

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Wandering Heart

"And I hope"



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2024

You are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



WELCOME TO CALVARY



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.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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 better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
MAR 31

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS
8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
APR 1

SLEEPING BAG GROUP
6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
APR 2

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES
9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER
7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS
APR 4

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES
9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

SUN
APR 7

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING
During Worship (1st Sunday of each month) | Sanctuary

COMMUNION
During Worship (Last Sunday of each month) | Sanctuary

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS
8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

ORDER OF WORSHIP



EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

PRELUDE South Hills Brass
"Fantasia and Fugue In D minor" — J.S. Bach
"Aria #14, Oratorio" — F. Mendelssohn (arr. Lisun)
"Were You There" — African American Spiritual (arr. Drew Fennell)

CALL TO WORSHIP †* Liturgist — Kenny Elliott

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

People: **But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.**

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: **We have a reason to sing!**

Leader: Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ is risen today.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE †* . . . "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" — #302 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

God of new beginnings, on that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news. Doubt clouded their minds. Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads. As we return to this familiar text, help us to hear differently this morning. Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias ringing through this text. Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach. Open up our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable. And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you. God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news. Speak to us now. With hope in our hearts we listen and we pray, amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME †

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "He is Lord, He is Lord!" — #177 UMH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Beth L. Nelson

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 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."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

- 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
 16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."
 17 I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.
 18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
 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.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "He Lives!" — #310 UMH
You are always welcome to come to the altar and kneel during this hymn and time of prayer.

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Leader: The stone is rolled away!
People: We assume it is a mistake.
 Leader: The angels say, "He is not here!"
People: We assume their news is fake.
 Leader: The women tell the story,
People: but we do not want to hear it.
 Leader: Peter runs to the tomb,
People: but we do not understand.
 Leader: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.
People: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.
 Leader: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.
People: Teach us to see what you see.
 Leader: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.
People: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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.

ANTHEM "Alleluia, Christ Is Alive", Raney — The Festival Choir & South Hills Brass

GOSPEL LESSON †* Luke 24:1-12 NRSV

- 1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they went in they did not find the body.
- 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
- 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.
- 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
- 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again."
- 8 Then they remembered his words,
- 9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.
- 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
- 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "And I Hope " — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

ANTHEM "Day Of Resurrection", Smart — The Festival Choir & South Hills Brass

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY "Guide Me, O Great Redeemer", Hughes — South Hills Brass

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!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

CLOSING HYMN †* "Thine Be the Glory" — #308 UMH

RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †*

Leader: We may weep through the longest nights.

People: We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.

Leader: We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.

People: But today, we are a people of hope.

Leader: We believe in new beginnings.

People: We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.

Leader: We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.

People: We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope.

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE † "Christ Arose", #679, Lowry (arr. Peterson) — South Hills Brass

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



thank you

Thank you to our incredible guest musicians who have joined us for today's Easter Celebration Service! Please join Calvary UMC in welcoming the **South Hills Brass** and timpanist, **Lisa Pegher**. Your splendid talents have truly added to our worship this morning!

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Sarah, Allison, Philip, Douglas, Amanda, Rebecca, David, Tori and Rachel

In Memory of our grandmother Mary Callison

Joan Bova

In Memory of Rev James & Betty DuBois

In Honor of Megan, Dan & Bronson, Brittany, Aaron, James & Haley, and Phillip and Daniel

Megan Bova

In Memory of Katie West, Rev. Jim & Betty DuBois, Sam & Theresa Bova, Joe Vacek, Peggi Funk

In Honor of Bronson Joseph Funk, Bailey, Ellie T., Lila, and Ellie B.

Myles and Joan Bradley

In Memory of John & Thelma Roberts, Robert & Margaret Schmid, and Carolyn Bradley

Callie Buzard

In Memory of greatly missed family in heaven

Melissa, Amy, Jane, and Rachel Callison

In Memory of our mother and father Mary Callison and Rev. Harper T. Callison

Anne Christianson

In Memory of George & Mildred Cornish

Linda and Reynolds Clark

In Memory of Tom & Twila Walker, Patricia Walker, and Gordon & Sara Clark

In Honor of Brian Burns and the Calvary Choir, and Rev Beth Nelson

Linda Ehrlich

In Memory of loved ones we carry in our hearts

In Honor of Erlich and Hardy grandchildren

Judy Flaherty

In Memory of Jean Kraft and Mary Flaherty

David Grinnell

In Memory of Ken & Betty Grinnell, David & Ira Johnson, and Mary Callison

Emma Hricsina

In Memory of James M. Hricsina

In Honor of Joan M. Sturtz

Terri Jagielski

In Memory of J. Roger & Madyline McKelvey, and Jagielski in-laws

Lorraine Malcolm

In Memory of Sam Kiss

In Honor of Pastor Beth

Judith Melvin

In Memory of Jacqueline Melvin Cannon

Jan and Al Meyers

Brittany and Aaron Mickens

In Memory of Richard Mickens

In Honor of our children - Haley, James, Chauncie, and Courtney

Rev. Beth Nelson

In Memory of my family

Beth and Joe Ober

In Memory of our parents

In Honor of our children

Dennis Panek

In Memory of Genevieve & Walter Panek

John and Shirly Parroccini

In Memory of Christy Parroccini

Tammy Phillips

In Memory of Norma Warnock and Homer & Lois Phillips

Marirose Radelet

Nancy Richards

In Memory of Rev. Bob Richards

David Rizzo

In Memory of Rita Rizzo

Fred Ruddock

In Memory of Charles Thomas and Kathryn Ruddock

Jane Skerl

In Memory of William & Phyllis Lauster

In Honor of Jeanne DiThomas and Sheila Molyneaux

Scott Stegman

In Memory of family and friends

Rick and Katherine Stern

In Memory of Roy & Louise Lattimore and Mike Stern

George Stowell

In Memory of George and Venita Stowell

Joan Sturtz

In Memory of William H. Artzberger and Rev. Lloyd S. Sturtz

Linda Sustakoski

In Memory of our parents Ed & Norma Sustakoski and Stanley & Nora Jean Kruger

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

Carl Traud

In Memory of Ray Tokar and Margaret Morgan

Budd and Kathy Wagner

In Memory of Peyton, Eli, and Skyler Wagner

Aidan Weis

In Honor of my mom and dad, Aleata & Wayne Weis

Wayne and Aleta Weis

In Memory of our loved ones

In Honor of Aimee, Adrianna, and Aidan

Kathy Winne





ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

We've collected over 500 Tubes so far!!! Thanks to all who have contributed!

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana Thompson, Director, would like Calvary to continue to collect it as she can then have it on the weekly grocery list available to the patrons. We continue to have a wonderful response from the generous hearts of our Calvary family! There are 2 collection bins — one at the Allegheny entrance and the other in the parlor/chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

EVENTS

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, April 11 (2nd Thursday each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The United Women in Faith (UWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are under-employed. See Joan Bradley if you would like to get involved.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, June 8 & Saturday, July 13 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights

All participants have found it to be a rewarding experience, and we would love to have some new volunteers as well. Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Please feel free to contact Stacey Chervon (stc38@pitt.edu) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrich927@aol.com) for any questions.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

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 (412-482-2211 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) with any questions.

OPEN SANCTUARY

Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open for prayer or silence or meditation every Thursday evening. Feel free to pass through as our special guest, or return on Sunday to make us your home.



EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, April 28 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

PARENTS DAY OUT

Saturday, May 11 | 12:00 – 3:00 PM | Chapel

FREE BABYSITTING, lunch, games, snacks, and activities provided!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2024

Monday, June 17 thru Friday, June 21 | 5:45 – 8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – BIBLE 101

Sundays beginning April 14 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Chapel

We say that the Bible is “the Word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.” Join us for a six week journey to meet the writers and explore the words and the Word. Come and learn more about the source of our faith.

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor

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