

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.

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

setting by Joseph M. Martin
Dr. Adela Peeva, pianist

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

We come to celebrate God’s presence and promise.

We give thanks for God’s love made known to us in Jesus Christ.

We come remembering his life and ministry

And the life we are called to live.

We come looking for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn

“O Worship the King”

UMH #73

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God our Maker, whose eye regards even the sparrow, you care for this world you have made, with tenderness. Through your loving Spirit, you seek to redeem your lost creation and make it whole again. You seek to find the sheep that was lost and the coin that was misplaced. So it was, you sent your Christ as a servant, to bind up our brokenness and heal our wounded spirits. Grant that we might be receptive to Christ’s call that we may be made whole and set free to love. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

June Eleanor Proudfoot, daughter of Christine and Lawrence Proudfoot III

Siblings in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ’s holy church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

The pastor addresses the parents:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

We do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

We do.

Will you nurture *this child*
in Christ's holy church,
that by your teaching and example *she* may be guided
to accept God's grace for *herself*
to profess *their* faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection
of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these persons* now
before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround *this child*
with a community of love and forgiveness,**

that *she* may grow in *her* trust of God,
and be found faithful in *her* service to others.
We will pray for *her*,
that *she* may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare the Lord's works to the nations,

God's glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

to bless this gift of water and *she* who *receives* it,

To wash away *her* sin, and clothe *her* in righteousness
through *her* *life*, that, dying and being raised with Christ,
she may share in in His final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal God,

through your Son Jesus Christ,

**who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

June Eleanor, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new *sister* in Christ.

**Through baptism,
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a *member* of the family of Christ.**

Members of the household of God, I commend *this child* to your love and care. Do
all in your power to increase *her* faith, confirm *her* hope, and perfect *her* in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ and
in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our witness, and our service,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and
strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Anthem "We Are Marching in the Light of God"
South African Traditional song
Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lessons Luke 7:31-35 and John 15:13-17 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-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader.

*Hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526

Sermon Who Do You Say That I Am? Jesus as Friend Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Joys and Concerns
Please share birthdays, anniversaries, and moments of joy as well as prayer concerns that are weighing on your heart. If you don't feel comfortable sharing these out loud, feel free to write a note in the red attendance pad.

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.

We Offer Our Gifts and Tithes

Our giving is a joyful and prayerful response to God's gifts to us.

Checks can also be sent to the church office at 131 West 2nd St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to www.Calvaryumc.org/give/. (See QR code on the back of this bulletin) You can make a one-time gift or set up ongoing electronic payments. Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.

Offertory "Immortal, Invisible" setting by Joseph M. Martin

*Doxology

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

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

UMH #371

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Let All Things Now Living” Traditional Welsh Melody
setting by Cindy Berry

*Going Forth

New Worship Series: **Who Do You Say That I Am?**

Starting today and throughout most of the season of Lent, we will be considering different ways that Jesus Christ is viewed and encountered. Using *Freeing Jesus*, by Diane Butler Bass (HarperOne: 2021), scripture and other resources we will look at several of ways to rediscover the fullness of Jesus for our lives today. Today we begin by considering Jesus as friend.

Ushers: Rick Miller, Andy Radcliffe, Drew Irving, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Acolyte: Savannah Muehl

Coffee Time Hosts: Helen Sheppard and Jackie Grimes

The altar flowers are in honor of Linda and Tom Mullineaux’s Valentines Day 56th Anniversary.

****Attention-** The Nursery will temporarily be meeting in the Education Building from 10 – 11 a.m. during the worship service.

Acolytes Needed: Dates have been added to the sign up list! Please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9a82aa4ff2-acolyte/18827003#/> If you have any questions please contact Stefanie Harris at jujubee820@yahoo.com

Children’s Church is for children in grades K-3, and takes place in our chapel during the worship service, immediately following the *Time with the Children*. If you would like to volunteer as a Children’s Church Adult please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949acad2fabfbc61-childrens>

If there is not an adult present in the Chapel, please walk over to the Education Buildings Activity Room where the Nursery will be held temporarily.

Veggie Tale Movie Night is happening from **6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday, February 16** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us for pizza, a movie, discussion, a craft and more! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow if you'd like! Please register by contacting AmyStone@calvaryumc.org, or sign up in Sunday School.

Week of February 11~February 18

Today, Sunday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Peal Bell
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
3:00 p.m. Brian Ganz Concert
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Ringers
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, February 16

6:00 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night

Next Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Peal Bell
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

B **Museum of the Bible Trip** – We are planning a bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on **Saturday, April 6**. Families and friends are welcome to come along! We will meet at the MARC Train Station, behind Target in Frederick, at 9:30 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. The **non-refundable** cost per person is \$57.75, which includes the bus trip, tip for the driver, taxes, and your ticket into the museum. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in addition to the breakdown of the costs, details of the trip, and a map of the six floors of the Museum. Checks must be received by March 3 and made out to Fran Haller. If you have any questions, please contact Fran, fehaller@outlook.com, or Helen Sheppard, brucehelenshep@msn.com.

Children's Ministry



Thank you for all of your wonderful donations for Calvary's LOVE BAGS! Now we need help with the delivery of the bags to their recipients during the month of February! Please pick up a bag or two from the table in the main hallway outside the Parish Hall and deliver them to the person named on the bag at the address listed. On the paper at the table, sign your name on the line next to the person's name and then check off the box when you have successfully delivered the bag. Thank you for delivering love from Calvary and for brightening someone's day!

Thank you so much! 😊



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