

CALVARY
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, January 10, 2021
www.calvarycrc.ca

Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

Call to Worship

I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:1–3

Songs: Lord Most High **LUYH 593**

Greeting from God:

The Lord be with you...

And also with you.

The Lord Is Close to the Broken-Hearted

Call to Confession

Psalm 34:4–6

Song: Your Mercy Flows **LUYH 700**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 34:17–19

Song: Jesus, the Light of the World **LUYH 100**

Children's Time

Song: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Word of God

Song: Speak O Lord **LUYH755**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1–8, 12–23

Message: "Fear of the Stranger" (Part 2)

We Dedicate Ourselves to God's Work and Go Out to Serve

Song: Imagine **LUYH 72**

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First - Therefore God Ministries (Youth Unlimited)

Second - Calvary Church (Budget)

Declaration of Faith

How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand
that without his will
they can neither move nor be moved.** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 28

Even now,
as history unfolds
in ways we know only in part,
we are assured
that God is with us in our world,
holding all things in tender embrace
and bending them to his purpose.
The confidence that the Lord is faithful
gives meaning to our days
and hope to our years.

**The future is secure,
for our world belongs to God.** Our World Belongs to God 12

Song: I Am Not My Own (Benjamins)

Parting Blessing

God's Parting Blessing ...

Amen

Our Offerings for January— Please consider sending one cheque/e-transfer this month for these causes:

Today — Therefore Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited) is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their youth ministry through short-term mission trips and youth conferences. Find out more at ThereforeGo.com.

Jan. 17 — Ministry Shares are collected monthly to assist the work of the many ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. Monthly contributions for Ministry Shares is calculated at \$42 per member or \$84 per family. Ministries we support within our Eastern Canada Classis include GEMS Leadership, Safe Church Team, Youth Ministry Team, New Church Development, Campus Ministries in Halifax and Ottawa, Missions Scholarship Fund, Home Missions Fund plus the Seafarers Ministry in Montreal.

Jan. 24 — Safe Church Denominational equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing.

Jan. 31 — Cadet Sunday — Calvinists Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with [ministry programs](#) that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.

Offerings for Dec. 2020 – Thankfully given and received for the ministries of Calvary CRC and beyond:

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	23,632	Bizarre Bazaar	350
Year to Date	204,488	Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	30
Budget 12 Months	<u>226,333</u>	Friendship Club - Calvin CRC	285
Budget +/-	<u>-21,845</u>	Good Neighbour Food Bank	30
		Mortgage Reduction	1,290
		Ottawa Campus Ministry	850
		Ottawa Christian School	340
Ministry Shares	9,005	Resonate - Kathy Vanderkloet	30
Year to Date	54,434	Serve - Local	125
Budget 12 Months	<u>88,485</u>	Shepherds of Good Hope	105
Budget +/-	<u>-34,051</u>	World Renew -	125
		World Renew - Cambodia	710
		World Renew - Canadian Food Grains	270
		Total	4,540

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 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, 9029 Ray Wilson Rd., Metcalfe, K0A 2P0

Be sure to indicate whether the money is for Operating Budget, Ministry Shares, or some other cause. Many of our members are taking advantage of donating by etransfer to Giving@calvarycrc.ca. We ask that you 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.

We would like to provide some information regarding the special causes and our distribution of them. We typically issue cheques to the various causes every three months. If you are donating to a cause, the month after we have sent out the donations, we will need to send out another cheque on the next cycle. The bank charges us per cheque, we need to put a stamp on the envelope and our volunteers need to co-ordinate recording of the donation and recording of the remittances. Many of the organizations also send us letters of thanks along with receipts. This becomes a labour intense and costly process for all; therefore, **we request that you send etransfers for special causes only in the month they are on the list for. It is also less work for those recording the etransfers if you send one etransfer per month with details of how you want the funds distributed in the message line.** All this being said, donations will be forwarded as per the instructions received with the donation, and in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency rules. We thank everyone for their continued support of the Church and its various ministries.

January special causes are as follows: Christian Counselling Ottawa, Therefore Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited), Ministry Shares, Safe Church – Denominational, Cadet Sunday.



Our World Renew giving tree is completed for another year, and it was

amazing. On behalf of World Renew, a big thank you to everyone for supporting our giving tree. It was amazing to see how quickly the numbers added up. Our final number was **158** ... which was only the beginning. 86 of these were matched 5:1 and 72 were matched 4:1 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, for a total

of **888** months of disaster food relief.

Your generosity has reflected the love and kindness of Jesus who multiplied the loaves and fish so that all may be fed. What a way to celebrate God's gift to us and all the blessings we enjoy.



...we'll be ba-a-ack!

Thank you again.....and remember

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.

Looking for a Christian education for your children? OCS invites you to visit and experience Ottawa Christian School virtually on January 26, 28 and February 3 from 7 to 8pm. Our mission is to educate children, equipping them for a life of faithful Christian discipleship and service. To attend the OCS virtual tour, please email registration@OCSchool.org by Monday, January 25 to receive a link to the virtual open house.

Looking for apartment to rent: My name is Daniel Zekveld, and my wife Maria and I will be moving to Ottawa at the beginning of March, as I will be starting a new job. We are currently looking for a place to live, and are hoping to rent a 1 or 2-bedroom apartment. If you or anyone you know is renting out an apartment, we would love to hear from you. Please contact me at daniel.zekveld@yahoo.ca.

Join Christian Stewardship Services for 2021 Winter Webinars: Do you have a New Year's Resolution to be more generous? Register for our Effective Gifting Tools webinar on January 12th at 7:00 PM EST where you will learn about the opportunities to maximize your charitable giving! Discover the simplicity and flexibility of a Donor Advised Fund and other fantastic options! Register on our Events page [here](#) OR Click [here](#) to find out more about CSS. Find out how to keep your New Year's resolution by registering today!.

CSS is also excited to announce another "Fireside Chat" on January 20th at 8:00 PM EST. Have any of your questions about wills and charitable giving answered! Explore tax effective charitable giving, how to leave behind a positive legacy for those you love, and get past roadblocks holding you back! Its a fun evening of discussion, and learning. **Register** for either of these events on our **Events page** [here](#) OR Click [here](#) to find out more about CSS. **Register today!**

From Calvin University

Calvin University January Series - Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at www.calvin.edu/january

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: "Visio divina" is the practice of meditating on Scripture using art or other images. Try it by reading the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and then meditating on the art in Calvin University's collection based on this story (tinyurl.com/ProdigalArt). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

From Others

LEARN WITH ICS ONLINE THIS WINTER! - Wherever you live and work, you can take part in two great learning opportunities: "Capitalism(s) in the West: Intellectual History, Core Institutions, and Architectonic Critique" on Thursdays, 11am-2pm EST, starting January 14th. This course will explore the intellectual history and current political-economic shape(s) of capitalism by using the tools of Reformational architectonic critique. Or join us weekly via Zoom on Thursdays, 5-8pm EST, starting January 14th for "God/SexWord/Flesh: Gender, Theology and the Body" to explore some of the many questions that arise about theology, gender, and embodiment: How is our agenda for theology related to our gender? Is 'God' a male word? Does the experience of women change how God is (made) known? Is sexuality embraced by the resurrection? For these and all our winter courses, please visit www.icscanada.edu/winter-2021 or email Eizabet Aras at academic-registrar@icscanada.edu for more info and to register by January 14th.

READING WHILE BLACK - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta in Edmonton) and Mike Wagenman (Western University in Ontario) for a discussion of Esau McCaulley's new book, Reading While Black: African-American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope. We will meet on Sunday, January 24 at 8pm ET (5pm PT) over Zoom. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reading-while-black-book-discussion-tickets-132675860069>

From ReFrame Ministries

GROUNDWORK: SABBATH REST - Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual discipline can draw us closer to God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

How Do I Pray? - Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. And there is no single right way to do it. "How Do I Pray?", a free ebook from the ReFrame Ministries Prayer Team shows you six ways to reinvigorate your prayer life. It's yours free at reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray

TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN - Check out the new kids' devotion this week at www.kidscorner.net. Esther went through some very scary times but still trusted God's plan. Maybe during the pandemic, you've been scared too. Subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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

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