

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Lessons from the *Carols*



DEC

28TH

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

Art Wolfgath – brother-in-law of David

Eichelberger

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 calvaryppgh.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 †

People: In worship, we hear God’s story and we ask, “What did God do long ago?”
Leader: In worship, we hear God’s story, so we ask, “What is God doing, here and now?”
People: In worship, we hear God’s story, then we ask, “What can I do to respond to it all?”
Leader: Listen, God is speaking.
People: Listen, it may be time to act.
Leader: Let us worship our moving, inspiring, with-us God.

HYMN OF PRAISE † “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” – #224 UMH

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

LESSONS FROM THE CAROLS. Rev. Beth L. Nelson

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| 1. Jingle Bells | 5. Hark The Herald Angel Sing |
| 2. O Little Town of Bethlehem | 6. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer |
| 3. I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day | 7. Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella |
| 4. Silent Night | 8. The 12 Days of Christmas |

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES & “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

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 Came Down at Christmas” – #242 UMH

BENEDICTION †

† Please stand as you are able / Bold text is unison.



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.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 16

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.

MORE INFO

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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday,
February 7**

6:00 - 9:00 PM

FREE babysitting
and dinner.



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN

DEC 28

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship (Monthly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON

DEC 29

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES

DEC 30

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER

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

SUN

JAN 4

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

10:00 – 10:45 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)

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

11:00 AM | Calvary UMC

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

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 resume after the holidays on January 4, 11 and 18. All are welcome!

Session 1	December 7	Put Christ Back in Christmas
Session 2	December 14	Jesus Is the Reason for the Season
Session 3	January 4	Jesus Is the Reason for the Season
Session 4	January 11	Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Session 5	January 18	Twenty Centuries of Jesus
Session 6	January 25	Beyond Belief
Session 7	February 1	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: February 9

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

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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

THIS GROUP IS CURRENTLY ON BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 8, 2026

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 28

Lay Liturgist: Anne Christianson

Welcome Team: Fred Ruddock, Carl Traud

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

Slide Projectionist: Kenny Elliott

Children's Message: Patty Bogdewic

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Lay Liturgist: Kreaux Morrison

Welcome Team: Fred Ruddock, Kathy Winne, Doug Lucas, Carl Traud

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

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Children's Message: Shelly Rohrer

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

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

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays (Mid-December – 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!

FAMILY MINISTRY



EVENTS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 16 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 7 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

FREE babysitting and dinner.

WEEKLY

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)

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENT

WINTER CARE COLLECTIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Calvary is continuing our food drive to support families in need. Donations may be placed in the bins in the chapel and will be shared with local food banks and families. The most needed items include **boxed milk** (especially for children), **pop-top canned goods such as soups, vegetables, tuna, and chicken, cooking oil, salt, pepper, spices, sugar, flour, baking mixes, tea bags, coffee, dishwashing detergent and feminine hygiene products.**

FOOD COLLECTION CONTINUES

We are collecting gloves and hand warmers for Daily Bread, and toothpaste and reusable grocery bags for Northside Common Ministries. Please place donations in the chapel bin. Thank you for helping us share warmth and care 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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturdays: February 14, March 21 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

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

There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

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.

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

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 15 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in July or December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, January 25 (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.

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.

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