITY SQUARES — LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays | 7:00 – 9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Iron City Squares invites you to join us for Modern Western Square Dancing. No partner or special clothing needed — everyone is welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays (Beginning January 8, 2026) | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Parlor

Join us for our new study: **"The Women of the Bible Speak — The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today."** This study will begin on **January 8, 2026**. All are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word. Books will be made available for a small purchase fee.

GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE, SHARE, AND CONNECT THROUGH FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Sharing food together is an important way we build connections and continue fellowship after worship at Calvary. To keep this ministry going, we're seeking volunteers and sponsors for our food and fellowship times. Teams are forming to assist with preparation, serving and clean-up — each team will take responsibility for one Sunday a month. If you're interested in joining a team, please speak to Mike Schnitgen, our Food Ministry Coordinator.

To support this ministry financially, a donations box will be available each week — any amount is appreciated. There are also opportunities to sponsor: \$50 helps cover after-service refreshments, and \$100 supports our monthly luncheon. Please see Mike if you'd like to sponsor a Sunday. Balancing food income with expenses helps support a healthy budget for Calvary. Thank you for being part of this vital ministry!

EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, December 28 (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, January 4 (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 share.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Please join us around the tables in the fellowship hall following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship. Please use the stairs on the Beech Avenue side or the elevator in the back of the chapel.



FAMILY CORNER

WINTER SCHEDULE

PARENTS DAY OUT

Sunday, December 21

1:00 - 4:00 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 will also have a Christmas Shop for kids to shop for parents.

MORE INFO

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



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 16

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 7

6:00 - 9:00 PM

FREE babysitting and dinner.



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENT

MISSION PROJECT: 25 GIFTS FOR KIDS AT KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We're excited to share that Calvary will be providing Christmas gifts for 25 students at King Elementary School. **Stay tuned for details**, including how to participate. All gifts may be purchased directly through our curated Amazon lists for easy ordering and delivery. Thank you for helping us share joy with our neighbors this Christmas!

WINTER CARE COLLECTIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Calvary is currently collecting several needed items to support our community partners this season. We are gathering **gloves and hand warmers for Daily Bread**, as well as toothpaste and cloth grocery bags for Northside Common Ministries. All donations may be placed in the collection bin in the chapel. Thank you for helping us share warmth and care with our neighbors this winter!

EVENTS

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, December 28 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are collecting “change” – because when we all give a little, it adds up to make a big difference! These gifts help purchase food for Daily Bread.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH — SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, January 8 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Calvary United Women in Faith organizes the meal preparation for Daily Bread, a ministry that provides meals three times a week to those who are unhoused or underemployed.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

This group makes sleeping bags from recycled materials, filled with personal care items, and delivers them to local homeless shelters. No sewing experience is required! We especially need sheets, curtains, coverlets and tablecloths. Contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) for further details.

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.

FOOD COLLECTION CONTINUES

Although Thanksgiving has passed, Calvary continues our food drive to support families in need this season. Your contributions will help provide meals and show our community the love and generosity of Christ. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins at the church entrance.

Food bank recipients often lack seasonings that enhance the flavor of meals. Basic ingredients like salt, pepper, sugar, cooking oil, spices, and condiments can transform simple meals into comforting, nutritious dishes. Calvary is collecting shelf-stable, non-perishable food donations, which will be shared with local food banks and kept at the church to help families in need.

What's Most Needed

- **Boxed milk** – a treasure, especially for kids
- Cans with pop tops – **soups, veggies, tuna, or chicken**
- **Cooking oil, salt, pepper, and spices** – turn basic food into comforting meals
- **Sugar, flour, and baking mixes** – for homemade treats or birthday cakes
- **Tea bags and coffee** – small comforts that mean a lot
- **Dishwashing detergent and feminine hygiene products** – always appreciated and often overlooked

A Few Tips

- Everyone donates pasta and sauce—there's plenty already.
- Kraft Mac & Cheese often goes unused since it requires milk and butter.
- Consider adding a **can opener** if you donate traditional canned goods.

Join Our Food Drive!

Help us support families this Thanksgiving by donating shelf-stable food items & cooking essentials.

Every contribution makes a difference.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL — K-3RD, 4TH-6TH

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

Our Sunday School is divided into K-3rd, 4th-6th and 7th-12th grades for age-appropriate learning, using Cokesbury's FaithWeaver NOW series.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 7TH-12TH

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN AFTER WORSHIP

Be sure to stop by the Holiday Shop downstairs after church today. There are wonderful items available, and your support is appreciated!



MUSIC MINISTRY

EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets — CalvaryPgh.com: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students/Seniors,

Free for Military, Veterans, Firefighters, Police and Children 10 years & under

Now in its 13th year, this beloved Calvary tradition is a family-friendly, interactive concert that draws audiences from across the region.



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:15 PM | Sanctuary

No experience or audition needed! Come share your love of music!

MESSIAH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Sanctuary

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays (Oct- Dec) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

Tuesdays (Jan – May, Sep) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

All are welcome to join our handbell choir — no experience or audition needed!

SPECIAL EVENTS



FOOTBALL FAN HOSPITALITY AT CALVARY

Monday, December 15 | Time TBD, Game Begins at 8:15pm | Calvary UMC

As fans make their way to the stadium for Monday Night Football, Calvary will be open to welcome our neighbors and visitors. We'll be greeting people as they pass by—likely beginning around 5:00 PM and wrapping up around 7:00–7:30 PM—and offering warm drinks, popcorn, and a friendly place to stop in. (Exact start time will be announced closer to the date.) Come help us share Calvary's hospitality and brighten the evening for those headed to the game!

PARSONAGE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 21 | Immediately After Worship | Parsonage

All are warmly invited to stop by the parsonage for a festive Christmas Open House following the service. Come enjoy holiday treats, warm fellowship, and the joy of the season together. We hope to see you there!

EASTSHORE CHORALE PRESENTS “SEASONS OLD AND NEW”

Saturday, December 20 | 7:00 PM | Calvary UMC

The EastShore Chorale presents its Holiday Concert, *Seasons Old and New*. This festive evening will feature popular Christmas favorites alongside Spanish Renaissance music, a Hanukkah selection, and centuries-old chant. Now 37 singers strong, The EastShore Chorale is a non-sectarian, intergenerational community choir based in Regent Square, Pittsburgh. The EastShore Chorale gratefully thanks Calvary United Methodist Church for hosting and supporting this concert..

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE — A SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE

Sunday, December 21 | 7:00 PM | Calvary UMC

This gentle, reflective service — often known as a “Blue Christmas” service — is especially designed for those who find the holiday season difficult or heavy. Held on the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, this worship time acknowledges the personal losses and quiet struggles that can surface during Advent. Together, we will create a safe and compassionate space for those experiencing heartbreak, loneliness or weariness, while also offering a movement toward healing and hope. Rev. Karen Slusser, a mental health counselor and United Methodist pastor, will be our guest preacher, and Calvary’s Care Team will be present to support the service. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24 | 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM | Calvary UMC

You are warmly invited to celebrate a meaningful and joy-filled Christmas Eve at Calvary. Our 4:00 PM child-friendly service with carols offers a welcoming space for families, and our 7:30 PM Candlelight Service is preceded by beautiful choral and organ music beginning at 7:00 PM. Come let beloved carols, sacred scripture, and the gentle glow of candlelight prepare your heart as we remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services, and our communion table is open to everyone. Following each service, we hope you'll stay for warm refreshments in the chapel as we continue the celebration together.

GENDER DIVERSITY & PRONOUNS WORKSHOP

January (Date TBD) | Time TBD | Calvary UMC

Calvary is pleased to partner with Hugh Lane for an insightful workshop on gender diversity and the use of pronouns. This session will provide education, awareness, and practical guidance to foster understanding and inclusivity within our community. Stay tuned for the exact date and time!

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sunday, January 4 | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC

All are warmly invited to worship with us on Epiphany Sunday! This day celebrates Christ's revelation to all nations, marked by the arrival of the Magi and their gifts. It reminds us of God's love revealed to the world and the journey of all who seek hope and light.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH — ASSEMBLY 2026: DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!

May 15-17, 2026 | Indianapolis, Indiana

There's never been a more important time for women of faith to gather and grow. Assembly 2026 is a transformative weekend to strengthen your spirit, deepen your faith, and connect with an empowering sisterhood. Join us for this uplifting experience!

Registration is now open! Early Bird Pricing available through November 30, 2025. For more information or to register, visit uwfaith.org/assembly.

THE LONGEST NIGHT

A Service of Comfort & Hope

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 7 PM | CALVARY UMC

This "Blue Christmas" service offers **comfort and care** on the Winter Solstice, the longest night. We'll honor the grief and quiet struggles that can appear in Advent.

Together we'll create a safe place for those facing heartbreak, loneliness, or fatigue - and take a gentle step toward **healing and hope**.

Message by Rev. Karen Slusser, mental health counselor and United Methodist pastor, with support from Calvary's Care Team.

All are welcome.

You ARE GOD'S BELOVED.

You ARE WELCOME HERE.



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