

# CALVARY

*United Methodist Church*



*Hope*

*Sunday, April 19, 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  
Christine and her family on the death of her mother  
Family & friends of Andrew Emerson  
Corrine Houser  
Family of Janice Snyder  
George Janocsko  
Niko  
Judy Melvin  
Charles Moore  
The family of Bing Ewalt  
Aleata Weis  
Rick Stern  
Rhonda Harrison  
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, APRIL 19

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

## MONDAY, APRIL 20

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- **NFL DRAFT Week Open House** | 12:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC
- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00-9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- **NFL DRAFT Week Open House** | 12:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC
- **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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- **NFL DRAFT Week Open House** | 12:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- **Northview Heights Food Distribution** | 9:00-10:30 AM | Northview Heights
- **North Side Neighborhood Block Party** | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | Calvary UMC
- **NFL DRAFT Week Open House** | 12:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- **“Hey, Neighbors!” Community Breakfast** | 9:00-10:30 AM | Chapel
- **Bible Study–Exploring Spiritual Gifts** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Service of Celebration–Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **“Change Matters” Special Offering** | During Worship | Sanctuary
- **Family Game Day** | 1:00-3:00 PM | Chapel
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

# SUNDAY CELEBRATION



## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP + \*

Leader: Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

**People: Christ meets us here.**

Leader: Even when we become lost and disoriented,

**People: Christ rescues us in our need.**

Leader: Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

**People: Christ warms our spirits.**

Leader: Even when all light has faded to black,

**People: Christ illumines our Way.**

Leader: Here in this house of worship, enter, rejoice, and come home.

### OPENING HYMN + \* . . . . . "He Rose" – #316 UMH

### OPENING PRAYER + \*

Lover of our souls, you meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief. Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the subtleness of your ways and the grandeur of your kingdom. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through your enduring word. Reveal your presence to us, as we show hospitality to strangers and break bread in your name. Amen.

### WORDS OF WELCOME +

### COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

### GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE + \* . . . . . "Alleluia" – #162 UMH

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

### PSALTER LESSON \* . . . . . Psalm 116:1-4, 12-14 NRSV

- 1 I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"
- 12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

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 \* . . . . . "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" – #386 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

### GOSPEL LESSON † \* . . . . . Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

- 13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,  
14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.  
15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,  
16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.  
17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.  
18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"  
19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,  
20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.  
21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.  
22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,  
23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.  
24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."  
25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!  
26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"  
27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.  
28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.  
29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.  
30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

- 32 They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”
- 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.
- 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”
- 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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** . . . . . “Hope” – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY**

**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** \* . . . . . “Christ is Alive” – #318 UMH

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*† 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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## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday on April 26.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Sunday School Class is currently studying Spiritual Gifts. Each of us has gifts from God—sometimes we recognize them easily, and sometimes we keep them hidden. Have you ever taken time to discover the gifts God has given you? Everyone is invited to take a Spiritual Gifts survey—even if you are not part of the class. Paper copies are available on the resource table in the chapel, or you may complete it online by visiting: [umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en](http://umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en). After completing the survey, please share your results with Rev. Beth. When we understand one another's gifts, we are better equipped to serve and work together.

## IT'S HERE! – NFL DRAFT WEEK

Hundreds of thousands of visitors will be in our neighborhood during NFL Draft Week—many just blocks from Calvary. This is a unique opportunity to welcome guests, share our space, and connect with our community.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Calvary will be open all week, offering water and fresh popcorn, restrooms, guided church tours, Calvary store (featuring “stained glass” hard candy), **Neighborhood Block Party – Saturday morning (April 25)**.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

We're also collecting items to share with visitors and assemble 200 birthday cake kits:

- Small water bottles
- 9"x13" foil pans with plastic lids
- Cake mix (boxes) & frosting (cans)
- Lemon-lime soda (12 oz cans)
- Birthday candles

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

No experience needed—just a welcoming attitude. Help us by:

- Greeting visitors
- Handing out water and popcorn
- Assisting with tours
- Staffing the store
- Supporting the Block Party

## SCHEDULE

- **Wednesday-Friday (April 22-24):** Open House 12:00–8:00 PM
- **Saturday, April 25:** Block Party (9:00 AM–12:00 PM) + Open House (12:00–8:00 PM)
- **Sunday, April 26:** Breakfast (10:00 AM) & Worship Celebration (11:00 AM)

## HOW TO HELP

- Sign up for a shift (even one hour helps!)
- Invite others to join
- Stop by and be part of the welcome

Join us in making this a meaningful and memorable week for everyone who walks through our doors—nurturing kindness, love and generosity.

## MAIN CONTACT

Kenny Elliott (724-513-4625 or [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com))

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**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

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**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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