

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

131 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

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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 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

Voluntary in b flat

Maurice Green
Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

In God alone we take refuge.

We will not be put to shame.

The one who formed us is the one who gathers us here.

We will praise our Creator forever.

*Hymn

“We Are the Church”

UMH #558

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.

At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.

O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Silent Prayer

Words of Forgiveness and Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

Presentation on the Reconciling Ministry process

*Gospel Lesson Luke 4:21-30

Margie Wilde

*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-5th grade are invited to Children's Church 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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH #206

Sermon

In Your Hometown

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

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/. 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

“Given For You”

words by J. Paul Williams, based on Matthew 26:26-29

music by Douglas Nolan

Sanctuary Choir, William Davy, soloist, Joyce Summers, pianist

*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!

*The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Prayer After Receiving

*Hymn

“God of Love and God of Power”

UMH #578

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Glory and Majesty”

by Roger Wilson

The Prayer of Confession in the worship service today comes from *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (1992) #478

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

Coffee Host: Beth Strakonsky

Acolyte: Mikey Mills

Ushers Needed! Please contact Dave Mills at dacmills78@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming an usher.

Children's Sunday School for **Preschool 3-Year-Olds** through **5th 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 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

Children's Church is for children in grades K- 5th, and meets in the chapel following the **Time with the 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.

Bible Sunday



February 9

Sunday, February 9 is Bible Sunday- the special day when 3rd grade students (and older students who have not yet received their Bible) will be presented with their very own Bibles from Calvary!

9 a.m. – Bible Unwrapping Ceremony in the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

10 a.m. – Blessings Over the New Bibles with Pastor Steve during the Worship Service.

Pajama Drive for Heartly House

Heartly House cares for children and adults who are survivors of domestic violence. Some escape to safety with very little resources, and comfort on their first night is important. Response to Calvary's **Valentine Drive for NEW pajamas** has been so generous! We need to gather more children's and men's sleepwear through the month of February to complete our donations. Suggestions are:

- infant sizes 6 to 18 months
- children's sizes 2T to 8
- youth/teen sizes 10-16 or S to XL
- Pajama pants are also a great gift

The container in the Parish Hall on the stage is holding all donations. Please package your selections in clear plastic bags to help their distribution.

2025 Annual Giving Campaign

During our recent giving campaign, we received pledges from 84 individuals/families with a total of \$326,223 that is planned to be given to the church in 2025. Our annual operating budget for 2025 is \$616,536.



Calvary UMC Winter Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Please sign up with Pastor Steve Larsen at revsteve@Calvaryumc.org or call the church office at 301-662-1465.

Donors and volunteers NEEDED!

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Calvary will celebrate the World Day of Prayer at **2 p.m. Friday, March 7**, in the Chapel. The sponsoring country of Calvary's service this year is the Cook Islands. Their theme, **I made you wonderful**, coming from Psalms 139:14, invites us all to know God made each one of us with Care and Love. When we receive and understand this profound truth everything in our lives changes. Join us for a moving service sponsored by the Executive Committee of the United Women in Faith. Members of 28 churches in Frederick County have also been invited to attend. Give a warm welcome to old and new friends during a reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

The Frederick School of Religion will be offering six classes covering a broad range of topics. **WHEN:** Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Monday and Tuesday evenings, for six weeks starting **March 3, 2025**. Brochures are available on the Calvary bulletin board.

WHERE: Beth Shalom, 1011 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701.

For more information and registration forms, you may visit our website www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657. All 6-week long courses are eligible for up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units. For more information and registration forms, you may call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657 or visit our website at www.frederickschoolofreligion.org



Returning to Calvary!

Sunday, February 16, 2025 – Brian Ganz, pianist

Brian Ganz, who returns for another “All-Chopin” program as he continues his quest to perform every work of music by the great composer. This concert is an interactive and highly energetic performance where Mr. Ganz brings Chopin's music to life with emotional power and warmth. To learn more about Brian, visit his website at www.BrianGanz.net.

I Don't Have Time to Read. Yes, you do!



Calvary's Mobile Library has all the right stuff by:

Max Lucado, Richard Paul Evans, Barbara Kingsolver, Adam Hamilton and others.

And . . . You Can Help Us Expand. If you have an interesting title you would like to *donate* to Calvary's Mobile Library, leave it in the container in the Parish Hall near the book cart. We're looking for *exciting subjects in good condition* to add to our collection. Some suggestions:

Christian Fiction in All Genres

Devotional Literature

End of Life Circumstances

Enduring Illness

History of Christianity

Inspirational Biographies

John Wesley

People of the Bible

Prayer, Faith, and Healing

Proactive Christianity

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

Teachings of Jesus

Justice and Ethics



Love Bags have been assembled by Calvary's **Mission Possible Kids**, and are ready to be picked up and delivered by Calvary Church members! Please look for the **Love Bags** in the hallway of the main church building, and if you are able, pick up a few and deliver them to the recipient named on the label sometime during the month of February.

Thank you for brightening someone's day by delivering a bag filled with love from Calvary.



It is that time of year! When the City of Frederick post the emergency snow plan in effect, Calvary Church will be closed. If the Frederick County Public Schools close for inclement weather, Calvary Church will be closed. Please check our website at www.calvaryumc.org or call the church office at 301-662-1464, both of these outlets will have the most updated information in case of inclement weather.

February 2, 202 ~ February 9, 2025

Today, Sunday, February 2
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, February 5
8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Calvary Blood Drive
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 8
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, February 4
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. Committee
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Next Sunday, February 9
9:00 a.m. Bible Unwrapping Ceremony
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
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Ramona Yanike, Kern Thornton

Members of Calvary:

Carol Fennington, Josephine Lozinski, Anne Mossburg, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffie, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner, Paul Metcalf

Friends of Calvary:

Mary Ann Gearinger (Mother of Beth Stitley), Jan Bates (Aunt to Leisa Moyer), Isla (Granddaughter to Friends of Pat and Dave Herber), 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 (Sister 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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