

CALVARY
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, December 13, 2020
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Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome and announcements

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Song: Mighty to Save

LUYH 611

God's Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Enter into Advent Worship: Fear of Revision

Advent Candle Lighting: Peace

Choir: Jesus Prince of Peace

Responsive Call to Praise

We have heard the story of Jesus Christ with joy and anticipation.

We have come to worship.

We open our hearts to prepare room for his coming.

We have come to worship.

We open our ears to hear the choirs of angels proclaim his holy birth.

We have come to worship.

We open our lives to God's greater plans for us.

We have come to worship.

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,

we have come to worship Christ, the newborn King.

Song: Angels from the Realms of Glory

LUYH 81 (vs. 1, 4, and 5)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kayden Donald Thomson

Zephora Diane Achtereekte

Song: I Am Not My Own (Jeremy Benjamins)

Children's Time

Message: Symbols of Christmas: Bells

Song: "He Came Down" (stanzas love and joy)

Restore Us, O God, and Make Your Face Shine upon Us

Prayer of Confession with Spoken Response

We pray using words from Mary's song (Luke 1:46–55), and we ask God to make God's face shine on us and to open our hearts to God's will for our lives. When I say "*Restore us, O God,*" please respond with **"and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved."**

Let us pray.

Our souls glorify you...may it continue to shine upon us!

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

We remember this day those...and other debilitating illnesses.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

We ask that you ... preparation for the coming of your Son.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

Gracious God, ... you would have us do.

Restore us, O God,

and make your face shine upon us that we might be saved.

Amen.

Song: Meekness and Majesty

LUYH 157

"May Your Word to Me Be Fulfilled"

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26–45

Message: "The Fear of Revision"

Duet: Mary Did You Know

Congregational Prayer

Offering: First: OCRCC Sid Ypma

Second: Calvary CRC (budget)

Song: Take My Life and Let It Be

LUYH 863

Parting Blessing

AMEN

Holy Baptism: We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism as it is administered to two infants in Calvary church. Kayden Donald, infant son of Karen and Kurtis Thomson and younger brother of Ashton. Also receiving the sacrament is Zephora Diane, infant daughter of Alicia and Jesse Achtereekte. May our God bless these families in his care as they seek to follow Jesus with us at Calvary.

Today's Devotionals Available: Kathryn Vedder now has the January/February Today's Devotionals. Should you wish to receive a copy, please let her know if you would like to pick one up or have it mailed to you at fkvedder@rogers.com or 613.821.0554.

Our Offerings

Today – Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy – Syd Ypma — The OCRCC creates hospitable spaces for students, faculty and staff to explore Christian faith and to practice justice and mercy in God's world. They seek to live out this vision by creating opportunities for intellectual engagement, pastoral care, communal gatherings, and community service.

December 20 – Ottawa Christian School — To educate children, equipping them for a life of faithful Christian discipleship and service.

Christmas – World Renew



Well, okay, not the goats, but the Giving Tree is.



Our World Renew Christmas Giving Tree starts today and runs until Dec. 31st.

This year we are asking you to help buy [Emergency Food for a Month](#). Each food basket costs \$60, and it is the only item that is matched by our government 4-to-1 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The food baskets are used in times of disaster, whether it be drought, flood, earthquake, or violence because of war. They are enough to feed a family for a month.

What a way to celebrate God's gift to us and all the blessings we enjoy!

You can give your donation to Margo B., or if you want a tax receipt, you can go online go to worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

Then email Trudy H. at koffiebreak52@gmail.com or phone Margo B. to ensure your gift tags get added to the tree. If you wish to have gift tags to give — to let the recipient know you gave a food basket in their name — please contact Trudy H. by phone or by email.

Your generosity reflects the love and kindness of Jesus who multiplied the loaves and fish so that all may be fed.

Bulletin Editor Wanted: Are you tired of typos in your weekly bulletin? Does the lack of design make you cringe? Good news! This bulletin editor is looking to retire. Or even partially retire if any interested candidates want to share the duties. It's an ideal time for fresh (or even not so fresh) blood to help redesign and rethink what we want our bulletin in 2021 to be. Email sylviabakker2016@gmail.com if you're interested.

Message from OCRCC: On behalf of Sid Ypma and the board of the Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy (OCRCC), I wish to thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry. Having the stable funding through partner churches like Calgary ensures a stable ministry and enduring Christian presence and light on campuses in Ottawa. Covid restrictions have made this year challenging, but Sid and his interns continue to reach out in creative ways.

This coming Sunday (December 13) is last collection for the OCRCC for this year and I hope you will give generously and help us meet our partnership commitments. The board is also grateful for members of Calgary who support us in other ways like prayer and participation in Feast and Faith.

Below are two video links which give a glimpse into Chaplaincy work.

Volunteer Student Baking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKDzNriVA9c>

Classis update (for a deeper dive): <https://youtu.be/2ovx0eE-W9k>

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas in these odd times ~ Kerry Wassenaar, Calgary OCRCC board rep

Healer of Our Every Ill - A new twist on a favorite Calvin University tradition! The Campus Choir, Women's Chorale, and Capella have professionally recorded five sessions, which will debut on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship's YouTube channel at 7 p.m. EST each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Each service is 30–40 minutes long and contains songs, Scripture, and prayer. worship.calvin.edu/news-events/events/



New Nativity Scene: A big thank you to Jennifer and George Couperus for the new Nativity Scene on the church's front lawn. It looks amazing lit up at night and during the day against the snow backdrop. We hope it reminds people, as they drive by, of the true story of Christmas and that Jesus came for all of us.

Sign up for Advent Devotions today - It's not too late! Take time to reflect on Christ's birth during this season of Advent with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday devotions sent to your email inbox from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. Don't miss out: Sign up today at justice.crcna.org/advent.



Job Opening - Senior Leader for Anti-Racism: The Christian Reformed Church in North America is seeking a full time Senior Leader for Anti-Racism. This position will work with the executive director and other senior leaders to promote anti-racism learning, inform institutional practices, build capacity, and increase competencies to address systemic racism in all its forms. This position will be based in Burlington, Ontario. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit crcna.org/careers.

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