



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

3782 Russell Road, Ottawa - www.calvarycrc.ca

December 04, 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Advent- Preacher Ryan Farrell

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing:** Wait for the Lord

LUYH 480

THE LOVE CANDLE

Reading based on Malachi 3:1-4

Reader 1: See, God is sending God's messenger to prepare the way.

Reader 2: The one whom we seek is indeed coming.

Reader 1: We wait for the one who refines us.

Reader 2: We wait for the one who purifies us.

Reader 1: The Lord's purifying fire burns with love for us.

Reader 2: The Lord's cleansing soap washes us in his love.

Reader 1: We light the love candle this week because, as we wait for the Lord's coming, we remember that Christ has already demonstrated his great love for us so that we can be refined by his righteousness.

Reader 2: When we see the love candle shining, we remember that our waiting is not empty, but must be filled with love for others. For as Christ loves us, so we must love each other.

People of God: God of Love, may your Spirit spur us to actions of love during this period of waiting. As the Son demonstrated what love requires— submission, sacrifice, and sanctification— may we emulate his ways so that the world may know of your great love.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

***Singing:** Come, now is the Time to Worship

LUYH 526

**Call to Worship:*

The mighty God Summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

Our God comes and will not be silent.

God calls, and we respond to his love.

The heavens declare God's righteousness.

We tell out God's glories!

Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever. -based on Psalm 50:1-3,6

**God's Greeting:*

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us
from God the Father and from Jesus Christ,
the Father's Son, in truth and Love. -2 John 3, NRSV

***Singing:** O Come, O Come, Immanuel

LUYH 61

Children's Time

Message: Advent is a time of Love

Singing: Advent is a time to wait

(Children 4 - 7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we are sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,

let us confess our sin before God and one another. -based on Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16, NRSV



Prayer of Confession:

Lord Christ,
we confess our willingness to be loved
but also, our reluctance to love.
We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love
but also, our refusal to forgive.
We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love
but also, our resistance to follow you without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you
with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon;
with obedience, as Mary;
with love, as you have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon:

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

Singing: Living Hope (by Phil Wickham)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture: Psalm 23
Message: God Sets the Table

Thanksgiving

***Singing:** He Leadeth Me LUYH 440
(Children 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Ministry Update (Pastor Ryan and guest Ottawa U student Liana F.)

Offerings: First: OCC
Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Keep Alert,
Stand firm in your faith,
Be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love. -1 Corinthians 16: 13-14, NRSV

***Singing:** God with Us (by James Ingam & Leslie Jordan)
(Children ages 12-14 leave for Church School)

*God's Parting Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace. -Numbers 6:24-26, NIV



You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies
You anoint my head with oil:
My cup overflows

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

We warmly welcome **Preacher Preacher Ryan Farrell** to our pulpit this week.

CHURCH FAMILY

I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who have sent me their well wishes during my recovery. Your kind words and prayers are greatly appreciated during this arduous time. Following my recent re-hospitalization, I am continuing my treatment and recovery over the next few months at home. **Cole J.**

Our family wishes to thank everyone who took the time to share a kind word, send a card/email, and/or give a hug. Your gestures were a bright spot in a difficult time. **Eric & Jennifer N.**

Please Contact your District Elder with News: With the retirement of **Pastor Piet**, so too went our main source of news on the well-being of our members. Please let your district elder know of any concerns you would like shared in the bulletin and with the congregation so we can continue to strengthen our church family through prayer for one another. It is also good to rejoice together. We are happy to share good news and celebrations, as well.

Please check the location of your mail-slots carefully as we've updated and added our active members. It does go by alphabetical order and your slot is above your name. If your name doesn't appear and you would like a mail slot, please contact **Jess** or **Grace**. Thank you for your patience.



Make A Difference Greeters Required: Do you like the idea of volunteering but hate the thought of meetings? Being a greeter may be just the job for you! Council would like to reinstate greeters on Sunday mornings to say hello/bonjour/goeie moarn/buenos dias, offer a bulletin to those who would like one, and give a special welcome to visitors -- show them where the wash-rooms are and encourage them to stay for coffee afterwards. Don't worry, handshaking is not a requirement; in fact, it's still discouraged. If you would like to be on a rotation of greeters, please let **Jake** or **Marianne Vedder** know (jakemved@gmail.com) 613-445-5341.



Please pray for God's blessings: Outreach Ministries Developer Pastor Winston Visser

Congregational Meeting:

We will be having our congregational meeting after the church service next Sunday, December 11th. The meeting documents will be sent out prior to the meeting date. We hope to see everyone there. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE is planning a **Christmas Luncheon** on Tuesday, December 13th. We will have a gift exchange, with the theme of *Christmas Tree Ornament*, please have your gift wrapped. The cost for the luncheon is \$12.50. Please reserve your spot with **Jackie** or **Jean**, payment in advance is appreciated.

All seniors are welcome to attend!

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Those of you who are age 18-30'ish are warmly invited to join your friends for a tasty Christmas dinner on **Friday, Dec 9, 6pm** at 16 Colindale Ave., Barrhaven. It's a potluck meal so please bring some type of food item to share! Please RSVP if you're able to either **Ron Hosmar** (613-255-7834) or **Joe Groeneveld** (613-295-0888).

"SONGS OF JOY"

Come celebrate the Christmas Season with the **OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR's** Christmas Concert. Special Guests are **the Cumberland Community Singers & the 'Trom Bros Quartet'** (*as in Trombone*) and Guest soloists.

Friday, December 09th @ 7:30 PM at WOODROFFE UNITED CHURCH (207 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa).

Tickets are \$20.00 from choir members or at the door. Part of the proceeds are for **THE OTTAWA FOOD BANK**. For information call **Henk Huizenga** at 613-293-9046. www.ottawacarletonmalechoir.com.

And we are **not kidding**. We will be collecting food baskets for our giving tree.

We would like to remind you that our Christmas tree challenge has started. So, as you plan your Christmas giving, don't forget us.

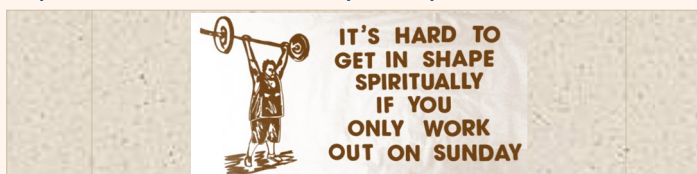
Like last year, we are asking you to help buy Emergency Food for a Month (International Disaster Relief). Each cost \$60.00, and it is the only item that is matched by our government 4 to 1 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The food baskets are used at times of disaster, whether it be drought, flood, earthquake, or violence because of war. **Your \$60 is enough to feed 5 families for a month.**

You can give your donation to **Margo B.** or **Bep B.**, or if you want a tax receipt, you can go online to <https://worldrenew.ca/product/idr-emergency-food-month>, or call 1-800-730-3490.

What a way to celebrate God's gift to us and all the blessings we enjoy!

SoCo Beach Project: Summer Young Adult Discipleship Experience

Are you or is someone you know a young adult (18 - 29) looking to dig deeper into the life of faith and what impact that has on their unfolding life story? Check out the SoCo Beach Project - an intentional Christian community experience from May - August located in Port Dover, Ontario. Applications are open for SoCo 2023- deadline is Jan. 16 '23. For more information or a deeper conversation about this experience, email Pastor Willemina Zwart: info@southcoastbeachproject.org. Hear the reflections of last year's participants and check out the latest newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/d9ef464c8328/soco-update-post-summer-reflections>



OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy

The Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy creates hospitable spaces for students, faculty and staff to explore Christian faith and to practice justice and mercy in God's world.

We hope to create spaces that you can call home, spaces where you can explore, discover and flourish in ways that maybe you didn't even realize were possible. Home should never be a space where you are alone. Whether it's a connection to friends and/or a connection to God, we want your time on campus to be one in which you're developing rich relationships that help you engage with Christ, with community and with culture. Learn more about the OCRCC at their website: <https://ottawacampuschaplaincy.org/>

December 11 - Calgary C.R.C. Budget

December 18 - Ministry Shares - Instead of setting a specific amount per member, each congregation will prayerfully consider how much it can contribute towards our shared ministry efforts.

Ministry shares are an amazingly efficient and stewardly way for us to accomplish ministry together. Over the years, as Synod decided to start new programs, we've used ministry shares as a way of enabling all our congregations to contribute towards the costs. In this way, every initiative is truly part of our shared ministry.

What happens if my church doesn't give?

Currently, churches are contributing less than 60% of the requested amount for ministry. This means fewer funds are available for: • Supporting new church plants • Producing new resources for children's ministry • Training new pastors and supporting those already in ministry • Resourcing chaplains as they serve populations in crisis • Producing resources to revitalize worship in congregations • Equipping churches in abuse prevention, disability awareness, and racial reconciliation • Sharing the gospel in new ministry fields. With the new system proposed by Synod in 2019, ministry budgets will be set based on what is pledged from churches. If this amount is less than what is currently received, important ministry will need to be cut.

December 25 - World Renew - Cambodia (Sovann Neth) - The people of Cambodia have been left with a daunting legacy. Three years of devastation under the Pol Pot regime saw one-third of its people die, followed by another 15 years of civil war. Since the first election in 1993, the country has worked hard to rebuild and retrain communities and restore confidence and trust in leadership. World Renew is careful not to dominate the development process. Through training in governance, sustainable livelihoods, food security, health, and education World Renew supports the local people to make their own decisions and take initiatives that are most important to them.

Garage Sale 2023

The Garage Sale 2023 is 6 months away, but we wanted to introduce a possible change to our format. For all the work and volunteers and storage room needed to run the sale as we have done in the past, we are considering an easier way of running it.



2023
We plan to have a
"tailgate" garage sale.



Everyone can rent a space for \$20 dollars. You collect and store your stuff at home. (*We no longer have a garage sale room available for storage*) On Saturday morning you drive out with your items to sell. You open your trunk or tailgate and sell your items yourself. You do the pricing or bargaining. You can borrow the old wooden tables and chairs to set up by your car if needed. You can keep your profits or donate as you see fit. We would still provide coffee, donuts and hotdogs and some place to sit. We will also have a bake sale, canning goodies and plant sale.

We would like to hear your thoughts on this so please email **Jackie** (jackielauziere@gmail.com), and **Trudy** (koffiebreak52@gmail.com) with your interest in using this new format and your opinions.

On behalf of the Garage Sale Committee... **Trudy H.**

ReFrame Ministries

Advent: God Brings Peace - **Check out the kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net. Look for ways you can be a peacemaker this Advent season. If you have any friends or family members who haven't trusted Jesus, tell them about how he came to earth to bring peace between us and God. You can also find ways to make things easier, less worrisome, or less lonely for people in need. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

CRC Communications. Canadian National Gathering 2023 - Every three years, representatives of Christian Reformed churches and classes across Canada gather to discuss, pray, listen, and plan next steps for ministry at a congregational, regional, and national level. The next Canadian National Gathering will be held May 25-28, 2023 in Ottawa, Ontario, on the campus of Algonquin College and will focus on Indigenous justice and reconciliation. Representatives from every classis across Canada are invited to participate. If you are interested in attending to represent your area, please talk to someone who is attending the next meeting of your classis. For information, go to www.crcna.org/canadian-national-gathering

Christian Counselling Ottawa

Offering therapy to those dealing with life's challenges. As a Charity, we rely on the generosity and partnership from churches and individual donors to help us offer professional, compassionate care to all clients, regardless of their financial situation.

December 2 – 12, we are hosting an online auction as our main Christmas fundraiser. Every item has been donated guaranteeing every dollar raised goes straight toward the service to our clients. You can find a video about giving to CCO here: <https://youtu.be/KPWGAEKyw24>. The link to the auction is here: virtualauction.bid/CCO

Make Christmas Last All Year Long

Give to the needy whenever you're able.

Volunteer at a soup kitchen at least once a month.

Wish people a good day every day.

Sing your favorite Christmas carol just because.

Send cards to let loved ones know you're thinking of them.

Surprise someone now and then with a gift from the heart.

Let that mistletoe hang all year round and use it.

Pray for peace on earth each and every day.

Try to love your fellow human beings even though they're far from perfect.

Give thanks for all the Lord provides.

Keep Jesus first in your heart.

If you can do these things all year long, Christmas never has to end.

*there has been only
one christmas -
the rest are
anniversaries.*



CALVARY CALENDAR		
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP		10:00 AM
GEMS & CADETS	MONDAY, DECEMBER 05	6:30 PM
HANDS ON	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
MEN'S BOWLING	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 01	9:30-11:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 01	7:30 PM
YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS DINNER	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09	6:00 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER AM SERVICE		

2022/10:00 AM	DECEMBER 04	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 18
WORSHIP LEADER	RYAN FARRELL	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	YANICK BAUDEQUIN
OFFIC./ ELDER	BART	BETH	HYUNG
DEACON	SYLVIA	GLENDEN	SHARON
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C. BUDGET	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	MEGAN/TIM & ABBY	KATHRYN/CHLOE	TRUDY/LEAH H.
COFFEE CLEANUP	DON & ANITA H.	JOHN & SARAH C. – BEN F.	LARRY & EVELINA J. JESSICA

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