

# CALVARY CROSS ROADS

November 21, 2019

**Worship This Sunday: November 24, 2019**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
**Sermon Title: Power Trip**

**Rev. Sarah Schlieckert, Pastor**



**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Luke 23:33-43**

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## Come Before His Presence with Thanksgiving

O come, let us sing unto the LORD;  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
 let us shout for joy unto Him with psalms.  
 For the LORD is a great God,  
 and a great King above all gods;  
 In whose hand are the depths of the earth;  
 the heights of the mountains are His also.  
 The sea is His, and He made it;  
 and His hands formed the dry land.  
 O come, let us bow down and bend the knee;  
 let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
 For He is our God,  
 and we are the people of His pasture,  
 and the flock of His hand.

Psalm 95

## Mark Your Calendar

November 22 - 5-7pm Our Place Waldorf  
Friday Night Meal

November 24 - 9am Sunday School,  
10am Worship Service, **CHRIST THE  
KING SUNDAY** and **ANNUAL  
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**  
5-7pm Our Place Waldorf Sunday Night  
Meal

November 25 - 10:30am Friendship Club -  
Dominoes

November 26 - 6:30pm AA Meeting

November 27 - 9:30am Casual Quilters,  
7pm 12-Step Program

November 28 - **THANKSGIVING**  
(Church Office Closed)

November 29 - 5-7pm Our Place Waldorf  
Friday Night Meal

December 1 - 9am Sunday School,  
10am Worship Service **FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**,  
11am Friendship Club Soup Luncheon  
5-7pm Our Place Waldorf Sunday Night  
Meal

December 2 - 10am **DECORATE THE  
CHURCH**  
7pm Finance Committee Meeting

## CUMC message board and upcoming events

### PLEDGE SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 24th, is our Annual Stewardship Sunday. Estimate of giving cards for 2020 will be distributed and you will be asked to fill them out with your intention for giving next year. Please pray about this as you make your financial commitment to support Calvary and its ministries.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for December. If you would like to share your special musical or instrumental talents with the congregation, please add your name to the signup sheet located on the choir room door across from the church office.



### ADVENT SERMON SERIES

*Are We There Yet?*

December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent. Please plan to join us for Pastor Sarah's Advent Sermon Series. Her Sermon title for December 1st is "Peace".

#### Friendship Club



Soup

Luncheon

Sunday, December 1st

Immediately following Worship Service on **December 1st**, the Friendship Club Ladies will be serving a variety of delicious homemade soups, and, for dessert - cake and ice cream! Please plan to join them!



#### HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH

The Friendship Club needs your help. They will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Monday, December 2nd** at 10:00 a.m. Please come out and lend a hand and join in the fellowship - there will be something for everyone to do!

Speak to Marlene Phillips or Rebecca Morris if you have questions or if you are interested in helping.



#### BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS

We hope you are planning to join us on **Sunday, December 15th** following Worship Service for our **Baby Shower for Jesus**. This will be a very special Sunday, since this is also the day we have scheduled our **children's pageant**. What is a Baby Shower for Jesus? Well, it's a fun way to donate baby items to families in need. We will be sending items to the Catherine Foundation as well as Lifestyles, who both help families in our area. Needed items include diapers and wipes, new baby items of any kind, as well as gift cards. Let's see how many little ones we can bless this year! **(Please do not wrap your items)** The Friendship Club will be coordinating the Baby Shower party, and will provide light refreshments and maybe a couple fun games! Please plan to join us!



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First Responders

Christmas Eve Dinner

For the past few years we have been preparing and delivering a holiday meal for the first responders who are at work on **Christmas Eve** in Waldorf.

*If you are interested in helping with this project please speak to Stacy Feldman or you can contact her via email [jfeld0928@md.metrocast.net](mailto:jfeld0928@md.metrocast.net).*



This year we will have a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion at **7:00 p.m.**

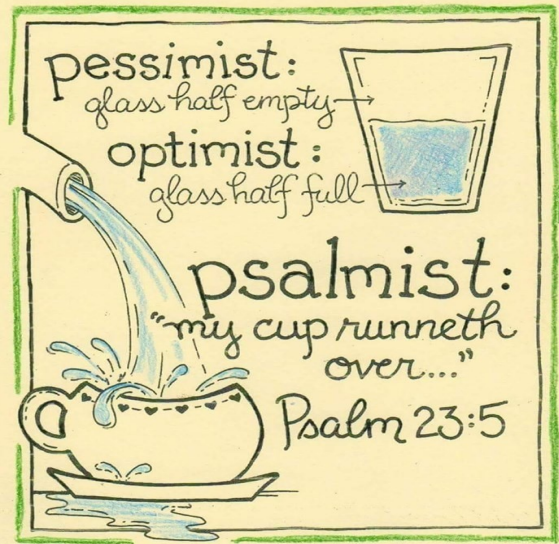
*Anyone interested in providing special music for the Christmas Eve service please speak to Pastor Sarah.*



"Could we study Exodus instead of the book of Acts?"



Adam	Akins	1
Ron	Colby	7
Nicholas	Doner	17
Stacy	Feldman	23
Marsha	Thompson	24
Marion	Schreiber	26
Chris	Lick	27
Myrtle	Currie	29
Kathie	Auth	29



### PRAYERS LIST

Marion Schreiber	Martha Anderson
Gordan Christmas	Eddie Banford
Bobby Vermillion	Sara Wilson
Bob Bushman	Linda Black
Flordeliza Azurin	Stacy Feldman
John Martin	Thomas Doner

*To have names added to the prayer chain contact Pastor Sarah ([pastor@calvumc.org](mailto:pastor@calvumc.org)) or Kathie Auth ([calvumc@calvumc.org](mailto:calvumc@calvumc.org))*

## Easy ways to share gratitude this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day elicits a bounty of wonderful memories for many people in the U.S. The crisp air. The smell of a turkey roasting and a pumpkin pie baking. The sound of a cheering crowd at a football game. All these can create warm feelings during this special time of year.

While the Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S., thanking God for our blessings is a spiritual discipline that should not be limited to a single day. Along with expanding our waistlines, our preparation for and celebration of the holiday can be the impetus toward growing an attitude of gratitude that will carry over into the rest of the year. In his commentary on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, John Wesley writes, "Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it." Giving thanks is as essential to our spiritual growth as prayer, which 1 Thessalonians calls us to do continually. These creative ideas will help us get started this Thanksgiving.

- **Fill a family Thanksgiving box.** As part of your Thanksgiving preparation, create a Thanksgiving Box. Each day family members write on slips of paper something for which they are thankful that day and place them in the decorated box. The box will make a nice Thanksgiving table centerpiece, and when opened, a way to remember how blessed we are every day. You could add to it all year too of course.
- **Serve someone.** In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, many agencies serving those in need expand their work. Food banks, churches, and other service organizations supply meals to the hungry on Thanksgiving. Centenary United Methodist Church in Los Angeles holds a sleepover for their youth called the "turkey lock-in." On the night before Thanksgiving the youth prepare, and the next day, deliver meals to people in the community who will be alone on Thanksgiving. Ask your pastor for suggestions of places near you to serve or donate.
- **Take time for quiet reflection.** As the big day approaches, things get busier. Set aside some time each day to say thank you to God for all he has provided. "A Morning Prayer of Thanksgiving" by The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn is a great start.
- **Make a Thanksgiving frame.** As you and your family reflect on those things for which you are thankful, compile a list. A few days before Thanksgiving, neatly transfer the list onto a piece of paper you can then insert into a frame for a beautiful expression of gratitude to decorate your home.
- **Invite someone new to dinner.** Athens First United Methodist Church invites international students from the University of Georgia to spend Thanksgiving with their members. The students enjoy spending time away from campus and in family homes. Explore ways to invite those who may be alone or far from family to celebrate with you on the holiday.
- **Share blessings together.** When gathered around the table, many families will ask guests to share something for which they are thankful. In Thanksgiving Celebrations for the Home, MaryJane Pierce Norton suggests creating a list together, such as foods each person enjoys. Then together offer "thanks for the Earth and all with which we are blessed in the world God created."

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- **Send cards to those we miss.** Remember those who are not able to be with you this year by [making or purchasing cards](#) for them. "On Thanksgiving Day," Norton writes, "invite all who are gathered in your home to sign and/or write a note on the cards to those who are missing." Mail them the next day to share the gratitude.
- **Create a keepsake of thanks.** When you take that group photo around the table or in front of the fireplace, record not only the names of those in attendance, but also something for which each person is thankful. This will be a great item to revisit when everyone gathers again next year. See [Thanksgiving Celebrations for the Home](#) for more ideas of celebrating gratitude together.
- **Include children.** Involve the children celebrating with you by sharing the [Child's Thanksgiving Prayer](#). Use this prayer at the kids' table as a grace or an after meal blessing, having one of the older children lead. Then encourage the kids to write their own Thanksgiving prayers, with which they could lead the adults in prayer later in the day.
- **Voice your gratitude.** If your family is musical, consider a Thanksgiving sing-a-long, as you might do with Christmas carols. Dean McIntyre offers [Hymns for Thanksgiving Day](#) from our United Methodist Hymnal and Songbooks that would be a great way to celebrate. He also offers a quiz of hymns with lines about thanksgiving in [Musical Thanksgiving](#). Make a game out of who can guess the most.

However you can, find ways to give thanks to God for all of his blessings throughout your celebration this year. Instill the habit of an attitude of gratitude, which will extend far beyond Thanksgiving Day.

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*We seek to be a faithful  
congregation sharing Jesus  
Christ's love by feeding our  
neighbors physically,  
emotionally and spiritually.*



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We're on the Web...  
[www.calvumc.org](http://www.calvumc.org)

**Submit information to be  
included in the newsletter or  
suggestions to:  
[calvumc@calvumc.org](mailto:calvumc@calvumc.org)**



This year we have purchased Poinsettias in advance so we can enjoy them on the altar for the Advent Season. If you would like to purchase one of them in memory or in honor of your loved ones, please select your plant, complete this form and return it with your payment to Carrie Akins or Kathie Auth. A special tag will be placed on your Poinsettia and you may take it home on Christmas Eve.

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Red (10 inch) - \$25/each

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Red (6 inch) - \$8/each

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of:

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