

CALVARY
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, January 17, 2021
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Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Ten Thousand Reasons** **LUYH 559**

**Call to Worship*

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8, NRSV

**God's Greeting*

Grace, mercy and peace be to you....
Beloved, May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Singing: Holy, Holy, Holy!** **LUYH 538**

Children's Time: Stephanie Hoople
Children's Message: Unique as Snowflakes

Singing: If I Were a Butterfly

Confession and Assurance

Call to confession: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Prayer of Confession

Singing: Oh, to See the Dawn **LUYH 177**

Assurance of Pardon:

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,

but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,

who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:31-35, 37-39, NRSV

God's Will for Us: Philippians 2:1-4, NRSV

Singing: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

LUYH 747

God's Word

Scripture: 1 Samuel: 3:1-10; John 1: 43-51

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: "Leaving Yourself Behind"

Thanksgiving

Singing: Will You Come and Follow Me

LUYH 742

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Christian Reformed Ministries

Second: Calvary Church Budget

**Sending*

Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.

Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.

Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love. (WSB 353)

***Singing: Romans Doxology**

MP 136

*God's Parting Blessing

Amen.

*Time of Silent Thanksgiving

Holy Communion: We plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper together on January 24. Pastor Piet will lead Communion during our weekly broadcast service. If you wish to participate, you will need to have ready the "bread and wine".

May the grace of God draw us all together around the Table of our Lord.

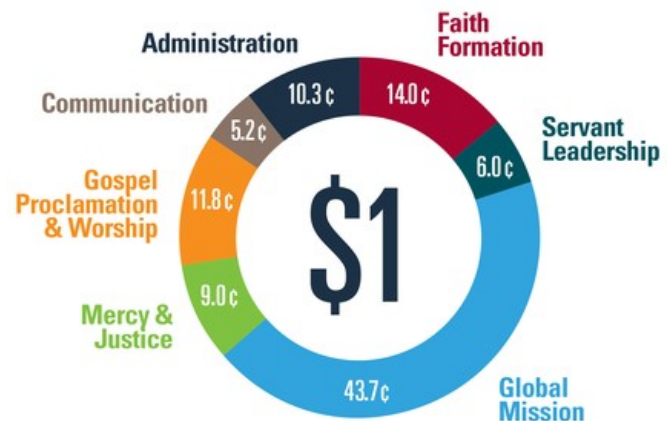


Looking for a Christian education for your children? OCS invites you to visit and experience Ottawa Christian School virtually on January 26, 28 and February 3 from 7 to 8pm. Our mission is to educate children, equipping them for a life of faithful Christian discipleship and service. To attend the OCS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

Our Offerings for January— Please consider sending cheques or one e-transfer in January for these causes:

Today — [Ministry Shares](#) are collected monthly to assist the work of the many ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. 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.

Ministries we support in both Canada and the US include Calvin College and Seminary, Back to God, Home and World Missions, The Banner, Disability Concerns, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Pastor-Church Relations and many more. We thank you for contributing according to the gifts you have been given.



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.

Jan. 3 — Christian Counselling Ottawa — To serve God through Christian ministry by providing professional therapy and education to assist people in effectively managing life's challenges.

Jan. 10 — 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.

Thank you from Resonate Global Mission: Dear Congregation, Thank you for these generous gifts given to Resonate Global Mission during the month of December 2020:

Kathy Vanderkloet \$1,227.50, General Fund \$2,515.00, Ministry Shares \$1,630.88.

Thank you for your generosity—you are helping people live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in their communities!

You are part of God's story of transforming lives through your partnership with Resonate. Your gifts provide encouragement and support for ministry leaders, and the resources they need to grow and flourish! Investing in God's global church includes investing both here at home and around the world. We're grateful that you are helping more people find hope and new life in Christ! Your gift will continue to grow in impact alongside the missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders you support.

The unique advantage of your giving through Resonate is that our ministry leaders share what they learn with each other. That network of support—which you're a part of—helps strengthen ministry across North America and around the world. We work better when we work together! Thank you for being a part of this long-term vision for proclaiming the gospel. Thank you for helping grow and strengthen the church, and for sharing our Christian hope!

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director



Must read in the Banner: The latest edition of the Banner contains a familiar face, Elisa Rink, the daughter of John and Sarah Cook. Be sure to check out her column on [The Church Ecosystem](#).

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.

Employment Opportunity: Community Christian School in Metcalfe has an opening for a part-time Advancement Coordinator / Office Assistant. We encourage all enthusiastic Christians who feel they possess the skills and abilities to promote CCS and the educational services we offer to apply.

Candidates interested in applying to CCS are asked to submit a PDF cover letter, resume, and a statement of faith to Mrs. Rita Bergsma, Principal.

For more information, including the job description, please send an email with the subject line "Further Information - Advancement" to careers@communitychristianschool.ca

Only those candidates chosen for follow-up will be contacted. We thank you for your application.



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: Join us on January 28th at 7:00pm EST to understand the basics of Wills and Estate planning! Discover how Christian Stewardship Services helps you review your personal situation, tax impacts and important choices to help you move your wills to completion. Learn how to leave behind a positive legacy for those you love, and get past roadblocks holding you back! Register on our Events page by clicking [HERE](#) OR click [here](#) to find out more about CSS. We are also excited to announce another "Fireside Chat" on January 20th at 8:00 PM EST. Have your questions about wills and charitable giving answered! Explore tax effective charitable giving. **Register** on our **Events page** [here](#).

From CRC News

A Lifelong Education — Tara Westover grew up in a survivalist family and shared her story at the January Series. "My parents were very skeptical of institutions most people use. My father believed public schools were bad and that you can only trust your family," she told Karen Saupe, a Calvin University English professor who asked her questions as part of the Calvin University January Series 2021. [Read more.](#)

Future With Pandemics — William Garvelink, former U.S. ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, said that to address pandemics we will need to work together. "We've been given talents to figure out things," said Garvelink, a 1991 graduate of Calvin University. "We have science and our own minds. We need to realize God has given us the talents to fix these things." [Read more.](#)

The [2021 January Series](#), which is entirely online this year, is available live on weekdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. through Tues., Jan. 26. Each day's talk is also available for viewing till midnight that same day.

From Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: N.T. Wright wrote, "Reading and studying Scripture [is] central to how we grow in the love of God." This coming week, start each day by reading 1 Corinthians 13 and praying that God's love will flow through you to others. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

From Others

Reading while Black and Reformed — Please join us as Redeemer University celebrates its 2020 Emerging Public Intellectual, New York Times contributing opinion writer and Wheaton College professor Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley, in conversation with Dr. Vince Bacote (Wheaton College), hosted by Redeemer's own Dr. Jessica Joustra, on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. This live event begins at 7pm, and can be watched at www.redeemer.ca/events/reading-while-black-and-reformed/.

From ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Worship — What makes worship a spiritual discipline? Study 1 Chronicles 15:16-22, Hebrews 10:19-25, Ephesians 5:15-20, and Isaiah 6:1-7 with Groundwork to learn why our pattern of worship matters and how habitually engaging in thoughtful, intentional, and Trinitarian worship is profoundly formative for our faith and life. 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. In the Old Testament story, Joseph was thrown into a pit, accused of a crime, went to jail and then survived a famine. Yet he trusted God through all the ups and downs. Subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

From Calvin University

Stob Lecture Colloquium - Calvin Theological Seminary invites you to the Stob Lecture Colloquium 2021 on Monday, January 18th at 4pm. This event will be live streamed and can be watched at vimeo.com/489568992. This year's featured guest is Jemar Tisby, author, speaker, and president of The Witness: A Black Christian Collective. The colloquium is an in-depth conversation on his text *Color of Compromise*, moderated by Denise Posie and Dave Beelen, Calvin Seminary's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Discipleship Coaches. For more information: calvinseminary.edu/events/public/stob-lecture-colloquium-2021.

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

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