

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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.*

November 13, 2022

Commitment Sunday

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Prelude

“Praise to God, Immortal Praise!”

setting by Dougals E. Wagner  
Dr. Adela Peeva, organ

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

God is ready to answer us, even before we call.

God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

**The hills sing together before God’s presence.**

**All of nature proclaims God’s glory.**

If the seas join in praise, how much more should we.

If hills are alive with song, let us, too, awake to sing.

**Make a joyful noise to God, all people of the earth!**

**Break forth into joyous song!**

Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating.

Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

**We worship God with joy and delight.**

**We welcome God’s healing touch in our midst.**

\*Hymn

“From All That Dwell Bellow the Skies”

UMH #101

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Anthem

“Laudate Dominum” from “Vespers Solemne de Confessore”

Sanctuary Choir

W. A. Mozart

Julia Lancione, Soprano Soloist

Joyce Summers, Piano

*English Translation from Latin:*

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, all nations;  
Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed his mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,  
and for generations of generations. Amen.

\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

David Cline

\*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Time With the Children

*Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church either in the Chapel or in the Nursery for the remainder of the worship service.*

\*Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH #399

Sermon

As Good as It Gets

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

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**

Offertory

“March on the Hunderdth Psalm Tune”

Brenda Portman

tune: old 100<sup>th</sup> by Louis Bourgeois

*This morning we are inviting the people to come forward with their offering and with their estimate of giving cards for 2023. There is a box in the chancel area to place these. We call this “The Joash Chest” named after a king in the Old Testament who collected a special offering from the people for repairs to the Temple in Jerusalem.*

*Offerings and estimate of giving cards can also be left in baskets in the narthex today or sent to the church office at 131 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments and giving cards can be made easily and securely by going to [www.Calvaryumc.org/give/](http://www.Calvaryumc.org/give/). (See QR code on the back of this bulletin)*

*Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.*

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

**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!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

“Christ for the World We Sing”

UMH #568

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” setting by Robert Lau

\*Going Forth

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The Call to Worship this morning is from *Touch Holiness*, Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, editors, (Pilgrim Press, 1990), p. 101.

**Ushers:** Dave Mills, Fran Haller, Paul Muehl, Bill Pasquerette

**The altar flowers** are to honor and in memory of all Veterans, by Helen Sheppard.

**Become an usher**, help pass the offering plate, communion, distribute bulletins and direct seating, if interested sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-monthly> or see Dave Mills at [dacmills78@gmail.com](mailto:dacmills78@gmail.com)

**Altar Flowers:** If you are interested in being a flower sponsor, please sign up by calling the church office or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar1> to sign up for altar flowers, pulpit, or communion table. Many dates are available.

**Acolytes Needed!** Calvary is seeking youth members (ages 8 and up) to serve as acolytes during Sunday morning worship. If your child may be interested, please contact Stefanie Harris at 301-639-7376 or [jujubee820@yahoo.com](mailto:jujubee820@yahoo.com) for more information and training.

**The Church Nursery** is open for children up to 5 years of age. Look for our **Children's Worship Bags** in the narthex, filled with activities to keep little hands busy during worship!

Our **Nursery** policies and procedures require two adults over the age of 18 be present at all times when our nursery is in use. We just need a second adult to be on our rotating schedule. Contact Cathleen Gough, in the nursery on Sunday mornings.

**Children's Church** is for ages 5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and meets either in the Chapel or in the Nursery during our worship service, immediately following our *Time With The Children.*"

**Volunteers for Children's Church-** We need two adults each week to be with the kids. On Communion Sunday, we walk the children up to take communion. This is a rewarding ministry-

and you still get to sit and listen to the sermon and the beautiful music!

**Our Women's Ministry Gratitude Group** on Facebook is another place you can join us. We share daily gratitude and joys, daily prayer requests, and share inspirational messages. All are welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/783900735353923/>

We need hosts for our **Coffee and Donut time** in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. To sign up go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-coffee1> and chose a date. Contact Margie Wilde at [skywilde@comcast.net](mailto:skywilde@comcast.net) for more information, or contact the Church office.

**Please help our community's homeless youth: Homeless for the Holidays!**

From mid-November through December, Calvary is collaborating with SHIP of Frederick (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership), by collecting *personal hygiene articles* for middle and high school age youth who do not have permanent homes. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants and shaving items for boys and girls, shampoo, hairbrushes, feminine hygiene products, and soaps are examples of the types of items needed. For a complete list of needed items, see:

<https://shipfrederick.com/events/homeless-for-the-holidays>

In Parish Hall by the coat racks, each Sunday from November 13 through December, there will be a box decorated with Christmas wrappings and marked HOMELESS-FOR-THE-HOLIDAYS. At this time of year when we give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us through God's grace, and prepare our hearts spiritually for the birth of Jesus, let us be generous in helping our community's youth in need. If in addition to or in lieu of giving the items above you wish to make a financial contribution to SHIP of Frederick, you may do so through that organization's website or the offering plate in our church narthex, with a check made out to Calvary UMC noting SHIP in the lower left memo line.

**"Singing in the Spirit"**

Everyone is Invited to UMW's Group Hosting of Dr. Adela Peeva!

All congregation members, including friends as well, are cordially invited to a special evening event to explore approaches to Singing in the Spirit.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, in the Calvary's Ladies Parlor, the United Methodist Women's (UMW) Group will host a discussion with our Music Director and Organist, Dr. Adela Peeva. At this meeting, Dr. Peeva will lead an informal conversation on "*How to sing in the spirit, prayerfully and with conviction.*"

The conversation will also include singing of hymns, with a guided emphasis on melody and rhythm, in attempting to deeper interpret and enlighten our understanding, experiencing and appreciation of the story behind the hymns' music. Dr. Peeva will also provide some practical suggestions touching on techniques that can be used to enhance how we "*sing in spirit.*"

Come and experience the joy of praising God in song!



**Join us on Saturday, November 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**Poinsettias are now on sale, order forms can be found in each pew, Narthex or the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall. Orders Due by Monday, November 28.**



**UMW Advent Tea, Saturday December 3 at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

### **Angel Tree**

The Angel tree is back! The Hannah Circle invites you to join us in providing Christmas gifts for children from the Religious Coalition. The Christmas tree will be in the Fellowship Hall after the Christmas Bazaar concludes. The Christmas tree is covered with ornaments. Each of children's ornaments contain toys from their Christmas wish list, clothing needs of the children and grocery store gift cards for their Christmas dinner.

Participation is easy and instructions are included on the back of each ornament. Remember to sign out the ornaments you select in the white ring binder. All gifts need to be returned to the tree no later than **Sunday, December 4.**

If you choose to purchase a clothing item, it is very helpful if you include a gift receipt in the package. This helps to make exchanges easier for the family in case they need a different size.

We are still collecting gift cards (Target, Walmart, Kohls, and grocery stores) and cash donations for those who are uncomfortable shopping. There is a red box near the tree that you may drop your cash donations and gift cards in. Please make checks out to Calvary United Methodist Women and reference "Angel Tree."

If you need further information, call Sheila Howard at 301-676-4382.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Members of Calvary:** Nancy Huffman, Lou Finneyfrock, Todd Main, Shauna Main, Anna Stroh, Donna Loeb, Scott English, Bruce Caruthers, Betty Brewer, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Beth Richards, JoAn Ehlers, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Kitty and Nathan Robinson, Charlotte Elliott, Leo Giambarresi, Lynn Schumacher, Jack Heller, Art Fennington

**Friends of Calvary:** Family of Bob Levering (Father of Sandy Moreland), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda and Scott English), Bev Hitchins (Friend of Paul Nelson), Erik Karl (Son of Cathy Karl), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Father and Brother of Shane Wickline, Barbara Crutchley (Friend of Jan Cline), Hope Patterson and Cathy Short (Sisters of Charlotte Pasquerette), Ken Kessel (Brother of Susan Baggette), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Vivian Warner (Mother of Jan Cline), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister & brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert) Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Wendy Koch (Niece of Helen Sheppard), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Alice Woodward, sister, Jeremy Winn, nephew, Louise Bricto, cousin of Rita Sharpe, Virginia Painter Floyd, Tracy Sizemore, Jamie Marable and daughter Cheryl, Anne Hovis and Bob Ray, friends of Rita Sharp

## This Week at Calvary November 13 ~ November 20

Today, Sunday, November 13

Commitment Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

4:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Trustees

Tuesday, November 15

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle Meeting

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Bells

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Education Meeting

7:00 p.m. UMW Evening with Adela

Next Sunday, November 20

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Use this code to learn how to give online, or visit <https://calvaryumc.org/give/>



Our Stewardship Campaign concludes today, November 13. We are inviting folks to complete an estimated giving card for 2023 and present these during worship services. If you would like a giving card, please use this link: <https://calvaryumc.org/annual-stewardship-campaign/>, or cards are available in the Narthex.



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