

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



the good news is..

even Judas gets
his feet washed

Maundy Thursday — April 2, 2026

Worshipping God Together

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.

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)

- To the right, then to the immediate right, there is an accessible restroom and a baby changing table
- To the right then stay to the right, go to the back of the chapel, there are women's and men's restrooms
- There are men's and women's restrooms on the left then down the stairs on the right, or an elevator is available by exiting the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward the back of the building

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – GOOD FRIDAY

- **Good Friday Service** | 7:00 PM | Calvary UMC

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – EASTER SUNDAY

- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** | 7:00 AM | West End Overlook
- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 9:30-11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00-10:30 AM | Choir Loft
- **Easter Celebration Service** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **Communion** | During Church | Sanctuary
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Church | Chapel
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00-11:30 AM | Parlor

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 9:30-11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Opening Gathering** | 9:45-10:00 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** | 10:00-10:30 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Church | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Today is Maundy Thursday. The word Maundy comes from commandment, the commandment that Jesus gives to love one another. Today is the beginning of what in Christianity we call the Triduum, a period of three days that tells the story of the final days of Jesus' life. On Maundy Thursday, we honor Jesus' last meal with his disciples and prepare for the three days ahead.

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy", Franklin Ritter

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME ★

Dearly Beloved, in this Holy Week we proclaim the mystery of our faith as we behold the great love of Jesus, and contemplate his call for us to love one another. As Jesus faced his death with humility, compassion and grace, pray that we may watch with him in his passion. Set us free from our bondage to self, that by your grace we may enter into the fellowship of his suffering, trusting in your grace alone. Grant that in his spirit we may freely serve one another in all lowliness, for the sake of your will.

HYMN †★. "Come Share the Lord" – #2269 TFWS

UNISON PRAYER †★

God of grace, as Jesus called his beloved friends to the table, so you call us now, to share in table fellowship as sisters and brothers, to give thanks for Jesus, and to receive him into our hearts. Fill us with the love of Christ, that we may be his faithful disciples. Amen.

ANTHEM. "Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song" – Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †★ John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSV

- 1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- 2 The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper
- 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,
- 4 got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.
- 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.
- 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
- 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."
- 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

- 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"
- 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."
- 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."
- 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"
- 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.
- 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.
- 16 Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.
- 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.
- 31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
- 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.
- 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'
- 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
- 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION ★ "Jesu, Jesu" – #432 UMH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ★

Leader: God of love, we give thanks for the mystery of this meal, in which, even in our sin, you offer us love and grace. Therefore, we are bold to confess our sin to you with one another.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. In our fear we have withheld compassion. In selfishness we have thought ourselves separate from others. We have betrayed Christ. We repent of our sin and ask your forgiveness.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Sisters and brothers, you are forgiven. Trust in the grace of God.

People: We are forgiven. You are forgiven. We trust in the grace of God.

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Leader: Dearly Beloved, this is no ordinary meal, for Jesus himself has invited us, and in it we experience his presence: in the bread, in the sharing, and in one another.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Jesus' ministry was teaching and healing; it was also eating and drinking, with friends, with strangers, even with enemies. The accusation against him was true: "He eats with sinners." and so he invites us to dine with him, in love, in Forgiveness, in community.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your heart.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

People: **It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, Creator of the Universe, Infinite Love at the heart of all things.

People: **You have given us the gifts of earth and food, of life and blessing, and we thank you.**

Leader: As we bless this bread we thank you for all your gifts and praise you for all your blessings. Holy God, Creator of this world and all that is to come, we give thanks for your mighty acts of mercy.

People: **You brought Creation out of chaos, light out of darkness. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.**

Leader: You made your Covenant with us, to be our God.

People: **You condemn the powers that oppress us, and set free your beloved people.**

Leader: Even when our love fails, you remain steadfast.

People: **You love us and redeem us and bring us up out of slavery in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.**

Leader: You deliver us from our imprisonment in ourselves and restore us to your beloved community.

People: **In your Spirit you make us one body, and draw us to your table as sisters and brothers.**

Leader: Therefore we remember with love and gratitude the cloud of witnesses who surround us and who have gone before. For the gift of community, we give you thanks.

People: **We ask your blessing for each person gathered here, and for those whom we do not see—**

Leader: for family and ancestors,

People: **for travelers and sojourners,**

Leader: for people in far off lands, for immigrants and strangers,

People: **prisoners and laborers,**

Leader: for all the faithful and their pastors,

People: for teachers and healers,

Leader: for our enemies and those whom we do not understand,

People: and for those people to whom you will send us in humble, loving service.

Leader: For all your saints, known to us and unknown, we give thanks and pray that in this meal we may be made one.

People: For your covenant of love, we give you thanks.

Leader: For the gift of Creation, for your faithful providence,

People: and for your mighty acts of salvation, we thank you.

Leader: As the grains of wheat are gathered and made into one loaf, so in this meal we are one in the love of Jesus, the Body of Christ.

People: And so with all your Beloved, we praise you with one voice: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, your Christ, who comes in your name, who embodies your love among us,

People: who gives himself to us for heavenly food.

Leader: Jesus taught us of the Realm of your grace, the banquet of your generous love.

People: He healed our bodies, our souls, our relationships, and set us free from our fear.

Leader: On the night in which he gave himself for us, he gathered his beloved for a meal.

People: In our fear and isolation he made a community.

Leader: In the face of injustice he showed generosity.

People: Against the powers of evil he shared love.

Leader: Amidst our betrayal he gave a feast of self-giving.

People: Though divine, Christ did not cling to equality with God, but in complete self-emptying took the form of a servant, becoming humble to the point of death, even death on a cross. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Renew your Spirit within us, O God, and grant us the peace of Christ. Please pray the prayer that Jesus taught: 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.

You are invited to come forward and kneel, as you are able, at the altar rail. You will be asked to take a piece of gluten-free bread and dip it into a cup of grape juice. You may remain kneeling until you are given a blessing.

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY "Close to Thee", Edward Broughton

DOXOLOGY †★ "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" – #95 UMH
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

HYMN †★ "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" – #520 UMH

GOSPEL LESSON †★ Matthew 26:69-75 NRSV

- 69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
- 70 But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."
- 71 When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene."
- 72 Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."
- 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."
- 74 Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed.
- 75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON. "Peter's Denial of Jesus" – Rev. Jorinda Bullitt

HYMN †★ "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" – #2112 TFWS

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE † "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley", Hugh S. Livingston

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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.

GOOD FRIDAY: Tomorrow is Good Friday and it marks the commemoration of Jesus' death. Holy Saturday, known as the Saturday of Alleluia, is observed as a period of reflection between death and resurrection. Easter Sunday signifies the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



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NEW BIBLE STUDY – EXPLORING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Beginning the week after Easter, join us for an engaging study on Spiritual Gifts. Teens are also welcome to participate!

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOE DRIVE

Pittsburgh Public Schools is collecting donations for its annual shoe drive to support local communities and its partners, Homewood Children’s Village and Community Schools. New or gently used shoes of all sizes—including sneakers, cleats, sandals, boots, and dress shoes—may be donated **between February 16 and April 16. A donation bin is available in the chapel at Calvary for convenient drop off.** This message is shared from **KidCelerate**, one of our partners, who notes that as a Pittsburgh King PK-8 Community Partner, they are working to collect as many pairs of shoes as possible. So far, King has collected 50 pairs of shoes toward its 200 pair goal. If everyone can donate just one pair of gently used or new shoes they no longer wear, we can help King reach its goal. The district’s overall goal is to collect 100 bags of shoes per site.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note that there will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on Easter Sunday.

LEARN TO KNIT & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – ON HOLD

The Knitting Club will be suspended temporarily while Rhonda is away. We anticipate resuming meetings upon her return. Thank you for your understanding.

MEN’S TIES NEEDED

Men’s ties are needed for the Sleeping Bag Group. Please place in the chapel in the appropriate mission bin.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR DAILY BREAD

Help Daily Bread by baking cookies! We need 25 dozen each month. Label containers and place cookies in the freezer. Sign up or get info from Judy Flaherty at 412-913-8250.

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Bing Ewalt

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Jeanne Dithomas

Kyle Giest

Terri Jagielski

Martha Helmreich

Judy Melvin

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

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

- Filling out a Prayer Request card (in the pews) and placing it in the offering plate
- Contacting the church office: 412-231-2007
- Submitting online: calvarypgh.com/contact.



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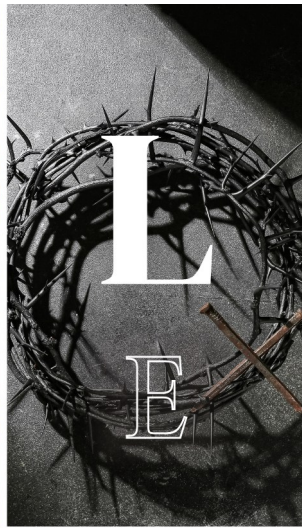
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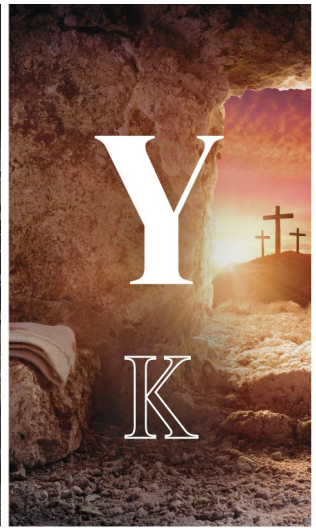
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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5 — 11 AM

7 AM — SUNRISE SERVICE
WEST END OVERLOOK



PLANT
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**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 21st! Order forms can be found at the Ministry Board in the chapel. All proceeds benefit various charities supported by the Calvary United Women in Faith. **Think Spring—place your order today!**



ORDER PICKUP

 Thursday, May 21 & Friday, May 22
 1:00 - 6:00 PM



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