

LOVE



Let us find
our rest
in thee

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

The following abbreviations are used in this bulletin:

UMH = *United Methodist Hymnal* (blue hardcover); TFWS = *The Faith We Sing* (black soft cover).

GATHERING

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Julie Wilson

We invite you to let us know you're here today. Please record your attendance in the friendship pad and pass the book to those next to you. You can also indicate that you wish to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

VOLUNTARY

8:30

“The Tender Mother”

J. S. Bach

11:00

“Light the Advent Candle Four”

Mary Lu Walker

Children's Choirs

Please use this time to prepare to worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP/ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (Read responsively)

Today is the last Sunday of Advent, a season that more often than not turns into a time of survival, of endurance, of hanging on. But God can transform us even if we are exhausted, parched, and dry.

God sent Christ at Christmas.

Jesus came to make us new. God can breathe new life into us, our circumstances, and our interactions with others. We just have to make room for God to work in our lives. We can use this time to prepare ourselves for new life--- not the new life of a baby born in a manger, but new life for us all.

And Christ sends us.

We light this candle with love for the One who loved us so much God sent us Jesus. May we speak God's message of love and life into the world!

*CAROL

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH #240

OPENING PRAYER (said together)

Holy God, whose coming in Jesus Christ we celebrate with song and whose mercy is from generation to generation, visit us today to kindle in us the fire of your love. Bring to our minds your mercy and goodness. Trample our vanities and lift up our crushed and timid spirits so that we can all participate fully and equally in the inheritance provided by your hand. Amen

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Angela Mayer

Children's Church is available for children ages 5 years old through 3rd grade. It is held in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Parents are asked to escort their children to sign them in and then pick them up after the Service. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service.

ANTHEM

8:30 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Robert Wetzler

Gospel and Cathedral Choirs

11:00 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

arr. Lee Afdahl

Joyful Noise Handbells

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-45

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*ACT OF PRAISE

Canticle of Mary
(Magnificat)

UMH #199

*CAROL

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

UMH #218

SERMON

A Life Turned Right-side Up

Rev. Steve Larsen

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION AND COMMITMENT

OUR RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WE OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

setting by
Healey Willan

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #219

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

SENDING FORTH

*CAROL

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

UMH #224

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

“Tell Out My Soul”

setting by Paul Manz

*GOING FORTH TO SERVE

The Advent Wreath was lit by members of the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men. If you are interested in one of these ministries, please contact Andrea Willets for the UMW and Kent Willets for the UMM.

Altar Flowers Our family dedicates the altar flowers in honor of our beloved parents Richard and Virginia Metcalf for all the wonderful Christmas memories you have given us. And, also all of our wonderful friends here at Calvary, who have kept us in your thoughts and prayers. -William, Donald, Cathy and Paul Metcalf

Emergency Family Shelter Volunteers are needed to serve as host or prepare meals. See Deacon Julie Wilson for more information. Training for new volunteers will be held on Monday, December 17 at the church office at 11:00 a.m.

CROP Walk Ray Frank is still collecting money from the CROP Walk, please see him or contact the church office to drop of your money.

Serving Schedule

Ushers:

8:30 a.m.

Dave Mills, Randy McClement,
Paul Nelson, Frank Strakonsky,
Bret Slovikosky, Mark MacDonald,
Richard DeLauter, Addy Benton

11:00 a.m.

Elaine Childs, Anne Mossburg,
Bill Pasquerette, Jack Tritt,
Richard Miller

Today, Sunday, December 23

Greeter
Acolyte
Lay Reader
Coffee/Tea

8:30 a.m.

The Duthoy Family
Logan Boston
David Cline
Beth & Frank Strakonsky

11:00 a.m.

The Heller Family
Molly Rhoades
Zan Fleming
Sue Krause

Next, Sunday, December 30

Greeter
Acolyte
Lay Reader
Coffee

10:00 a.m.

Betsy Bryant
Catherine Waskey
Helen Sheppard
Lou and Judy Finneyfrock

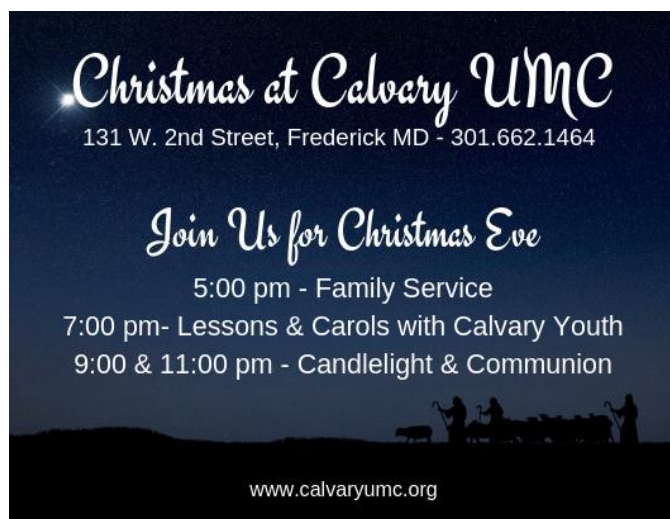
Open Prayer will pause for the Christmas season. We invite you to join us for the Advent Study on Wednesday evenings during this time. Open Prayer will resume in January.

“Somebody Build a Manger” Christmas album will be available to purchase. Our very own Rev. Dr. Ray Moreland will be featured in the album. Cost \$10. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity of Frederick. To order contact Rev. Moreland at morelandraymond@gmail.com

Volunteers in Mission Trips

If you are considering a trip with our volunteers in mission this year, you are invited to an informational meeting Thursday, January 3 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. At the meeting we will let you know about the two trips we have planned for 2019 and the teams we are looking to take with us. You will have an opportunity to fill out team applications including listing your skills and areas of interest at that time. If you are unable to attend but are interested in joining a team this year, please let Deacon Julie know and she will make sure to send you the application as well as any other information that you miss.

VIM Trip Dates: Trip #1- July 24, 2019-July 31, 2019 for a skilled team of 13 to travel to and work in Vieques, Puerto Rico led by Rev. Julie Wilson and Andrew Wilde. Trip #2- October 13, 2019-October 19, 2019 for a team of 10-12 (or more) of all skill levels to be at the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY (Oct. 12 is a travel day) led by Bruce and Helen Sheppard.



Christmas at Calvary UMC
131 W. 2nd Street, Frederick MD - 301.662.1464

Join Us for Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Family Service
7:00 pm- Lessons & Carols with Calvary Youth
9:00 & 11:00 pm - Candlelight & Communion

www.calvaryumc.org

December 30th Worship Service

There will be a 10:00 a.m. service only and no Sunday School classes will be held.



Tour of Churches Help Needed! We need volunteers to make soup from 8 am-12pm and then to serve and make cookies from 4pm-9pm on Dec. 26. Additionally, we need greeters from 4pm-9pm. Sign up in 1-hour increments or volunteer for more time if you wish. This is great opportunity to highlight our church and our amazing congregation! Sign-up sheets are located at the welcome center or speak with Kay Jacobs, khirsch@capron.com for more information.

This week at Calvary December 23-December 30

Today, Sunday December 23

8:30 p.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Service
7:00 p.m. Youth Service
9:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion

Tuesday, Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tour of Churches

Thursday, December 27

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

Sunday, December 30

10:00 a.m. Worship

****** If you purchased a poinsettia please take from the Parish Hall. The poinsettia's in the sanctuary will be available after Dec. 26th Tour of Churches.

VISTING WITH US?

Welcome! We are glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. More information about Calvary UMC is available in our welcome packets, or by speaking with a pastor or with someone at the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall.

- We invite you to sign in using the registration pads that are located in each pew. You can also use these pads to see who is sitting with you today!
- Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship following worship today!
- Nursery care available Sundays for children who are newborn – 4yrs. old.
- An audio recording of today's sermon will be available online on Monday, or you can request a CD by contacting the church office.
- Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Children's Bulletins are available for children ages 3-6 and 7-12 that connect to the weekly sermon. These can be found in the coloring center in the Narthex or ask a ushers for guidance.

Want to keep up to date with what's happening? You can find the pastor's blog, find upcoming events, link to volunteer opportunities, recent pictures and more with our weekly email "What's Happening". Subscribe by sending a request: office@calvaryumc.org

Prayers Concerns Names are added to this list by request. Please do your best to keep the office apprised of any changes in status. The list will be reviewed monthly and names removed unless you request otherwise when you call or email. Email to office@calvaryumc.org. For all pastoral care concerns, please contact Pastor Steve at revsteve@calvaryumc.org at the office: 301-662-1464 or via cell phone: 301-848-8216.

Virginia Floyd

(Friend of Rita Sharpe)

Tom Van Pelt (Father of Beth

Waskey and Becky Bostian)

Patrick Houston (Brother in-law to

Sue & Mark Metzger)

John Simpson (Friend of Nancy and

Jim Dobbs)

Owen Duthoy

Amy Carter

Joan Cooley

Dottie Mitchell

Steven Wells

Christina Wells

Mary Louise Schueler

Joe and Yvonne Harris (Friends
of Rita Sharpe)

Velma Hoffman

Claudia Bulkowski (Mother of

Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen)

Bob Strine

Eli Yanike (Great-grandson of

Ramonia Yanike)

Dylan Hawkins

Fannie Johnson

Ruby Eavey

Roy Byers (Brother of Bob Byers)

Deb Tracy

(Sister in-law to Carol Fennington)

Paul McMahan

Frank West

Billie Stokes

Michael Boyer

(Friend of Linda English)

Barbara Crane (Friend of Tom and
Linda Mullineaux)

Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve
and JoAn Ehlers and cousin of Alice
Zalatoris)

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(Mother of Allison MacDonald)

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Gerry Schuetze

Carl Reed

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Martha Moked)

Doris Hemp Gaither

Bill Winn (Friend of Rita Sharpe)

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June Walden

(Mother of Julie Schwarzenberg)

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(Sister of Anne Mossburg)



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Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.

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