



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

3782 Russell Road, Ottawa - www.calvarycrc.ca

December 11, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Advent-

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

Singing: Wait for the Lord

LUYH 480

THE JOY CANDLE - *Reading based on Isaiah 12:2*

Reader 1: Surely God is our salvation.

Reader 2: As we wait for the Lord, we will trust and not be afraid.

Reader 1: With joy we will draw water from the well of salvation.

Reader 2: Give thanks to the Lord and make known his deeds among the nations!

Reader 1: Sing praises to the Lord as we await his glory!

Reader 2: Shout aloud and sing for joy!

Reader 1: With excited anticipation we light the joy candle this week. We have joy because our salvation is at hand. The Holy One of Israel is coming!

Reader 2: His well of salvation is full and plentiful, and we are filled with a joy which will be known throughout all of the earth.

**People of God: God of Joy,
may your Spirit renew in us
the joy of our salvation.**

**Lead us to share this joy
with those around us.**

**The light of this joy shines in a world
full of darkness,
so that all may see the path to the
deep well of salvation.**

**So we proclaim the joyous name
of Jesus today!**

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

**Call to Worship*

The Lord has done great things for us!

And we are filled with joy!

Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

our tears into songs of joy!

O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

and remain in us forever. — *based on Psalm 126*

**God's Greeting:*

The LORD your God is with you,
he is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you,
he will quiet you with his love,

he will rejoice over you with singing. — *Zephaniah 3:17, NIV*

***Singing:** Joy to the world

LUYH 92

Children Time

Message: Advent is a time of Joy

Singing: Advent is a time to wait

(Children 4 - 7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us make our Confession to God.



Prayer of Confession:

If we look at our own lives,

**we must confess the mixture of giving and selfishness,
our waiting on the Lord turned to an endless rush,
our missing the mark of Advent.**

Lord, forgive our frantic ways and misplaced efforts.

But we can also trust in God,

**who still brings us salvation,
who still supplies us strength,
who hears our songs of gratitude,
who accepts our joyful praise.**

Let us all draw water from the wells of salvation.

Let us shout it in church and in town:

**The Lord's great name will still be praised.
His saving deeds support our lives.
His greatness still astounds us.
The Holy One of Israel is among us.**

Praise the Lord and sing for joy. — based on Isaiah 12

Assurance of Pardon:

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Your sins are pardoned.

The penalty is paid.

Thanks be to God- *based on Isaiah 40: 1-2*

Singing: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus.

LUYH 329

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6,7

Message: Song of Hope - Magnificat

Thanksgiving

***Singing:** My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

LUYH 69

(Children 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Calvary CRC Budget

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying: Come, Lord Jesus! — *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

***Singing:** God with Us (*by James Ingam & Leslie Jordan*)

***God's Parting Blessing**

Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. — *Romans 15:12-13, NRSV*



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 to our pulpit this week **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg.**

Congregational Meeting:

We will be having a congregational meeting, after the church service, this morning.

CHURCH FAMILY

Please Contact your District Elder with News: 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. Each one of us enjoys receiving the love and support of others. We all want to feel accepted and valued and have worries and concerns for ourselves and/or for others. It is also good to rejoice together. We are happy to share good news and celebrations, as well.

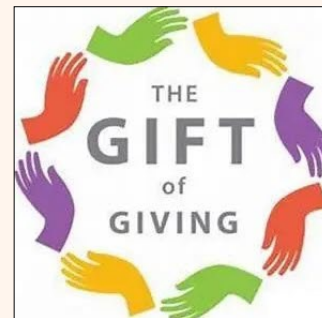
Please pray for God's blessings on Fellowship C.R.C., Barrhaven, Pastor Rick Nanninga

Greeters needed: 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 washrooms 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 V.** know (jakemved@gmail.com) 613-445-5341.

Offerings for November 2022

Thankfully given and received for the ministries of Calvary C.R.C. and beyond.

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	12,042	Bazaar	3,143
Year to Date	167,874	CEC - Safe Church Ministry	100
Budget 11 Months	209,330	Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	637
Budget +/-	-41,456	Disability Concerns	5
Ministry Shares	3,517	Faith Formation Ministries	105
Year to Date	43,736	Mortgage Reduction	390
Budget 11 Months	48,950	Ottawa Christian School	5
Budget +/-	-5,214	Ottawa Food Bank	65
		Race Relations	5
		Resonate /Chann/Chhay	91
		Seafarers	455
		WR - World Hunger	3,779



OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - Calvary 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.

CADETS AND GEMS: will meet **Monday @ 6:30PM**

ABBA's Daughters': **Monday, December 12**, from 1—3 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If interested to join us please call **Beth** or **Grace** or just drop by on the 12th.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE is planning a **Christmas Luncheon** this 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!

HANDS ON will meet **Wednesday morning, December 14**, from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon. This will be the last get together of the year. We look forward to getting together again in the new year.

YOUTH GROUP will meet **Thursday at 7:30 PM.**

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 - 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.

Peace with God, peace with others, and peace in your own heart." - Rick Warren

Advent: God's Joy - Check out the **kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net.

We know the words to the song well, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come..." But what exactly is the joy of Christmas all about? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Devotions for a Blue Christmas - During hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas.



CALVARY CALENDAR		
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP		10:00 AM
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE		
ABBA'S DAUGHTERS GEMS & CADETS	MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 MONDAY, DECEMBER 12	1:00—3:00 PM 6:30 PM
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13	10:00 AM
HANDS ON	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
MEN'S BOWLING	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15	9:30-11:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15	7:30 PM

2022/10:00 AM	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	YANICK BAUDEQUIN	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ ELDER	BETH	HYUNG	CATHY
DEACON	GLENDEN	SHARON	CHRIS F.
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	CALVARY C.R.C. BUDGET	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	WORLD RENEW - CAMBODIA CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	KATHRYN/CHLOE	TRUDY/LEAH H.	MICHELLE/ALEX
COFFEE CLEANUP	JOHN & SARAH C. – BEN F.	LARRY & EVELINA J. JESSICA	Wishing you a Very Blessed Christmas

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

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