

**CALVARY**  
Christian Reformed Church - Ottawa  
Pastor Pieter Heerema - Sunday, January 3, 2021  
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Order of Worship – 10:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

*Fear of Wandering*

"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come"

***Responsive Call to Worship***

May the light of God's love push back the darkness.

**We come to the light from the four corners of the earth,  
from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west.**

We come from many nations and many cultures.

**But we are all one in Jesus Christ.**

We come seeking the light that guides us to life.

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Let us lift up our many voices and praise the God of all people.

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

**LUYH 100**

*Greeting from God*

The Lord be with you...

**And also with you...**

*"See, Darkness Covers the Earth, and Thick Darkness Is Over the Peoples"*

*Call to Confession*

**Song: (prayer of Confession) Christ Be Our Light**      **LUYH 908**

*Assurance of Pardon*

The light of God shines in the darkness. God is calling the whole world together in unity to walk in the light as beloved and chosen people. Open your hearts to God's light and to one another.

Thanks be to God.

**Song: Shine On Us** (M. Smith and D. Smith)

*Children's Time: Stephanie H.*

**Song: This Little Light of Mine**

*"Nations Will Come to Your Light, and Kings to the Brightness of Your Dawn"*

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1–12*

*Message: "Fear of Strangers"*

**Song: O Lord, You're Beautiful** (Green)

*Prayer*

*Offering:* First - Christian Counselling Ottawa  
Second - Calvary Church

*Declaration of Promises*

Remember that at [one] time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

**But now in Christ Jesus [we] who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.** —Ephesians 2:12–14

**Song: We Receive Your Blessing**

**LUYH 947**

God's Parting Blessing

**Amen**

### **Our Offerings**

**Today — Christian Counselling Ottawa** serves 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.

### **Jan. 17 — Ministry Shares**

**Growing Hope:** Thank you all for the great support and interest for our Food Grains Bank growing project. The small project on 9.5 acres grew 40.5 tonnes of corn which amounted to 36.789 tonnes of corn after drying. We've received news that with the 4x matching from the Canadian Government, the project raised \$37,022. In a time of great need around the world due to political and economic instability, let alone COVID-19, this is indeed a great blessing. We intend to continue this project into the future and if permitted, we hope to hold a fundraising fall harvest supper with the congregation.

**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](mailto:registration@OCSchool.org) by Monday, January 25 to receive a link to the virtual open house.

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

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