



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

Pastor Pieter Heerema

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**Sunday Service - February 27, 2022
Order of Worship — Pastor Pieter Heerema**

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Be Still for the Presence** **LUYH 532**

**Call to Worship* (from LUYH 517)

Our help in in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Amen

O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

*God's Greeting: Grace,

Amen

Beloved, the Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

***Singing: Speak, O Lord** **LUYH 755**

Children's Time

Message:

Song: Peace Like a River

(Children 3 - 5 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Singing: Don't Be Afraid **LUYH 429**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Us:

***Singing: Before the Throne of God Above** **LUYH 682**

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: Enveloped by God

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit** **LUYH 745**

Congregational Prayer

Offerings:

First: Christian Reformed Ministries (Ministry Shares)

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

**Sending*

***Singing: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow** **LUYH 965**

*God's Parting Blessing

Amen.



LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)
WS = Worship Sourcebook
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine



Church Family: Congratulations to **Mrs. Tori Apedaile** and **Mr Geoff Joustra** who were united in marriage Saturday, February 26. May our Lord bless them with health and happiness as they begin their married life.

HOLY COMMUNION: Next Sunday morning at Calvary Church we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Bible teaches that partaking of Communion is a blessing, provided we carefully prepare our hearts. In order to do that you are asked to affirm before God the following statements:

- ◇ I am a repentant sinner, trusting in Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- ◇ I have a sincere commitment to live for Jesus. Jesus is Lord of my life.
- ◇ I am a member in good standing of a Christian church.

If these statements are true for you, please celebrate Communion with us.

We are excited to announce that **SUNDAY SCHOOL** and **NURSERY** will once again be available starting today, Sunday, February 27th. Children ages 3 and up are invited to come down to the basement following the children's song. Nursery is for all children under 3 years old. We look forward to seeing you! **Dani** and **Lisa**

Pastor's Class: This class is intended for those who wish to make a public profession of their faith or make a reaffirmation of their faith. This class is also the process by which one becomes a voting member of the congregation. The class usually runs for about seven weeks in March and April. At this time it is hoped that the class be held "in person" in the church building. It is also possible to hold this class via the internet. Time and dates for this class will be determined at a later date. Pray that the Spirit moves amongst us and calls people to publicly confess Jesus as the Christ. If you are interested please contact Pastor Piet (613.737.4063 or paheerema@gmail.com).



From the education committee

Dear congregation of Calvary,

Do you have an interest in teaching Senior Sunday School or Catechism to our youth? As reopening continues, there will be a need to fill these current vacancies. As well there is a need for a Chairperson for the education committee. If you can see yourself serving in any of these capacities you are welcome to reach out to either myself or **Graham Johnson (Chair of Ministry Team)** for further information. Please prayerfully consider these rewarding and enriching opportunities and hope to hear from you soon!

Maxime Gendron Liaison Elder for Education Committee

OUR OFFERINGS

Today - Ministry Shares: 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.

March 06 - Centre for Public Dialogue (Canadian)

Centre for Public Dialogue (Ottawa) – Justice and Hope for all Canadians

We are Reformed Christians who believe that every person is created in the image of Creator God. From this foundation, we work to promote the flourishing of all people through constructive dialogue and advocacy in Canada. We believe that God calls all Canadians to be engaged citizens and to stand with vulnerable and marginalized people in our communities as allies. As Christian citizens, we work toward a just world in which structures and institutions give every person the opportunity to thrive. It's our goal to present a positive voice of faith in Canadian public life, and to live out justice, hope, and reconciliation in advocacy and citizenship.

March 13 - World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank

The vision of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a world without hunger. Their mission is to working to end global hunger. They partner with Canadian churches and church-based agencies working to end global hunger.

March 20 Calvin Theological Seminary: Calvin Theological Seminary is a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will resume meeting starting Tuesday, March 01 at 10 am. We will be playing board games, so if you have a favourite please bring it along. We will be checking vaccine status of all those attending.



Hands On

For all those crafters out there, Hands On is meeting once again, on a weekly basis, Wednesdays 9:30-12:00 in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to join us for fun, laughter while learning something new at the same time!

 Please pray for God's blessing on the ministries of **CLASSIS MEETING** on March 4-5.

"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done." -C. S. Lewis

Annual Safe Church Zoom Training Event Due to COVID restrictions we have arranged two zoom events dealing with issues which are relevant to today's time. The first event is a virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential school. The second event will focus on CRC's engagement in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action in Canada by repenting and lamenting its role in the cultural violence committed towards Indigenous Peoples. Saturday, March 5th. Starting at 9:00. This is a free event but registration is required. For more info click on the link below: <https://www.wmott.ca/scc/regn.php>

Bigs+Littles program,

welcoming all parents, grandparents, or friends to accompany toddlers aged 2-3. Cost \$30 per child.

When: Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 23, 30.

Where: Community Christian School, 2681 Glen St, Metcalfe, ON

To register visit our Facebook or Instagram for the registration link.

Ottawa Innerscity Ministries is seeking a **Manager of Fundraising**. Applications are being accepted until March 31. This is a new position with plenty of opportunity for growth and development. For more information about the position, visit OIM's website: www.ottawainnerscityministries.ca.

What if...? God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service...

ReFrame Ministries - Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

No Separation from God - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The love of God is like a strong magnet. Nothing can separate you from his love, no matter what happens. Remember that God has already shown his love to you and to all the world. He sent his Son Jesus to save us from our sins. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Groundwork: Finding Meaning in Life and the Passing of Time - In Ecclesiastes 3 the Teacher advises, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." He later calls time a burden, but also says God has "set eternity in the human heart." Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 12:1-14 to glean wisdom from the Teacher for how to find meaning in life through our time. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Safe Church Ministry - Annual Interclassis March Online Training Event - Join the Classis Huron Safe Church team and participants from across Canada on March 5, 2022 for our virtual 2-part event. The first event is a virtual tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School, presented by the Woodland Cultural Centre (Brantford ON). The second is a presentation by Priya Andrade, the interim Canadian Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer for Indigenous Ministry in the CRCNA. Priya will focus on CRC engagement in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action in Canada by repenting and lamenting its role in the cultural violence committed towards Indigenous Peoples. Registration is required: https://www.wmott.ca/scc/workshops_online.php

Faith Formation Ministries - At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Revelation 21:1-4 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This passage shares a vision of a new heaven and a new earth that is completely free from pain, sadness, and death. As the season of Lent begins this week, consider the many ways in which you and the communities you're a part of have sinned against God and neighbour. What would it be like to live in a world free from the results of sin? Where do you see glimmers of the new heaven and new earth today? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Office of Social Justice - Lent Challenge - Join the Climate Witness Project for a Lent Challenge! Each week focus on one area of action along with a reflection. We want to live out our faith by investing in the flourishing of God's creation - join us on the journey! crcna.org/climate-witness-project/energy-stewardship/lent-creation-challenge

World Renew - Share Hope with People Around the World Struggling with Hunger - Over 800 million people globally go hungry on a daily basis. As a member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew responds to the food needs of children, women, and men around the world who have been impacted by conflict, disaster, and food insecurity. In two weeks, join World Renew to discover how you can help share hope with those who struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/food

Diaconal Ministries Canada - Resources for Deacons - Does your diaconate (team of deacons) have questions? Are you looking for resources? Are you unsure how to proceed in a certain area of ministry? WE'RE HERE TO HELP! Our network of Diaconal Coaches and our Regional Staff are just a phone call or email away. We have help and support in the areas of Community Ministry/Engagement, Mercy & Justice, Refugee ministry, Benevolence, Stewardship, Council Recruitment, running meetings, and so much more! Visit our website today (diaconalministries.com), email us (dmc@crcna.org) or call (1-800-730-3490 x4304).

Satan Called a Convention

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do," said the devil: "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there, having little time for their God or their families and friends. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? **You be the judge!**

2022	TODAY	MARCH 06	MARCH 13
10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE	WORSHIP SERVICE LORD'S SUPPER	WORSHIP SERVICE
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA	PASTOR PIET HEEREMA
OFFIC./ ELDER	CATHY	BART TRUDY, ALLAN, BETH	BETH
DEACON	HARRY	SYLVIA	GLENDEEN
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE CALVARY C.R.C.	WORLD RENEW - CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK CALVARY C.R.C.

CALVARY CALENDAR			
TUESDAY	MARCH 01	10:00 AM	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 02	9:30 AM - 12 NOON	HANDS ON
FRIDAY/SATURDAY	MARCH 4 & 5	CLASSIS MEETING	

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

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