

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.

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

by Peter Frank

Joyful Noise Ringers

arranged by Jacob B. Weber

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray.

Will you come?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Christ’s glory overwhelms your senses and you sit astounded at God’s greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Jesus won’t let you stay on the mountaintop, but rather tells you to return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God,

whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

*Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH #139

(stanza 1-3)

Call to Confession

The God of every blessing looks upon us with grace and favor, even when we are captive to the curse of sin. Trusting in our gracious God, let us renounce all that is evil and seek the mercy of the Lord.

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not live according to your way. You bless those who are poor with the promise of your eternal realm, but we desire wealth and the consolation of earthly treasure.

**You bless those who are hungry with the promise of fullness of life,
but we enjoy rich feasts and are never satisfied with enough.
You bless those who are weeping with the promise of joy and laughter,
but we praise positivity and mock your suffering servants.
You bless those who are hated with the promise of great reward,
but we seek approval and despise those who are different.
Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek your blessing and to be a
blessing for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Receive pardon and the blessing of the living God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. Receive the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

First Lesson	Exodus 34:29-35 pg. 63	Margie Wilde
Anthem	“How Can I Keep from Singing” Joyful Noise Ringer	English Folk Tune arranged by Sondra K. Tucker
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 9:28-36 pg. 53	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	“Christ Is the World’s Light”	UMH #188
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Sermon

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

“The Light of the World!”

text by Don Besig and Nancy Price, music by Don Besig
Sanctuary Choir, Karen Dobbs and Julia Lancione, soloists

*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 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" UMH #173

Those having a birthday in February are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Fanfare Postlude" by Douglas E. Wagner

*Going Forth

Ushers: Richard Delauter, Judy Wilson, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Coffee Host: Helen Sheppard

Acolyte: William Harris

Ushers Needed! Please get in touch with 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Unite your passion for knitting and crochet with joy and giving! Join our monthly prayer shawl gathering. We welcome you to share your talents, to build friendships and spread love. Join us on today, March 2 in crafting comfort and Calvary's caring community to further our unifying ministry. You will find us in the John Wesley rooms following the service first each Sunday of the month.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 4, 2025 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. all proceeds go towards Calvary Youth's Mission Trip to Henderson Kentucky.



ALL ARE INVITED TO THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Calvary will celebrate the World Day of Prayer at **2 p.m. on Friday, March 7**, in the Chapel. The country sponsoring 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.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on **Wednesday, March 5**. We will have worship services, including the imposition of ashes, at **noon in the Chapel** as well as at **7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**.

2025 Lenten Recital Series- Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC will once again present 30-minute organ recitals during the season of Lent. The recitals will feature Calvary UMC's new Cornel Zimmer Pipe Organ, Opus 167. The recitals will offer a time for meditation and reflection while enjoying a remarkable repertoire of beautiful sacred and secular selections.

March 12	Dr. Wayne Wold, Organist
March 19	Ann Thompson, Organist
March 26	John Widmann, Organist
April 2	John Widmann, Organist & Kareem Abdelmoneim, Tenor

Lenten Study

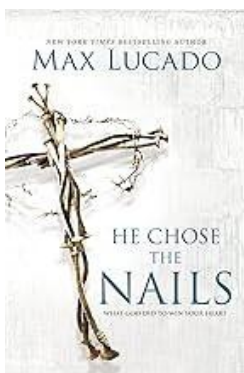
We are pleased to announce our speaker and theme for our Lenten Study this year, starting on **Wednesday, March 12**. The Rev. Dr. William ("Gilen") Thompson-Uberuaga, is an author, retired priest of the Episcopal Church and an emeritus professor of theology at Duquesne University (Pittsburgh). He will lead us through a study of the Lord's Prayer. Each session will include a light supper shared in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers In Mission (VIM) Planning Meeting

There will be an informational meeting held at **5 p.m. Sunday, March 9** in the Calvary UMC John Wesley Room to discuss a Volunteer in Mission (VIM) trip planned for October 2025. This will be a rebuilding-focused trip to the areas severely impacted by the storms last fall in western North Carolina. This is an interest meeting to share information, select a mission week, and get a general idea of who is interested. The meeting will be led by Dave and Pat Herber. If you cannot attend but are interested, please let them know.

Confirmation Classes

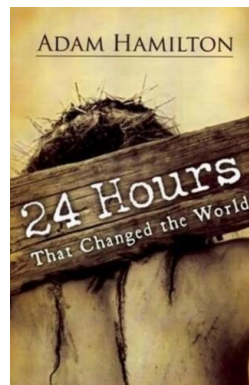
Confirmation classes provide the opportunity for young people to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and a profession member of the church. We will offer confirmation classes to students in 6th through 9th grades starting Sunday, March 9. The classes will be offered on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time, 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. with Pastor Steve and Jenn Duthoy teaching the classes.



Prepare for Easter

Walk with Jesus
every step of the way

New in our Mobile Library:
24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton
and *He Chose the Nails* by
Max Lucado



Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary:

Isam Ballenger, Carol Fennington, Josephine Lozinski, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeyer, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

Friends of Calvary:

Wendi Cyford (Friend of Angie and Eric Anderson), Marcy (Friend of Julie Schwarzenberg), Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), Jan Bates (Aunt to Leisa Moyer), Ruth Spring (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), 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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Today, Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

5:00 p.m. Mission and Outreach
7:00 p.m. SPRC

Tuesday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. UMFaith Ex. Committee
6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Ash Wednesday, March 5

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, March 7

2:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 8

7:30 p.m. Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday, March 9

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



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