



Sunday, January 08/2023 - Pastor Aaron Thompson



O sing to God a new song

****Rise in body or in spirit***

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
 Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing:** Mighty to Save LUYH 611

***Call to Worship**

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house
 and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
 to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths

in this hour of worship and always. - based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

***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:** Cornerstone

Children's Time

Message:

Singing: Jesus Loves Me LUYH 709
 (Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession:

Search me, O God, and know my heart.
 test me and know my thoughts.
 See if there is any wicked way in me,
 and lead me in the way everlasting.
 We express our longing for God's leading
 by our own transparent confession. — based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you
 with our whole heart and mind and strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 In your mercy forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
 so that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name.
 Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song: I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew LUYH 685

Worship him in spirit

and

in truth



John 4:24

Assurance of Pardon:

Here are words you may trust,
words that merit full acceptance:
Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says,
"Your sins are forgiven."
He also says, "Follow me."
Now to the one who rules all worlds,
immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. — based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

God's Will for Us:

Singing: Jesus, All for Jesus

LUYH 738

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: "In the Storm"

Thanksgiving

***Singing:** Yet not I, but Through Christ in Me. (City Alight)
(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Therefore, Go Ministries (Youth Unlimited)
Second: Calvary C.R. Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Go in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

***Singing:** May the Grace (Resound)

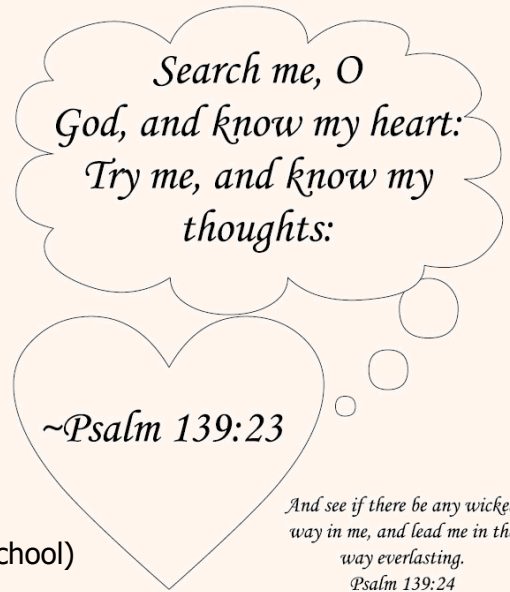
*God's Parting Blessing

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and by his grace
gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen you
in every good deed and word. — 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, NIV

Amen.

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

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



WELCOME to Calvary Church.

As we worship and fellowship together may each of us know the presence of our Lord.

CHURCH FAMILY

We send our sincere condolences to **Claude** and **Yanick B.** as well as **Sam, Nancy, Oliver** and **Elliot Baudquin** on the passing of Claude's mother, **Georgette Roux**. May God comfort them all during this time of sorrow. We also pray for **Yanick** who is sick with Covid-19.

We pray for healing and that he may be well enough in time to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law.

Ieneke J. spent most of the Christmas season in hospital, but has now returned home. While she is often tired, she is mobile. Ieneke appreciates the congregation's support and prayers. Ieneke is also open to visits, but if you do make a visit please keep it short (about 15 minutes). Ieneke wishes you all a happy new year.

Important notes from Council – meeting December 29th

1) In late December, Council received a request from Fredericton CRC council to support an overture to Classis Eastern Canada regarding the Synod 2022 decision and the Human Sexuality Report. Council met to discuss this overture, where the majority of Calvary council voted in favour of supporting the overture. The overture, which will be presented at Classis 2023 in March, asks *that a Classis of the CRCNA, in response to local needs and circumstances, may declare that Article 65, Item 2 of the Acts of Synod 2022 (p.922) be considered inoperative, thereby allowing office bearers from local congregations who disagree with the decision to continue serving and ministering within their local contexts without being subject to discipline.*

2) Council further discussed a request from Ryan Farrell, the new chaplain at Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy, to have Calvary CRC as his calling church. Council voted in favour of holding these credentials and now this request needs approval from the congregation. This will take place on January 22, 2023, after the service.

OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - 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/>

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Offerings for December 2022 – Thankfully given and received for the ministries of Calvary CRC and beyond.

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	25,275	Bazaar	45
Year to Date	193,148	Benevolence	240
Budget 12 Months	228,360	Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	50
Budget +/-	-35,212	Faith Formation Ministries	25
		Harvest House	25
Ministry Shares	4,607	Mortgage Reduction	2,390
Year to Date	48,343	Ottawa Food Bank	135
Budget 12 Months	53,400	Race Relations	25
Budget +/-	-5,057	Resonate /Chann/Chhay	75
		Seafarers	65
		World Renew	40
		WR - Cambodia	1,135
		WR - Peter Fish	873
		WR - World Hunger	75

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 inter-generational 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.

January 20-22 Young Adult Retreat in Southwestern Ontario

All young adults 18-30'ish are invited to a fun winter retreat in Woodstock, Ontario. Cost is just \$65 for the weekend, which includes food and accommodation at Maranatha C.R.C.. The attached google doc has the registration form and information. If you have any further questions, talk to Pastor Joe (613-295-0888) or Ron Hosmar (613-255-7834).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xO9-yHv1y4fqQRbemRJyEEhIQkf5o4w6cmUpUUIX6Hw/edit>

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00AM to play bingo. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Happy New Year to everyone!

HANDS ON will once again meet starting January 11, 2023 from 9:30- 12:00. All crafters are welcome to join us.

Any questions, please feel free to contact **Jess J.**

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/3SHdW19>

Please pray for God's blessings on: Calvin C.R.C., Ottawa, Pastor Craig Hoekema. Pastor of Youth and Congregational Life, Ron Hosmar.

The **Ottawa Carleton Male Choir** has openings available in all sections. Join us now and you will be able to come along on our concert tour to Italy, end of September 2023. We practice at Calvin C.R. Church, 1475 Merivale Road on Wednesdays from 7.30 - 9.30PM. Contact: 613 293 9046. www.ottawacarletonmalechoir.com.

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

God is Calling You - **Check out the kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net. This week: You have a role to play in God's big story--and God is calling you to submit your gifts, talents, and work to him right now. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan..

Groundwork: God Is Still Working - Life is messy. Sometimes that mess is our own doing and sometimes it is not. Join Our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Rahab and the spies in Joshua 2 and see how God remains active, even in the messiness of our lives. We'll discuss his providence and learn to look for it in the most unlikely circumstances of our lives. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

LOWER ME by Alyssa Marie Bentham

My head is too proud, My nose is too high. I breath in the clouds That roam through the sky	Lower me, Lord To the depths of the sea. I do not deserve What you've given to me.
I'm selfish and stingy, I think that I'm better. I'm lazy at times And not a go-getter.	Take my head in the sky And bring it way down. Lower me, Lord, To the deep, deep ground.
I'm bossy, they say; I don't doubt that it's true. And now, dearest God, I am coming to You.	Give me Your grace, Let all pride depart, And lower me into The realms of Your heart.



CALVARY CALENDAR SUNDAY, JANUARY 08 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 15/2023		
TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 08	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
MONDAY, JANUARY 09	GEMS & CADETS	6:30 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	10:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:30 AM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12	YOUTH GROUP	7:30 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	JANUARY 08	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 22
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR AARON THOMPSON	YANICK BAUDEQUIN	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ ELDER	ELCO	MAXIME	GRAHAM
DEACON	KYLE	HARRY	SYLVIA
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	THEREFORE, GO MINISTRIES (YOUTH UNLIMITED) CALVARY C.R.C.	SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	BOB/CHLOE	BARB/LEAH H.	LISA/DENISE
COFFEE CLEANUP	KEES & KRISTEN R.	MARC & SHARON L.	GEERT & DANI R.

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