

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

# NOW

## WE HAVE SEEN

January 4, 2026  
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.*

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## GATHERING HYMN

“The First Noel”

UMH #245

## WELCOME

David Cline, Worship Leader

## PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Tune by Mendelssohn

Bonnie Moore, guest organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Arise, shine, for the Light has come!*

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

*Leader: Like the magi who followed the star, we come seeking Christ.*

**People: We bring our hopes, our questions, our gifts, and our whole lives.**

*Leader: God's love leads us forward into a new year.*

**People: God's grace lights our path with courage and joy.**

*Leader: Come, people of God—let us enter this year with open hearts.*

**People: We begin again in the bold love of Jesus, revealed to the world.**

***All: Let us worship the Lord, who guides us by His light.***

## \*OPENING HYMN

“We Three Kings”

UMH #254

## MINISTRY INVITATION & CELEBRATIONS

### FAMILY TIME

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Radiant God, just as the magi opened their treasures before You, we open our lives and our gifts in gratitude. Use what we bring, not only our offerings, but our time, our compassion, and our courage, to shine Your light in places of need. Bless these gifts and bless our year ahead, that in all we do we may love boldly, serve joyfully, and follow the way of Christ. Amen.*

## Offertory

“What Did the Star See?”

Words by J. Paul Williams, music by Joseph M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir; Leeann Rock, flutist

## **\*CHRISTMAS 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**

**Holy and guiding God, We confess that we have not always followed Your light. We have turned aside to easier paths, chosen comfort over courage, and held tightly to what You call us to release. Forgive us when fear dims our vision. Forgive us when pride closes our hearts. Forgive us when we forget that Your love is meant to shine through us into the world. As the magi knelt in wonder, teach us again to bow in humility and rise in hope. Lead us by Your Spirit into this new year, renewed, restored, and ready to follow Jesus.**

## **PRAYER HYMN**

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  
(Verses 1 & 2)**

**UMH #218**

## **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**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Rev. Stephen Ricketts**

## **MESSAGE**

**Epiphany Sunday**

**Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton**

## **WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL LITURGY**

**Invitation**

*Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, as the new year dawns and the light of Epiphany shines, we remember God’s promise to be with us and we renew our promise to be God’s people. Let us enter this covenant not in fear, but in trust, knowing God’s grace goes before us and God’s love surrounds us.*

**The Covenant Prayer (Unison)**

**All: I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have**

nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am Yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

### **EPIPHANY RENEWAL BLESSING**

*Leader: You, who have followed the star of Christ to this moment, go into this New Year in the light of God's grace. May the One who called the magi by a shining star call you into deeper faith, bolder love, and joyful service.*

### **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**

"The Friendly Beasts"

UMH #227

### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

UMH #251

### **CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

### **POSTLUDE**

"Celebrate Christmas"

Robert Hughes

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

## **\*WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest**

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

**Coffee Host:** Helen Sheppard

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### **January Love Offering — Beyond Shelter <https://bsfred.org/>**

This January, our Love Offering supports Beyond Shelter, a long-standing nonprofit in Frederick County dedicated to preventing and alleviating poverty and homelessness in our community. Beyond Shelter, formerly known as the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, has been serving our neighbors in need for over four decades through emergency shelter, housing support, financial aid, and essential services. Their goal is to provide tools and support to return people to stable housing and self-sufficiency. Please contact Beth Stitely with any questions. [Autumn.purple@hotmail.com](mailto:Autumn.purple@hotmail.com) or 301-730-8282

### **Why This Matters:**

Beyond Shelter operates two emergency shelters, including the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter, a year-round facility providing a safe place to sleep, hygiene services, and case management as individuals work toward stable housing. They also offer homelessness prevention assistance, such as rental and utility support, healthcare financial assistance, and wrap-around services that help families and individuals move beyond crisis toward lasting stability.

### **Announcement:**

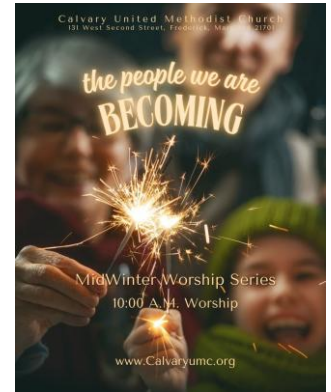
We are pleased to welcome Polly Baldridge, DMA, as our interim Sanctuary Choir director. In addition to her work as a performing artist and voice educator/coach, her conducting roots are deep as a versatile choral director. She is the founder/director of Kinship Singers and regularly works as a clinician and adjudicator in academic, sacred, and community spaces. Polly is no stranger to Calvary UMC having led the music program at Damascus UMC for 15 years and collaborating with Calvary's choirs many times.

## Beginning January 18th -The People We Are Becoming

*A Midwinter Journey into Love, Service, Courage & Commitment.*

As a new year unfolds, we step into a season of listening, learning, and becoming.

The People We Are Becoming, invite our whole church family in worship and study to reflect on who we are, rooted in the Wesleyan tradition, shaped by Christ's love, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.



**Calvary Community Concert Series Presents**—Ayreheart, at **3 p.m. Sunday, January 11** in the Sanctuary. Lute, vocals, (a type of bass lute), violin, guitar, and percussion, Ayreheart offers a program of Renaissance music and traditional folk music from the British Isles

### Children's Ministry



**Veggie Tale Movie Night** will be **6 p.m.-7:17 p.m. Friday, January 16** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join Miss Amy for pizza, movie, crafts and FUN!

Please register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie> or by contacting [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org).



**Mission Possible Kids** will be meeting from **5:30 – 7 p.m. Sunday, January 25**, in the Activities Room of the Education Building to decorate and put together **Love Bags** and to help with other tasks. Join us! Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt, or register at:

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

## This Week at Calvary January 4 ~January 11, 2026

### Sunday, January 4

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

### Wednesday, January 7

- 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study- Conference Room

### Monday, December 5

- 7 p.m. SPRC- Conference Room, Baker Center

### Saturday, January 10

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### Tuesday, January 6

- 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study- Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. UMF Ex. Com.- Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells- Bell Room
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- Choir Room

### Sunday, January 11

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Trustees
- 3 p.m. Concert
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION – CALLING ALL SMART PHONE USERS!



If you can use a Smartphone, you can operate the Calvary Live Stream Equipment, and we would like you to join our team! The goal is to have enough team members to facilitate a three- or four-month rotation making sure Calvary's message is broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. If you would like to join the team or see how it works, please talk with Rob Summers or Dr. Hutton. We will be glad to show you how to get started!

### Prayer Concerns:

**Members of Calvary:** Becky Acklin, Lois Tyson, Lois Pacheco, Charlie Geisbert, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Mike Isaacs, 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), Leanne and Albert Hutton, Paul and Gwen Landers (Friends 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), Family of 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), 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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