

**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.*

December 8, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



**We Celebrate Our Presence Together: Gathering**

Prelude

“Nun ruhen alle Walder”

by J. S. Bach  
Daniel Catalano, organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMH #203

\*Lighting the Advent Candle (read responsively) Brett and Sandy Chaney

The promise of Peace is the Divine Gift God has to offer us.

**And what will we do with it?**

The gift of Christ’s peace reminds us that we can have serenity even in the midst of non-peaceful situations.

Peace is not simply the absence of conflict.

Peace is an ever-present gift that we can open at any time when we stop, breathe, and trust that we are never alone.

The gift of peace we can give is to be present for those who feel alone.

**We light this Candle of Peace as a sign that we will be Present with Peace in the world.**

Prayer of Presence (unison)

**Holy Living Light of God, you are our Peaceful Presence.  
Let this peace grow in our lives each day,  
so we can be a Present of Peace to others.  
Unwrap and open our hearts.  
May it be so. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism          Jack Everett Thompson  
(Son of Nicole and Brian Thompson)

Introduction and Presentation of the Candidate

Renunciation of Sin and Baptismal Vows

*The pastor addresses 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?

**I do.**

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

**I 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?

**I do.**

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

**I 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 this child 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 he may grow in his trust of God,  
and be found faithful in service to others.**

**We will pray for him,  
that he may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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 God's works to the nations,  
the Lord's glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin, and clothe him in righteousness through his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share 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

### Commendation and Welcome

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sibling in Christ. Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him 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, and our service, and our witness  
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.

### The Word Present Among Us: Proclaiming

Scripture Lesson      Isaiah 40: 1-8      David Shickel

Anthem      “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”  
text by Edward Caswall, music by William H. Monk  
Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

\*Gospel Lesson      Mark 1: 1-8      David Shickel

\*Response  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Time With the Children      Amy Stone

*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. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader.*

\*Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS #2171  
Sermon Being Present with PEACE Rev. Steve Larsen

**Fully Present in the Moment: Praying**

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Please pray this prayer using the words that are closest to you heart:

**Our Father/Mother/Parent, 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 "His Yoke is Easy" by Franklin Ritter

When we pass the offering plate in the worship service we are linking our giving with other ways we worship God.

Checks can also be sent to the church office at 131 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments 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). 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.

\*Doxology UMH #221 (st. 4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him; give him my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Present to the World: Sending**

\*Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Praise Ye the Lord" by Camille Saint-Saens

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Our worship series throughout the season of Advent and Christmas is called The Gift of Being Present. It is based on a theme and materials from [WorshipDesignStudios.com](http://WorshipDesignStudios.com). The scripture lessons this month remind us “the Holy One is with you” and of God’s gift: Being present to us in the child born in Bethlehem. This year, we are invited to *offer* the gift of being present to our loved ones, our community, and to those who need it most. In this holy season, we are invited to *be* the gift of presence for our loved ones, for our communities, and for those who need it most.

**Ushers:** Paul Nelson, Bill Pasquerette, Bret Slovikosky, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

**Coffee Host:** Paul Nelson

**Acolyte:** Emily Harris

It is with much love and appreciation, we would like to thank Pastor Steve and everyone for the heartfelt and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us. The love, kindness and support through food, cards and visits were much appreciated.  
~Carole and Larry Proudfoot

**Children's Sunday School** for **Preschool 3-Year-Olds** through **5<sup>th</sup> Graders**. Join us for songs, snacks, crafts and Bible learning! We meet in the Activities Room of the Education Building from **9:00 - 9:45 a.m. every Sunday**. For more information, please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) or sign up using this link: <https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/113/responses/new>

***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](mailto:jujubee820@yahoo.com)

***Children's Church*** is for children in grades K- 5th, and meets in the chapel following the ***Time with Children***. Children's Church is now incorporating many elements of our traditional service so that children are interactively engaging in worship, just on a smaller scale.

**Sing-Along Hymn Singing on December 15<sup>th</sup>** -Everyone from the congregation is invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing hymn #202 from UMH “People, Look East” during the anthem slot on Sunday, December 15. The rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. or immediately after the Children’s pageant and just prior to the Sunday worship service on December 15. Participation in the rehearsal is optional but helpful. Please consider joining us in singing this beautiful Advent hymn.

## Children' Ministy



Calvary will be participating in *Frederick's Kris Kringle Procession* on **Friday, December 13.**

Line-up begins at **5:30 p.m.** on South Carroll Street between East Patrick and East All Saints Street and ending at Calvary. **Look for our group in Line Up Group #2, Position #22- there will be a numbered sign.** Then enjoy cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish Hall! We will need **children and adults** to help us sing Christmas carols and to participate in our mini Nativity Scene float, complete with Mary, Joseph, the angels and stable animals! Walking musicians are welcome and encouraged as well! Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for questions or to sign up, or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-52220851-christmas> .

Watch the Weekly E-news and the Sunday bulletin for our exact line-up number on South Carroll Street and look for our banner and float! Members of ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!



**Pageant Dress Rehearsal is 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Saturday, December 14. Calvary's Annual Children's Christmas Pageant** will take place at **9 a.m. Sunday, December 15 in Parish Hall!**

(Participants will put on costumes in the Education Building at 8:30).

We invite EVERYONE to join us as Calvary's Children act out the traditional story of Jesus' birth! It's not too late to take part in Calvary's Annual Children's Pageant! Contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information!

**WHEELBARROW/FOOD BANK** We would like to sincerely thank the congregation for their weekly donations to the **wheelbarrow/food bank**. It truly warms our hearts to walk in on Sunday mornings to see the generous donations. With the season of giving upon us, there are numerous ways for us all to spread love thru giving.... hygiene items for the homeless youth (SHIP), Angel Tree gifts for children to name a few. The "Reverse Advent" food bank collection was such a success we decided to bring it back again this year.

Basically, one item per day. We will gladly take your collections and deliver them to the food bank. If you prefer to bring items weekly instead of waiting until Christmas Eve, feel free to place them in the "holiday wheelbarrow" (Please find the list of food on the Wheelbarrow in the hall outside of the Parish Hall). May your hearts be filled with the spirit of love and joy. ~Roy and Julie Schwarzenberg

**BAKE a BATCH cookie event for Jenn Esler.** Jenn is a Calvary member and served as the Nursery Director before being diagnosed with a brain tumor several years ago. Following surgery, she had extensive rehabilitation to improve her quality of life. Proceeds from Bake a Batch serve to help Jenn in her rehab and to remind her that she is not forgotten by her Calvary family.

All cookie donations can be dropped off in the kitchen or church office on **Friday, December 13** or by **9 a.m. Saturday, December 14**. Cookie trays will be available for purchase Sunday, **December 15**.

Baking Cookies is a great activity to do with your children or grandchildren and for a great cause. All homemade cookies whether family favorites or holiday classics are welcomed. So get those mixers moving!!! Any questions please contact Julie Schwarzenberg at 240-626-7666.

### **SHIP Homeless for the Holiday Hygiene Drive**

Calvary UMC is once again supporting SHIP's (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership) Hygiene Drive. Now thru December 31, we will be collecting new, full sized hygiene products for students in Frederick County experiencing homelessness.

The Christmas wrapped SHIP collection box can be found in the hallway outside the Parish Hall. Listed below are the most needed items. Please contact Beth Stitely with any questions. 301-730-8282, [Autumn.purple@hotmail.com](mailto:Autumn.purple@hotmail.com).

- Ethnic Hair Care Products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent
- Razors
- Hand Soap
- First Aid Items
- Dental Floss
- Mouth Wash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Product
- Shaving Cream
- Body Lotion
- Hair Brushes
- Hair Ties
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper





# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 p.m. Family Service

7 p.m. Candelight and Communion

9 p.m. Candelight and Communion

## Looking Ahead: Special Epiphany Study

The Old Timers & Newcomers Bible study group, that meets at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings in the conference room of Calvary's Administrative Building, will have a special study of the Gospel of John during the Epiphany season for eight weeks, beginning January 5. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### December 8~December 15, 2024

Today, Sunday December 8

9:00 a.m. Exploring Members Class  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, December 9

7:00 p.m. SHP Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, December 11

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

Friday, December 13

Bake a Batch Cookie Drop Off  
5:30 p.m. Kris Kringle Procession

Saturday, December 14

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Bake A Batch Tray Assembly  
10:00 a.m.  
Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. WRS

Next Sunday, December 15

9 a.m. Children's Annual Christmas Pageant  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group



# **38TH ANNUAL TOUR OF CHURCHES**

## **CALVARY UMC EVENT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 P.M.**

*CHICKEN CORN SOUP, COOKIES, HOT CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, HOT TEA, AND WATER WILL BE SERVICED FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. OR WHEN WE RUN OUT.*

### **MUSICAL LINEUP**

**Tri State Harp Ensemble**

**Led by Sally Lay**

**3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Brass Ensemble**

**Led by Matthew Stegle**

**5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Seasonal Organ Music played by Karen Gebhart**

**6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**Peal Bells Ringing and Demonstration**

**6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Seasonal Organ Music played by Karen Gebhart**

**7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Peal Bells Ringing and Demonstration**

**7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



## **Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent Passing:** Bobbie Parsons, Bradley Proudfoot

## **Members of Calvary:**

Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeyer, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Joyce Dixon, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Ramona Yanike, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner, Paul Metcalf

## **Friends of Calvary:**

Ruth Spring (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Waldo Blake (Father of Melissa Rust), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), Kassidy Noble (Niece of Brad and Jennie Davy), Eileen Morrow (Cousin of Karen Gebhart), Angela Gorens (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Jerry Black (Son-in-law of Betsy Bryant), Drew Wilson, Marie Slovikosky Miller, and Mike Miller (Brother and Sister-in-law of Nancy Slovikosky), Sarah Jenkins (Sister of Mary Crum), Cheryl Christine (Chris) Irving (Wife of Drew Irving), Allan Huffman (Son of Nancy Huffman), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda & Scott English), Scott Berry, Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Hope Patterson and Cathy Short (Sisters of Charlotte Pasquerette), Ken Kessel (Brother of Susan Baggette), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister & brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), Alice and Becky Woodward (Family of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd, Jill and Tracy Sizemore, Gil Crippen, Jim Clark, Ida Durden, and Janella Walls, Louise Brieto (Family Members and Friends of Rita Sharpe)



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