

CALVARY
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, December 20, 2020
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Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome and announcements

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Enter into Advent Worship: Fear of a Ruined Reputation

Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come!

Advent Candle Lighting: Joy

Songs: Joy to the World **LUYH 92**

God's Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Song: O Come All Ye Faithful **LUYH 76**

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

Children's Time

Message: Symbols of Christmas: Tree and Star

Song: He Came Down (stanzas peace and hope)

Prayer of Confession

Song: Imagine **LUYH 72**

Assurance of Pardon / Guide to Grateful Living

He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found

Solo: Joseph's Song – You Are Holy

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18–25

Message: "The Fear of a Ruined Reputation"

Song: Christ Be Our Light **LUYH 908**

He rules the world with Truth, Grace, and Wonders of his Love.

Congregational Prayer

Offering: First: Ottawa Christian School

Second: Calvary Church (budget)

Call to Service

By the power of your Spirit,
we will walk in the light.
In times of joy and gladness,
we will walk in the light.
In times of sorrow and despair,
we will walk in the light.
Called to witness to your love,
we will share the light.

God's Parting Blessing **AMEN**

Song: Silent Night (recording)

End-of-Year Services: Council decided that we would celebrate services as follows: Christmas Day, Dec. 25, a regular service for Sunday, Dec. 27, and then a New Year's Eve and New Year's Day combined service will be on Sunday, Jan 3, 2021.

Our Offerings

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

Christmas – World Renew—Cambodia — World Renew has been working in Cambodia since 1972. The people of there have been left with a daunting legacy. Three years of devastation under the Pol Pot regime saw one-third of its people die, followed by another 15 years of civil war. Since the first election in 1993, the country has worked hard to rebuild and retrain communities and restore confidence and trust in leadership. World Renew is careful not to dominate the development process. Through training in governance, sustainable livelihoods, food security, health, and education World Renew supports the local people to make their own decisions and take initiatives that are most important to them.

December 27 – Ministry Shares

Collection schedule adjustments for 2020: The collection schedule for 2020 was finalized in December 2019. At that time, the collection for December 31st was to be for our local Serve Fund. With the cancellation of the 2020 spring Serve trip, there remains an excess of \$10,000 in this fund. To those who have already donated, if you specified the donation as "Serve," it will still be allocated to Serve. If you donated and specified the date and not the cause, the December 31st collection will be allocated to Ministry Shares. If you do not wish these allocations to happen, please send an email to giving@calvarycrc.ca directing how your donation was made (cheque or e-transfer) and how you want your donation to be allocated.

If there is a collection scheduled for a time when there is no service, the collection will still be taken and allocated as per the donor's instruction. This is one unforeseen advantage to the e-transfer donations that are being made. One does not need to appear in church to donate to these worthwhile causes.

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.



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 syviabakker2016@gmail.com if you're interested.

Give a Christmas gift that continues throughout the year – give the gift of mental health:

Christian Counselling Ottawa launched its 42nd Annual Christmas Campaign in November with a goal of \$10,000. As of December 15, we have received \$6,985 in Campaign donations – close to 70% of our goal! We are counting on you, our ongoing and first-time donors, to raise the funds we need to help us help your friends, family members and neighbours as they struggle to manage life's challenges.

You can give in these ways:

- by going to our website, christiancounsellingottawa.ca
- through CanadaHelps; or
- by sending cheques to Ottawa Christian Counselling Service Association at Suite 303 - 63 Glencoe Street, Ottawa, ON K2H 8S5

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6 pm. Send to: bulletin@calvarycrc.ca

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