

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

WELCOME TO CALVARY

YOU ARE GOD'S
BELOVED,
AND YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE.



Our Welcome Statement

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background – *you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.*

Welcome to Calvary!

If you are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a "GET CONNECTED" card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

Location of Bathrooms

From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the right doorway, a handicapped accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the left side exit, restrooms are located down the stairs.

Families with Babies or Young Children

Families with babies or young children? We have a family area in the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys so your family can participate in the service.

How Do I Get Involved?

There are many ways you can become involved at Calvary United Methodist Church. If you have been promising yourself to join a small group experience for not just a continuing learning opportunity but also to meet new friends, please fill out a "Get Involved" card in the back of the pews. You can also email CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or visit our website at CalvaryPgh.com for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

PRAYER CONCERNS

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING,
BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER
AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Immediate Needs

Pastor Shane Siciliano
Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson)
Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
Chris Griffin
Jenalee Morris
Father of Liz Martinez
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
Paul Brucker
Joan Sturtz
Randy & Danny
Dan Souza
Tom Smith

How Can We Pray For You?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.

You can also complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

PLEASE NOTE — Prayer concerns will be published for 4 weeks unless otherwise instructed.

LENT 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service

Date & Time: Today, Sunday, April 2 at 11:00am

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: We will start with palms, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remembering the joy and expectation that swept the city. We then walk through the events of Holy Week together on the way to Easter. This year we will end with a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, taken word for word from the Gospel of Luke.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Date & Time: Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: Come and remember together the last supper gathering of Jesus and his disciples, when he gave them the command, "Love one another as I have loved you." This reflective service, including Holy Communion, is co-hosted by Salem United Methodist Church.

Good Friday Worship Service

Date & Time: Friday, April 7 at 7:00pm

Location: Salem United Methodist Church (350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090)

Description: Worship with the congregation at Salem United Methodist Church. Join us as Calvary and Salem United Methodist Churches gather to remember Christ's crucifixion - the ultimate expression of God's love and forgiveness as he extends new life and a new living relationship with him to every person.

Easter Sunrise Worship Service

Date & Time: Sunday, April 9 at 7:00am

Location: West End Overlook (Marlow St, Pittsburgh, PA 15205)

Description: A community tradition, we greet the dawn and celebrate Easter over one of the most spectacular views of the city of Pittsburgh! Emanuel United Methodist Church led this Easter celebration for decades. Since our congregations united in 2017, our members are happy and thankful to continue this meaningful, inspirational tradition.

Easter Celebration Worship Service

Date & Time: Sunday, April 9 at 11:00am

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: Join us in our triumphal celebration of Christ's resurrection! Special music leads a traditional Easter service, featuring Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass, and other musical guests. Parking attendants will be available. After a Holy Lent, we announce "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" and joyfully sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seder Dinner

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Description: You are invited to join us for a meaningful meal, joy-filled celebration, and time of Remembrance. Many believe that Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples was a Seder Meal. As we participate in a tradition that Jesus would have practiced each year, we will remember and retell the story of how God led His chosen people out of slavery in Egypt—and see how it prepares us to remember Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Please RSVP by signing up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel by Sunday, April 9th. For questions, contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com.

Potluck & Game Night — A Children's Ministry Event

Date & Time: Saturday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Description: Come join us for a family potluck and game night. We will provide the desserts and salad. We are asking that everyone bring a dish to share.

Church Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, April 20 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Date & Time: Saturday, April 22 at 8:45am

Location: Northview Heights High Rise, 533 Mt Pleasant Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Description: The first food distribution in Northview Heights went very well, thanks to several choir members and their families. Because it was so successful and the volunteers felt needed and appreciated, three more Saturday distribution dates were chosen for Calvary and the following two dates remain: April 22nd and May 20th. Six volunteers are needed for each Saturday. If you are interested, please sign up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel.



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Prelude

Gospel Lesson * Matthew 21:1-11 NRSV

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: 5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Processional Hymn †* “All Glory, Laud and Honor” — #280 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

Holy God, sometimes it’s hard to hear you over the hosannas. Sometimes it’s hard to hear you over the noise of city streets. Sometimes it’s hard to hear you over our racing thoughts, our mental to-do lists, or our desire to fit in. Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world. So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem, stop traffic here. Pause the rush. Open the gates. Dwell among us, until your Word is all we can hear. We are listening. We are laying down our cloaks. Amen.

Welcome and Community Greetings †

Hymn †* “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” — #278 UMH

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

Psalter Lesson * Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

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19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Epistle Lesson * Philipians 2:5-11 NRSV

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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Sermon "Choices" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Unison Prayer of Confession *

Loving God, We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us. Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King. Amen.

Order of Worship continued on following page.

*† Please stand as you are able / * Words on screen / Bold text is unison*

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Words of Forgiveness

The Great Thanksgiving *

Leader: The Lord is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give hem thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

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

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who emptied himself into human form to guide us back to you. Through his teaching and his actions, he demonstrated that the time had come when you would save your people. When he processed into Jerusalem on a colt, the people gathered and cried, "Hosanna! Save us!" because he lived your saving love in our midst. And as the enthusiasm of "Hosanna!" began to dim in the shadow of plots to crucify him, he did not waver in the love and grace he extended to all.

In one of his final gracious and loving acts, on the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, the rejected stone who is the Cornerstone of our salvation, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer * #895 UMH

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.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

All are welcome at the table of our Lord. We will share the bread and cup by intinction. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate. The bread will be given and you may then dip in the cup before partaking. Please feel free to kneel at the altar for personal prayer after receiving the communion elements.

Words of Community Life and a Call to Give

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small:
love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all.**

Offering Prayer †

Passion Reading A reading of the passion of our Lord from Luke's Gospel

Closing Hymn †* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" — #298 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

***You are invited to join in a time of fellowship in the chapel.
Come and grab a snack and enjoy conversations!***

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: *"Affirming the Scriptures of an Affirming God"* — How can we respond when people use verses of the Bible as a weapon? We can relearn the weaponized Scriptures in defense of love. We'll be looking at the Scriptures through the lens of welcoming, affirming, and accepting all people. Feel free to bring your Bible, but we also have more Bibles available.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary UMC Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

Sunday School

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Description: Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes: (1) Ages 3-10, (2) Ages 11-15. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Time / Location: Following Morning Worship / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship.

MONDAYS

Sleeping Bag Group

This group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.

Time / Location: 6:30pm / Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Description: The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at ttr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary UMC Choir Loft

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com.

Women's Bible Study

Time / Location: 10:00-11:00am / Calvary UMC Parlor

Description: Join us for *"Living Right-Side Up in an Upside Down World - A Women's Study on the Beatitudes."* This study for women began on Thursday, February 23 and continues for six weeks. We will take a look at what it means to live out the "Blessed are" statements in our rapidly changing and, at times, challenging world. The curriculum was developed by Kathy Wagner and is taken from "Our Daily Bread" daily devotionals. You are welcome to come for any/all of the sessions as we experiment with this day and time for a study. Linda Ehrlich has copies of the complete curriculum if you would like a copy.

**UPCOMING
FREE EVENTS 2023**

**CALVARY'S
FAMILY CORNER**

POT LUCK & GAME NIGHT
6 PM - 8 PM

Come join us for a family potluck and game night. We will provide the desserts and salad. Please bring a dish to share!

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JUN 25 -
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JUN 29**

VBS 2023

Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm. More information to come!

MORE INFO - MEGAN 412-715-4946 / BRITTANY 412-715-4947

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sleeping Bag Group to Take Short Break

The Sleeping Bag Group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.

Northside Common Ministries Continues to Need Toothpaste — A Message from the Missions Committee

TOOTHPASTE is needed again by the Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry. We will continue to collect toothpaste for the foreseeable future as that is what the food pantry needs. The pantry weekly serves 70-120 of our neighbors residing in the Northside meeting their basic needs with the generosity of loving hearts, like those at Calvary!

Calvary United Methodist Women in Faith — Annual Plant Sale

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 17th. The plants will arrive in time for Mother's Day—in time to order for mom and for your garden! The plants can be picked up on either Thursday, May 11 or Friday, May 12 from 1:00-6:00pm. Flyers are available now at the Welcome Tables. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

NOW - APRIL 17

Order in time for Mother's Day!

PICKUP DATES

Thurs, May 11 & Fri, May 12, 1-6pm

More Info or to Order - CalvaryPgh.com

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