

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
131 WEST SECOND STREET, FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701



NOW

WE HAVE SEEN

December 28, 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

“O Come All Ye Faithful”
(Verses 1, 3, 4 & 6)

UMH #234

WELCOME

Rick Miller, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“In Dulci Jubilo”

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the song of the angels is stilled

All: When the star in the sky is gone,

Leader: When the kings and princes are home,

All: When the shepherds are back with their flock,

Leader: The work of Christmas begins:

All: To find the lost,

Leader: To heal the broken,

All: To feed the hungry,

Leader: To release the prisoner,

All: To rebuild the nations,

Leader: To bring peace among people,

All: To make music in the heart.

*CAROL

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH #240

MINISTRY INVITATION & CELEBRATIONS

FAMILY TIME

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Offertory

“What Child Is This?”

Paul Manz

***ADVENT DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER HYMN

“What Child in ‘This?’

UMH #219

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

Luke 2:22-40

David Cline

MESSAGE

“Now We Have Seen”

Rev. Dr. Hutton

***CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

UMH #251

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Michael Burkhardt

**Congregation stands, in body, heart or spirit.*

Ushers: Bill Pasquerette, Mark MacDonald, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Coffee Host: Paul Nelson

Acolyte: Charlotte Miller

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JOIN THE CALVARY LIVE STREAM TEAM!

You don’t need to be a tech expert — if you can use a smartphone, you already have the skills! We are looking for more volunteers so we can create a simple rotation (just once every 3–4 months) to help share Calvary’s ministry on Facebook and YouTube. If you’re curious or would like to try it, please speak with Rob Summers or Dr. Hutton. They would love to show you how it works.



December Love Offering – This month’s Love Offering supports SHIP (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership) to be distributed to Frederick County students facing housing insecurities.

You are also invited to give toward this special offering by placing your gift in the offering plate and noting **Love Offering** in the memo line. You may also give directly online using the QR code above- again, please mark **Love Offering** in the memo line.

Please see the attached list of items that are most needed.

- Ethnic Hair Care Products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent
- Razors
- Face Wash
- Hand Soap
- First Aid Items
- Dental Floss

- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products (Pads)
- Body Lotion
- Hair Brushes
- Hair Ties
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

New and sealed items only, please do not donate used hygiene items.

Thank you for supporting our church’s work of showing God’s Love, especially to HIS vulnerable children who are homeless. If you have any questions please reach out to Beth Stitely Autumn.purple@hotmail.com or 301-730-8282.

This Week at Calvary December 28 ~ January 4, 2026

Sunday, December 28

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

Saturday, January 3

- 9 a.m. WRS

Wednesday, December 31- New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1

Happy New Year!!

Sunday, January 4

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Poinsettias are available for pick up after worship service today; please take from the front of the church or the parish hall. Please pick up by Tuesday, December 30.

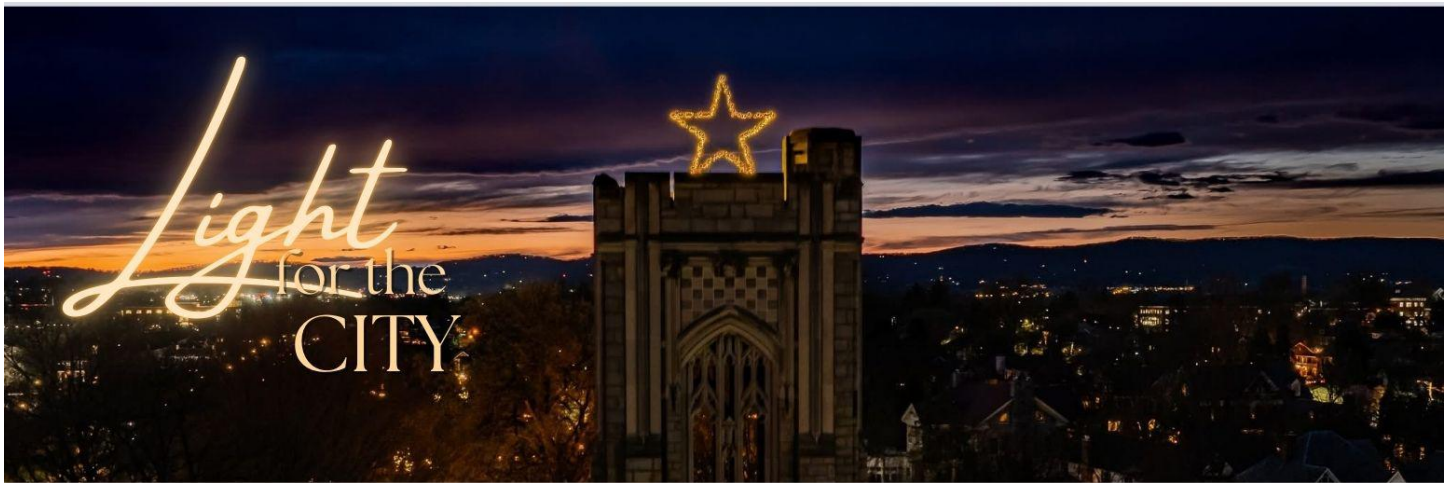
Old Timers and Newcomers Bible Study Class

Beginning January 4, during the Epiphany Season, the Old Timers and Newcomers class will study the Gospel of Luke through the writings of United Methodist pastor and distinguished scholar Adam Hamilton. The class is led by Paul Nelson and meets in the Baker Center (church office building) 1st floor conference room at 9:00 each Sunday. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Tom Kellam, Carol Fennington, Becky Acklin, Lois Tyson, Lois Pacheco, Tom Mullineaux, Charlie Geisbert, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Susan Howe

Friends of Calvary: Bob and Paula Biser daughter, Krista, Angie Miller (Mother of David Petrucci), Zintis Muiznieck (Family member of Paul Nelson), Leanne and Albert Hutton, Paul Landers (Friend of Stephanie Felton) Melissa Gekas (Friend of Stephanie Felton), The Moldenda Family (Stephen Harris sister's family), Patrick Henry and Joe Birch (Friend of Paul Nelson), Judy Keys (Charlie Geisbert Caregiver), Charlotte Woodward (Friend of Betsy Bryant), Charles LeMaster (Father of Didi Willard), 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), 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)



Stewardship Update — Every Light Matters!

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign continues to grow, and I am grateful to share three additional pledges were received this week, totaling \$4,628. This brings our new total to:

Updated Commitments to Date: \$393,178

What a beautiful sign of faithfulness from this congregation. Every card, every response, every prayer offered for this church helps us move closer to our 2026 goal of \$652,677. We are well on our way, and we are getting there together.

Haven't turned in your commitment card yet? There is still time! Your participation matters deeply. Whether you give weekly, monthly, annually, or through commitments of prayers, presence, service, and witness, your response helps Calvary plan faithfully and boldly for a new year of:

- vibrant worship and music,
- compassionate mission and outreach,
- pastoral care,
- children's and youth ministries,
- community partnerships,
- and the daily work of shining Christ's light into Frederick.

Even if your financial situation feels uncertain, returning your card, indicating the ways you will support Calvary in 2026, strengthens our shared ministry.

You may return your card by:

- Placing it in the offering plate this Sunday
- Mailing it to the church office
- Submitting your commitment online with the code



Light For the City - Stewardship

Every pledge brings us closer. Every response strengthens our ministry. Thank you for the love you carry for this church, for your generosity, and for the ways you help us keep shining together.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Hutton

Upcoming in Worship

January 4th
January 11th

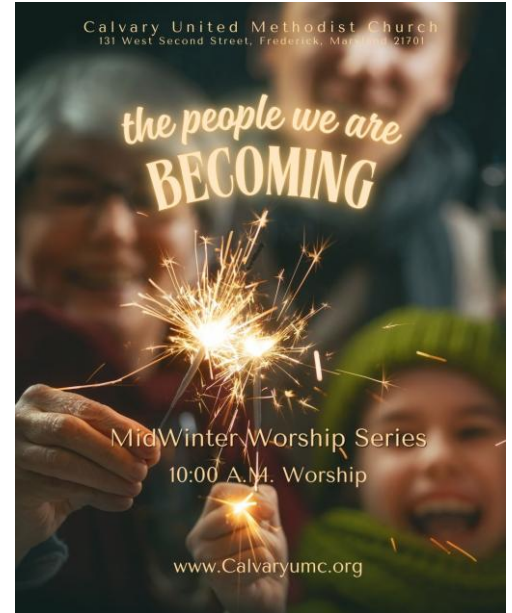
Epiphany Sunday
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Matthew 2:1-12
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

A Midwinter Journey into Love, Service, Courage & Commitment

As a new year unfolds, we enter a season of listening, learning, and becoming, attentive to God's call and open to the work of transformation among us.

Beginning January 18, our winter worship series, **The People We Are Becoming**, invites our whole church family to reflect on who we are and who God is calling us to be. Rooted in the Wesleyan tradition and grounded in Christ's love, we will explore what it means to live into the United Methodist mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



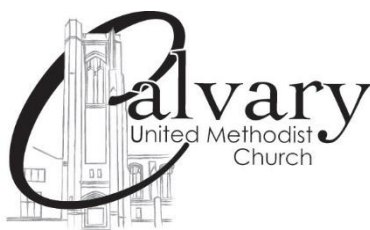
Guided by the Holy Spirit, this season will invite us to grow as disciples who practice love, seek justice, offer mercy, and walk humbly with God. Together, we will look honestly at our past, celebrate the ways God is at work among us now, and imagine the future God is calling us to build here in Frederick.

Through worship, prayer, and reflection, we will renew our commitment to joyful service in our community and to lives of faith that are lived out in word and action. Each week, we will explore a different dimension of our shared calling, discovering how discipleship takes shape not only in what we believe, but in how we live, love, and serve together as the people God is forming us to be.

Weekly Themes

- **January 18 — Rooted & Ready** Who we are as Wesleyan people: where our story begins, how God grounds us, and how we step forward with courage.
- **January 25 — Love Boldly** Bold love as Christ's command and our calling.
- **February 1 — Serve Joyfully** Discovering our gifts, embracing joyful service, and living compassion in our Frederick community.
- **February 8 — Lead Courageously** Courage in action—justice, hope, reconciliation, and public witness as modern disciples.
- **February 15 — Love That Lasts** A Valentine's reflection on God's steadfast love and a gentle introduction to the journey of Lent.

We invite you to worship with us throughout this season and to discover, together, the people God is calling us to become, with God's help, for the sake of the world God loves.



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