

**CALVARY**  
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa  
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, December 6, 2020  
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Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome and announcements

Gathering Prayer

**Gathering Song: Be Still for the Presence** **LUYH 532**

God's Greeting:

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Enter into Advent worship: *Fear of Disappointment*

*Praise Be to the Lord, the God of Israel, Because God Has Come to His People and Redeemed Them*

**Advent Candle Lighting: Love**

**Choir: Angels We have Heard on High**

**Responsive Reading**

Rejoice in the Lord always.

**I will say it again: Rejoice!**

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**The Lord is near.**

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

—adapted from Philippians 4:4-5

**Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel** **LUYH 61 (vs. 1, 2, and 7)**

**Children's Time:**

Message: Symbols of Christmas: Candy Cane

Song: **Away in a Manger**

*God Shows Mercy to Our Ancestors and Helps Us Remember God's Holy Covenant*

**Song: My Soul in Stillness Waits** **LUYH 63**

*Prayer of Confession*

**Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus** **LUYH 56**

*God Gives God's People the Knowledge of Salvation through the Forgiveness of Their Sins*

*Scripture Reading:* Luke 1:5-25

*Message:* "The Fear of Disappointment"

**Song: I Will Be There (Sela)**

*God Shines on Those Living in Darkness to Guide Our Feet into the Path of Peace*

*Congregational Prayer*

*Offering:* First: Friendship Club at Calvin CRC  
Second: Calvary CRC (budget)

*Sending Litany*

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

**We trust in the Lord's goodness.**

**We rely on his mercy.**

**We find shelter in his steadfast love.**

In this Advent season of waiting,

**Lord, we await your salvation.**

**We await your leading,**

**We await your coming.**

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

**We walk in the Lord's way.**

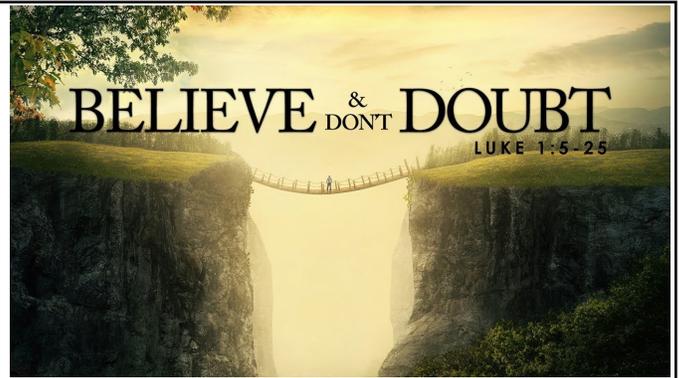
**We keep our covenant promises.**

**We follow his example of love.**

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*God's Blessing*

**Song: Dona Nobis Pacem**



**Our Offerings**

**Today – Friendship Club at Calvin CRC** — Friendship Ministries is a not-for-profit organization that exists to help churches and organizations around the world share God's love with people who have an intellectual disability. Their mission is to encourage and support individuals, churches or organizations who desire to reach out in their community and share God's love with those with intellectual disabilities through training and program resources.

**December 13 – 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.

**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/](http://worship.calvin.edu/news-events/events/)



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](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

Then email Trudy H. at [koffiebreak52@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Address Correction:** The address for Hans and Cobie de Jong should be changed, as the number of the apartment building is incorrect; it should read:  
6532 Bilberry Dr. (the rest of the address is correct)

**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](mailto:sylviabakker2016@gmail.com) if you're interested.

**World Renew Virtual Christmas Celebration:** On **Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30pm**, you'll have the opportunity to hear a 20-minute update from Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo and Carol Bremer-Bennett, co-directors for World Renew about **how World Renew is continuing to share Christ's hope during a pandemic, in the face of disaster and injustice.**

Following that, choose any two 20-minute breakout rooms to learn more and connect with us! RSVP at the link below where you'll be able to indicate your preferences. **We look forward to seeing you.**

[RSVP to be invited through Zoom.](#)

**Offerings for November 2020** – Thankfully given and received for the ministries of Calvary CRC and beyond.

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	17,747	Aboriginal Ministry	10.00
Year to Date	181,556	Faith Formation Ministries	10.00
Budget 11 Months	<u>207,472</u>	Mortgage Reduction	3,190.0
Budget +/-	<u>-25,916</u>	Resonate - Kathy Vanderkloet	727.50
		Resonate Global Mission	1,510.0
		Shepherds of Good Hope	1,052.5
Ministry Shares	7,698	The Ministry to SeaFarers	20.00
Year to Date	45,429	The Ottawa Mission	10.00
Budget 11 Months	<u>81,111</u>		
Budget +/-	<u>-35,682</u>	Total	6,530.0

The Finance Committee would like to remind everyone that during this Covid19 time the expenses of the church continue. Please contact [Ryan.hicks@xplornet.ca](mailto:Ryan.hicks@xplornet.ca) if you want to sign up for PAR (Pre-authorized remittance) or change your PAR amount.

We are also accepting donations by cheque. They can be sent to either:

Martin Hartholt

5075 Carlsbad Lane, Vars K0A 3H0

Steve Bakker

9026 Ray Wilson Rd., Metcalfe K0A 2P0

Be sure to indicate whether the money is for Operating Budget, Ministry Shares, or some other cause.

You can also send your donation by e-transfer to [Giving@calvarycrc.ca](mailto:Giving@calvarycrc.ca). We ask that start with your envelope number if you have one, followed by the causes you wish to support and the amount you are contributing to each cause. Please be sure that the total agrees with the breakdown. If no breakdown is provided, it will be considered a budget donation.

December Special Collections are for Friendship Club at Calvin, OCRCC, Ottawa Christian School, World Renew-Cambodia, & Ministry Shares.

Enjoying our virtual Church Services and thinking of all those who usually sit in the pews near us, staying safe, and feeling blessed to be part of this Church. ~ Jackie Lauziere, on behalf of the Calvary CRC Finance Committee

**Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6 pm. Send to: [bulletin@calvarycrc.ca](mailto:bulletin@calvarycrc.ca)**

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