

2023
HAPPY NEW YEAR

CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
3782 Russell Road, Ottawa - www.calvarycrc.ca



NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 01, 2023
HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg
11:00AM

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing:** Jesus, the light of the World LUYH 100

**Call to Worship*

God is here! The Messiah has come!
We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.
We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,
and to bring glory to God the Father.
In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ
in declaring to God that he is the supreme authority in our lives.
We bow before him in submission to our Lord and King.
Come, worship the Lord!

**God's Greeting:*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the holy spirit be with you all. **Amen!**

***Singing:** Come, Now Is the Time to Worship LUYH 526

Prayer of Invocation

He came as a baby in a manger.
O come, let us adore him.
He came in a lowly stable.
O come, let us adore him.
Shepherds brought their worship.
O come, let us adore him.
Angels sang his praise.
O come, let us adore him.
Magi brought their gifts.
O come, let us adore him.
What shall we do?
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

Children's Time

Singing: Away in the Manger LUYH 86

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God who inhabits eternity
but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit:
before you and our Lord Jesus Christ
we confess our sins.
We have ignored the presence of your Spirit.
We have failed to look for the return
of our Savior and Judge.
We have been blind to your coming
in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled,
the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.
In your great goodness
put away our offenses
and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon:

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

***Singing:** Angels from the Realms of Glory

LUYH 81

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:5-23 and Luke 1: 57-79

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: SONG OF PEACE - BENEDICTUS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Singing:** Blessed Be the God of Israel/Song of Zechariah

LUYH 67

Holy Communion

Institution and Invitation

Singing: Here is Bread, Here is Wine

The Communion

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Harvest House

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

*Sending

Go now into the world,
carrying Christmas with you into everyday life.
Open the inn within you and make room for that gift of gifts,
even our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Singing:** Go tell it on the Mountain

LUYH 93

*God's Parting Blessing

"And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (*John 1:14*).

And now may God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glory of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy at his coming and make you heralds of this good news. **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

HOLY COMMUNION:

This morning we are celebrating 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.
- * I am a member in good standing of a Christian church.

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

We warmly welcome Pastor **Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit this morning.



There will be coffee and fellowship after the service and yes,...wait for it!.....OLIEBOLLEN & APPELFLAPPEN!!!

WELCOME to Calvary Church and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** On this first day of 2023, we pray that each one of us may look forward to a happy, healthy and blessed New Year. As we worship and fellowship together may each of us know the presence of our Lord.

Please pray for God's blessings on: our church, Calvary C.R.C., Associate Pastor Bryan Hummel

CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our heartfelt condolences to **Titia DeV.** and **Kathryn V.**, and their families, at the passing of Titia's daughter and Kathryn's sister, **Anna**. Anna suffered from cancer for quite some time. May God comfort them all during this time of sorrow.

We pray for continued comfort for all of those in our congregation who are dealing with ill health. We pray for all of those who are suffering in one way or another. Let us take time to lift one another up with a card, a phone call, a visit, and prayer.

OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - 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/>

January 15 - Safe Church – Denominational

Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing.

Website: <https://www.crcna.org/SafeChurch>

January 22 - 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.

January 29 - Cadet Sunday



Cadets is a weeknight program that meets weekly or bi-weekly in churches and helps boys become more Christlike in all areas of life. Each meeting includes assembling with the entire club for the landmarks, breaking up into small groups (called "cadres") for Bible study and working on badges, and a time of games or other physical activity.

Website: <https://www.calvinistcadets.org/>

TODAY IS YOUR LAST OPORUNITY!

And we are **not kidding**. We still are collecting food baskets for our giving tree this month. We are asking your help to buy Emergency Food baskets. Each basket 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/jdr-emergency-food-month>, or call 1-888 9753 769.

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



From ReFrame Ministries:

When we're weighed down with grief, it can be hard to find words to pray. "Prayers of Comfort for a Grieving Heart" is a free 31-day prayer guide to give you words for your pain when you have none. Each day provides encouragement from God's Word and a brief prayer, helping you lean in close to the God of all comfort in your season of grief. You can download the prayer guide now. " <https://bit.ly/3SHdWi9>

The **Jigsaw Puzzle table** is set up again in the fellowship hall. Take a puzzle, (or several) and have fun making them. There are puzzles for everyone.

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.

CADETS & GEMS Regular meetings will start again on Monday, January 09/2023.

ReFrame Ministries - The Stone of Help - Check out the **kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's devotion, learn about God's faithfulness while making a pile of rocks called an Ebenezer. Happy New Year! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like The Bible in One Year Plan.



When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
 then the work of Christmas begins:
 to find the lost,
 to heal those broken in spirit,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the oppressed,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among all peoples,
 to make a little music with the heart...
 And to radiate the Light of Christ,
 every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
 Then the work of Christmas begins.

Howard Thurman



CALVARY CALENDAR		
NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE	SUNDAY, JANUARY 01	11:00 AM
MEN'S BOWLING	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22	9:30-11:30 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	JANUARY 01 - NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 08	JANUARY 15
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR AARON THOMPSON	YANICK BAUDEQUIN
OFFIC./ ELDER	JAKE	ELCO	MAXIME
DEACON	CORA ELCO, CATHY & JAKE	KYLE	HARRY
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	HARVEST HOUSE CALVARY C.R.C.	THEREFORE, GO MINISTRIES (YOUTH UNLIMITED) CALVARY C.R.C.	SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	STEPH/ABBY	BOB/CHLOE	BARB/LEAH H.
COFFEE CLEANUP	PETER & BRENDA H. wishing you Happy & Blessed 2023	KEES & KRISTEN R.	MARC & SHARON L.

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

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