



**CALVARY  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

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**December 18, 2022 - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 PEACE CANDLE** - *Reading based on Micah 5:2-5*

**Reader 1:** The One who will rule Israel is from of old, from the ancient days.

**Reader 2:** The One on whom we wait is from the most unexpected place, from Bethlehem of Ephrathah.

**Reader 1:** The Shepherd's mother is in labor.

**Reader 2:** The whole world cries out with her in labor pains.

**Reader 1:** We need the Shepherd to stand and feed his flock.

**Reader 2:** For the whole world is groaning in need of God's peace.

**Reader 1:** We light the peace candle this week because Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

**Reader 2:** In Jesus we shall live securely as Christ's peace extends to the ends of the earth.

**People of God:**

**God of Peace,  
you send us the Prince of Peace.**

**We long for his peace  
to rule in our lives and relationships.**

**We yearn for every corner of your world  
to be subject to your peace.**

**We eagerly await the days  
when your whole flock will live  
in the security of your peace.**

**May we, through the power of your Spirit,  
shine the peace of Christ  
in the darkness.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**



**\*Singing:** Silent Night, Holy Night

LUYH 85

**\*Call to Worship:**

We will exalt you, o Lord, we will praise your name for ever and ever.

**Every day we will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

The Lord is good. He is trustworthy in all he promises.

We will speak in praise of the Lord. — *from Psalm 145*

**\*God's Blessing:**

Everyone is welcome in the presence of God, our Creator and Father.

The door of His Kingdom is wide open to all, without exception.

The Lord Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

The Grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all. Amen — *Matthew 11:28; Titus 2:11; 2 Timothy 4:22*

**\*Singing:** Hark the Glad Sound

LUYH 60

*Children's Time*

**Message:** Advent is a time of Peace

**Song:** Advent is a time to wait

(Children 4 - 7 leave for Church School)

*Confession and Assurance*

Prayer of Confession:

**Song:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LUYH 61 v 1,2,7

Assurance of Pardon:

The Old Testament's blessing remains:

**Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven.**

Jesus confirms it in the Gospel:

**Take heart, your sins are forgiven.**

God rescued us from darkness

**And he brought us into the kingdom of his Son He loves.**

In Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. —based on Psalm 32:1; Matthew 9:2; Colossians 1:13,14

**Solo:** Sung by **Hyung Jeen**

*Proclamation of the Word*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-3 (12:1-6)

Message: The Kingdom of Heavens – Myth or Reality?

*Thanksgiving*

**\*Singing:** We Are Called

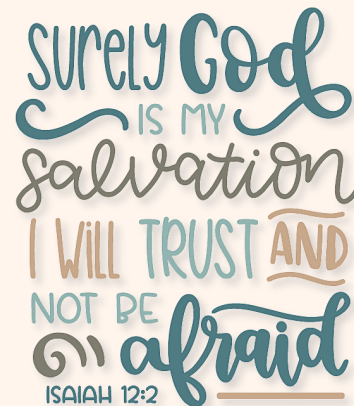
LUYH 296

(Children 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ministry Shares

Second: Calvary Church (*our ministry*)



*Sending:*

\*Confession of Faith:

With the whole creation we wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

**For then we will see the Lord face to face.**

He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight.

**Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish who made us a kingdom and priests.**

God will be all in all, righteousness will flourish, everything will be made new,

And every eye will see at last

**That our world belongs to God!**

**Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.** – Based on Rev.21:1; 22:20,21. *Our World belongs to God 58.*

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

\*God's Parting Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine on you

And be gracious to you;

The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace, **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

We warmly welcome to our pulpit this week **Preacher Yanick Baudequin**

**CHURCH FAMILY**

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.

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](mailto:jakemved@gmail.com)) 613-445-5341.

**Please pray for God's blessings on Bethel C.R.C., Brockville, Pastor Jack Van de Hoef**

## OUR OFFERINGS:

**Today - 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.

**January 01 2023 - Harvest House**



Harvest House Ministries was founded in 1979 by three Christian businessmen, who recognized the need to provide a Christ-centered home for young men struggling with addiction to alcohol and drugs. Carrying on this vision, the mission of Harvest House is: To rehabilitate young men who are chemically dependent, to instill in them self-discipline, and to reintegrate them into society by an inner change brought about by faith in Jesus Christ.

Men from all walks of life, including those with histories of relapse, criminal activity, and imprisonment, are welcomed into the program. What began as a small home for eight men on Belmont Avenue has grown to include a 24-bed main facility and an additional 4 re-entry houses. Over this time, Harvest House has maintained its purpose of providing men addicted to drugs and alcohol with an opportunity to turn their lives around.

<https://www.harvesthouse.org/>

**January 08 - Therefore, Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited)**



ThereforeGo Ministries 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 training. We strongly believe that the local church is the tool God created

to use to reveal himself to the world. We know that taking the call of ministering to today's youth is not for the faint of heart. Therefore, we are blessed by encouraging, supporting, equipping, and partnering with congregations across North America to reach this generation for Jesus Christ! Check out their website at <https://www.thereforego.com/>

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

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

**Youth Group: JOIN US! Mission Trip 2023 planning has started!**

This coming March 11-18, 2023, our youth group will be teaming up with Calvin C.R.C. and Carolina Rebuilding Ministries for a home improvement/repair from natural disasters work mission trip in North Carolina. We want to make this an intergenerational mission trip, so we want you to join us!

**Talk to either Geert, Tim, Ashley, or Tia** if you are interested! More details and specifics to come.



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



**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.

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](mailto:jackielauziere@gmail.com)), and **Trudy** ([koffiebreak52@gmail.com](mailto:koffiebreak52@gmail.com)) with your interest in using this new format and your opinions.

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

**World Renew** - Share God's Love at Christmas - Next week, around the world, God's faithful will gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Through Christ's birth, God revealed his unwavering love for us and hope for the future. Many of us will gather with family and friends to enjoy a meal, but across the globe there are people in conflict zones who will spend the day in fear; there are families who will have nothing to eat; and entire communities will be lamenting the impacts of extreme weather. For many the future looks bleak, but we can share God's love and hope through a gift from the World Renew Gift Catalogue: from nutrition kits for children, to training in a new income-generating skill like beekeeping, to tools that help reduce the workload of a farmer – each gift can help change the story of poverty and hunger. To give a gift of hope, visit: [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts)

**ReFrame Ministries** - Advent: **Love as an Action** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). People usually think of love as a feeling. Did you ever think of love as an action? Well, God's love is active! Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.



## Peace Candles

*The Power of One*

One woman....

One hope....

One dream.....

*A Peace/Prayer Candle Tradition*

In 1985, the Rev. Blair R. Monie, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church (York, Pennsylvania) visited the Soviet Union. In the small town of Voronezh, he was approached by an old woman who pressed a small sum of money into his hand and requested that he do something for World Peace. He recognized a deep desire and strong devotion in her eyes and in her voice and determined he would do something special when he returned to the United States.

What could he do with three rubles? After much thought he purchased a small votive candle, placed in on the Communion Table and lit it. On hearing his story, his congregations agreed to make it a permanent accessory of the chancel and purchased a supply of votive candles so that they would make a "peace candle" available to any visitor wishing to take it back to his/her congregation.

This small non-threatening symbol of peace helps them to be praying for people and to play their part as peacemakers as Jesus Christ called them, and us, to do. Today candles burn in England, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Kuwait, South Africa, and Denmark.



CALVARY CALENDAR		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18/2022 MORNING WORSHIP		10:00 AM
GEMS & CADETS	MONDAY, DECEMBER 19	6:30 PM
MEN'S BOWLING	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22	9:30-11:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22	7:30 PM

2022/10:00 AM	DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY	JANUARY 01 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
WORSHIP LEADER	YANICK BAUDEQUIN	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ ELDER	HYUNG	CATHY	JAKE
DEACON	SHARON	CHRIS F.	CORA ELCO, CATHY & JAKE
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	WORLD RENEW - CAMBODIA CALVARY C.R.C.	HARVEST HOUSE
NURSERY	TRUDY/LEAH H.	MICHELLE/ALEX	STEPH/ABBY
COFFEE CLEANUP	LARRY & EVELINA J. JESSICA	Wishing you a Very Blessed Christmas	Wishing you Very Happy & Blessed 2023

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

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