

*Blessed Are the Pure in Heart*



**CALVARY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

# 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.

## **Families with Babies or Young Children**

Families with babies or young children? Welcome! 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](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com) or visit our website at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://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

## Immediate Needs

Amy Martin (daughter of Susan and John Laczko — baby boy born July 15th)  
Jenalee Morris — personal loss  
Father of Liz Martinez — heart attack, surgery  
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — upcoming hospitalization in August for cardiac issues  
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry and Pam Hopkins) — Cancer  
Tom (friend of Anne Christianson) — cancer diagnosis and recovery from pneumonia  
Robert Frank (Karen Ferguson's uncle) — personal struggles  
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus) — health concerns  
Juan Martinez's Grandmother — diagnosed with inoperable tumor, now in hospice  
Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova) — Father overdosed  
Debbie Neuherz — loss of her sister  
Samara Smith-Hopkins — mass in breasts  
Mark Rehn's Parents — father had a stroke and mother is in a care home  
Friend of Mark Snyder — cancer has returned  
Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova) — broken hip and surgery  
Jeanne DiThomas (friend of Jane Skerl) — recovering from surgery  
Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor  
Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident  
Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg  
Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems  
Danny (Bova's cousin) — continued recovery with lungs  
Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke  
Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich — recovering at home  
Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles  
Joan Jessep — tumor on her brain  
Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill  
Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant  
Dan Souza — cancer  
Tom Smith — cancer

## How Can We Prayer 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, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at [calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](http://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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPRC Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, July 24 / 12:15pm (following morning worship / Parlor  
**Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's SPRC, please plan on attending.

### Vacation Bible School

**Date / Time / Location:** Monday, July 25 thru Friday, July 29 / 5:30p-8:00pm / Calvary UMC  
**Description:** Come join us at Calvary for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is *"Food Truck Party — On a Roll with God!"* All children from preschool thru 5th grade are invited. To register please visit [CalvaryPgh.com](http://CalvaryPgh.com) and scroll down to the VBS section of the home page or call Brittany 412-715-4947 or Megan 412-715-4946. We will be needing volunteers for setup and tear down as well as group leaders and class instructors. We will also be distributing a list of items that we need to have donated within the next week. Please stay tuned for further updates!

### Trustees Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, August 7 / 12:15pm (following morning worship) / Parlor  
**Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's Trustees, please plan on attending.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday Fellowship

Fellowship before and after worship service has returned to Calvary, and we welcome and need your participation. The main purpose is to gather together, so we want to keep the refreshments simple. Here are some particulars and how you can help. Coffee and sweets will be set up in the chapel from 10:15am to 11:00am and after worship every Sunday. The coffee will be started for you by 9:00am. Volunteers will need to arrive at church with the goodies in time to set up the table by 10:15am. Coffee, tea, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer, serving plates, tongs, gloves will be available in the chapel kitchen. After worship, supervise the table and clean up when fellowship is over (a list of tasks will be provided). We want to stick to basic snacks, so please choose things that don't require utensils. Sweets are great, but you might want to think about cheese and crackers, fruit, wrapped or bagged treats, etc. Remember — KEEP IT SIMPLE. If you would like to be on the Fellowship Team, make a donation, or have questions, please get in touch with Linda Ehrlich at either [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com) or 412-512-7246.

HOW CAN I HELP? — Sign up to be a host on a Sunday. Purchase the food, arrive by 10:00am to set up, monitor the table, and clean up. A great idea would be to find a partner and be a team. You can help with set up and clean up, but have the food purchased for you. You can make a donation to help off-set the cost of the refreshments. You can donate the food or be reimbursed for your purchase. We will let you know how to submit receipts. You may have other ideas about how you can help. We are interested in any and all suggestions to keep this fellowship time going.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS

### Coffee Fellowship

**Time / Location:** 10:15-10:50am / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Fellowship is back! Come early, get a drink and a treat, and meet other members and visitors.

### Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All persons are welcome at Calvary's table.

### Fellowship Following Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Fellowship is back! Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. A light array of foods and beverages will be served.

## TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

### Exercise Class For All Ages

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

**Description:** There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship †\* . . . . . Mark 1:2-4, 7-8 (Stuart Strachan Jr.)

One: As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

All: **the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"**

One: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

All: **He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.**

One: I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" — #383 UMH

## Opening Prayer

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

### Doxology †\* . . . . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH

**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!**

## Offering Prayer †

## Community Greetings †

### Prayer Hymn \* . . . . . "Spirit Song" — #347 UMH

## Pastoral Prayer

### 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.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Scripture \*** . . . . . 1 John 3:1-3 NRSV

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

One: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Special Music

**Gospel \*** . . . . . Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:  
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
11 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

One: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** . . . . . "Baptism and the Saints", Pastor Shane Siciliano

## Children’s Message

**The Baptismal Covenant \*** . . . . . Christian Thomas Binger

### Introduction to the Service

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Presentation of the Candidate

Leader: I present Christian Thomas Binger for baptism.

## Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

*Addressing the Parents and Sponsors*

Leader: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Response: **I do.**

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: **I do.**

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: **I do.**

Leader: Will you nurture Christian in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Response: **I do.**

*Addressing the Congregation*

Leader: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Response: **We do.**

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Christian in your care?

Response: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

*Addressing the Parents, Sponsors, and Congregation*

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

Response: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Response: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Response: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

All: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

All: **Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and the one who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

All: **All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Baptism with Laying On of Hands

Pastor: Christian, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

All: **Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

## Commendation and Welcome

*Addressing the Congregation*

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Christian to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*Addressing the Baptized and Their Parents and Sponsors*

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**Closing Hymn †\*** . . . . . "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" — #584 UMH

**Benediction †**

**Postlude †**

\* Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able

# COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES



## HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

There are a multitude of ways to get your news to the members of Calvary and the wider community: (1) weekly bulletin, (2) Sunday morning worship slides, (3) website, (4) Facebook, and (5) Email-Blast. Here are the guidelines for each:

1. **Weekly Bulletin:** Announcements or events for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. For announcements that you wish to have run more than once, please include the dates you'd like to have it run.
2. **Sunday Morning Worship Slides:** Announcements or events for the slides must be submitted by 12:00pm

Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's slides.

3. **Website:** Changes, additions, edits, announcements, etc... for the website can be submitted at any time. Website changes will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 7 days between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
6. **Facebook:** Facebook posts can be submitted at any time. Posts or edits will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
7. **E-Blast (Email Blast):** If you have information that you would like to be emailed to our member distribution list, please send your request to Karen Ferguson. Announcements can be submitted at any time and will be made soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and distribution, so please provide info as early as possible.

All submissions are subject to editing, and pictures are encouraged wherever appropriate. Around major church holidays, the deadlines may change. To make a submission for any of the above (except the church calendar), or if you have any questions, contact Karen Ferguson via phone at 724-448-1429, email at [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com), or in person.



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