Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

LOVE HOPE JESUS

WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE OF JESUS-REALLY?

> September 7, 2025 10:00 A.M. worship

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Your presence is an offering to God. Please take a moment to record your participation in worship on the welcome pad located at the end of the pew and pass to your neighbor. This is a great place to leave prayer joys, concerns or notes for the pastoral staff as they are reviewed each week in the office.

GATHERING HYMN

"Where He Leads Me"

UMH #338

WELCOME

David Cline, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

"Schmücke dich" Aaron David Miller Based on communion hymn #612 Brenda Weiser, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The kingdom of God has come near! The reign of grace and truth is breaking into our world.

People: We lift our eyes to see God's glory and open our hearts to receive His presence.

Leader: The Lord calls us to turn from fear to faith, from self to service.

People: We come to follow Jesus, our Savior and King.

All: Come, let us worship the God who reigns in love and rules in peace, now and forever.

*OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

UMH #715

FAMILY TIME

Children's Church is for children ages $4 - 5^{th}$ Grade and meets in the Chapel immediately following Family Time in the service.

OFFERING PRAYER

Almighty God, You have called us to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. In gratitude for the gift of Your reign among us, we bring these offerings. Use them to make Your mercy visible, Your justice tangible, and Your love unmistakable in this community and beyond, until the day when every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

*Doxology UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace and glory, we give You thanks that in Jesus Christ, Your kingdom has drawn near. You have opened our eyes to see Your work in our world, and You have opened our hearts to trust Your promises. We thank You for the gift of Your Word calling us from fear to faith, from self to service. We thank You for the fellowship of Your church, for the beauty of worship, and for the joy of walking together in the way of Christ. Send us now into the world as citizens of Your kingdom, ready to love our neighbors, seek justice, share mercy, and bear witness to the hope that is in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER HYMN

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

TFWS #2086

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21; Matthew 6:33 Brett Chaney

MESSAGE "The Kingdom of God Has Come Near" Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come to the Table of Grace"

W&S #3168

- 1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
- 2. Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.
- 3. Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
- 4. Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy. This is God's table; it's not your or mine. Come to the table of joy.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH #664

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in d minor"

Johann Eberlin

*Congregation stands, in body, heart or spirit.

**NEW WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest

Ushers: Dave Mills, Terre Rhoderick, Bret Slovikosky, Drew Irving, Paul Muehl

Coffee Host: Leisa Moyer

Acolyte: Mikey Mills

Please welcome Brenda Weiser on her first Sunday as our Interim Director of Music Ministries and Organist. Brenda holds a Colleague Certification (CAGO) through the American Guild of Organists and a Masters of Music Education in choral music and organ performance from Penn State. Formerly, she was the Director of Music and Organist at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick, and the Director of Choral Activities at Hood College. She has served as organist and choirmaster for churches in San Antonio, TX, Fairfax, VA, Washington, PA, and Hagerstown, MD. Currently, she is an interim substitute choral director and organist throughout the region. Brenda is very pleased to be back in Frederick working with our lovely choir and enjoying our new organ through December!

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To give online visit our website at www.calvaryumc.org/give

BAKE SALE to benefit the Mission Trip to Western North Carolina, October 12-18 We will be sending a CUMC Volunteer in Mission (VIM) team of 18 people to Western North Carolina to help with rebuilding in an area very hard hit by Hurricane Helene last September. You have an opportunity to help support this team by:

- Purchasing baked goods on Sunday morning, September 7
- Or the easy, low-calorie way, making a Love Donation (check payable to the church with Mission VIM Team in memo line) to support the mission team and work being done in Ashe County, NC

Our Volunteer in Mission (VIM) trip to Western North Carolina to help with rebuilding after Hurricane Helene is planned for the week of October 12. We still have a couple of openings for our Calvary and Friends volunteers. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining us please contact Dave and Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com

Listening, Learning, and Loving: Join the Conversation with the Reconciling Ministry Team

At Calvary UMC Frederick, we believe that living into God's love means continually asking: Who is missing from our table? Who have we excluded? And what does the gospel require of us in response?

This September, the Reconciling Ministry Team invites you to join us for a series of Listening Sessions as we prayerfully consider our congregation's next faithful step in formally adopting a Reconciling Statement that affirms the sacred worth of all people.

We are grateful Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton will be present at each of these gatherings to listen deeply, offer pastoral support, and walk with us in this sacred conversation. Whether you feel ready to move forward or are still exploring what this might mean, your voice and your presence are valued.

We will be reflecting on the following proposed statement:

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

We invite you to join us at one of the following Listening Sessions:

- 11:30 a.m. TODAY, Sunday, September 7 (following worship)
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 10
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 16

If you are part of a Sunday School class or Bible Study and would like a listening session scheduled during your regular time, please let us know—we are happy to make it happen!

For more information or additional questions, please contact Vicky Starnes at revvicky@aol.com or Paul Nelson at Paul.D.Nelson@outlook.com.

Children's Ministry

Become An Acolyte!

In interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Stefanie Harris (jujubee820@yahoo.com)

Calling all agents! The first **Mission Possible Kids** meeting for the new school year will take place on **Sunday, September 7** from **5:30 – 7:00 pm** in the Activities Room! MPK is for kids in grades K-5 who want to make a difference in the lives of others and shine God's light in the world. We work hard and we have fun! © Bring a friend to join us!



Please sign up at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission



Our first **Veggie Tale Movie Night** of the new school year is happening from 6 – 7:15 p.m. Friday, September 26 in the Activities Room! We will have pizza and snacks, a lively discussion, watch a movie, do a craft, color a picture and so much more! Please feel free to **bring a blanket** and **pillow** and **wear your pajamas!** ©

Bring a friend to join us!

Please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie

Pastor's Bible Study

I invite you to join me for a Pastor's Bible Study at **10 a.m. Tuesday, September 9** as we begin studying Adam Hamilton's newest book, *The Message of Jesus: The Most Important Words Ever Spoken* (https://www.cokesbury.com/The-Message-of-Jesus). Together we will explore the Gospels, listening closely to the words of Jesus that continue to challenge, guide, and inspire us.

New Members Class - Sunday, Sept. 14

Those interested in joining Calvary UMC or learning more about following Christ are invited to a class at 11:15 a.m. in the John Wesley Room, led by Rev. Dr. Hutton. The session will cover the church's history, purpose, and growing in faith.

This Week at Calvary September 7 ~September 14, 2025

Today, Sunday, September 7 -BAKE SALE

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School Kick Off

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Joyful Voices Choir

11:30 a.m. Listening Session

5:30 p.m. Mission Possible Kids

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Kick Off
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7:00 p.m. Mission Team Info Meeting

Monday, September 8

5:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Meeting

6:00 p.m. SPRC

7:00 p.m. SHP Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbells

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Listening Session

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, September 13

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Joyful Voices Choir11:15 a.m. New Members Class

5:30 p.m. Youth Group



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?



ABOUT THE EVENT

Calvary's Youth are hosting this event to provide the congregation a service opportunity. Blessings in a Packpack provides weekend meals for school aged children in need. We will be packing 500 bags during the event.



September 21, 2025 11 am (after the service) Parish Hall



DONATIONS:

Please consider bringing one of the following food items needed for future packing events.

- Meat sticks (i.e., Jack Links, Slim Jim)
- Chef Boyardee (or generic brand) ready-to-eat pasta bowls (pop-top lids required)
- Fruit pouches or cups



Blood Drive

Calvary UMC Frederick Parish Hall 131 W. Second Street Frederick, MD 21701 Wednesday, September 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CalvaryUMCFrederick to schedule an appointment, or scan the QR Code provided

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Come give blood September 22 – October 19 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email! See rcblood.org/fall



We are planning a trip to the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor on **Wednesday October 8**, leaving church at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m. Strawbridge is known as the Home of American Methodism. The Shrine and museum is the home of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge. Our tour includes the history of how the church spread into America, as

well as the first Sunday school and first house of worship. The visitor's center has displays, artifacts, and video presentations. Come with us to see where the seeds of Methodism were planted and circuit riders spread The Word. After the tour, we will stop for lunch before returning to church. Contact Helen Sheppard at brucehelenshep@msn.com to reserve your seat on the church bus.



Calling All Elves!

Santa's workshop needs you! The Holiday Bazaar is **Saturday, November 15**. We need elves now to help us create items to fill our tables. *Workshop hours: Mondays 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.* Proceeds from the bazaar support Frederick charities. Questions? Call Head Elf Becky Isaacs: (301) 639-5377 or mikbeck@comcast.com



Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Lois Tyson, Lois Pacheco, Tom Mullineaux, Charlie Geisbert, Terry Fisher, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Mike Isaacs, Helen Alysmeyer, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffee, Nancy Dobbs, John Stenner, Bob Bennett

Friends of Calvary: Joe Birch (Friend of Paul Nelson), Judy Keys (Charlie Geisbert Caregiver), Charlotte Woodward (Friend of Betsy Bryant), Charles LeMaster (Father of Didi Willard), Thomas Crone (Brother-in-Law to Patsy Eavey), Chris Cubby (Friend of Paul Nelson), Lillian Schwarzenberg (Mother of Roy Schwarzenberg), Wendi Cyford (Friend of Angie and Eric Anderson), Marcy (Friend of Julie Schwarzenberg), Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), Angela Gorens (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Drew Wilson, Marie Slovikosky Miller (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), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Hope Patterson (Sister of Charlotte Pasquerette), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Gil Crippen, Jim Clark, Ida Durden, and Janella Walls, Louise Brieto (Family Members and Friends of Rita Sharpe)



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