



Sunday, January 15/2023 - Guest Preacher Jacob Zwiers

***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*

Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
 Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
 Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.
 Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.
 Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the fire of love.

**God's Greeting:*

May grace and peace be yours in abundance
 in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. - *2 Peter 1:2, NRSV*

***Singing:** Here I Am to Worship LUYH 567

Children's Time

Message:

***Singing:** Awesome God MP 161
 (Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession:

The light has come into the world,
 and people loved darkness rather than light
 because their deeds were evil.
 Let us confess our sin to God. - *based on John 3:19, NRSV*

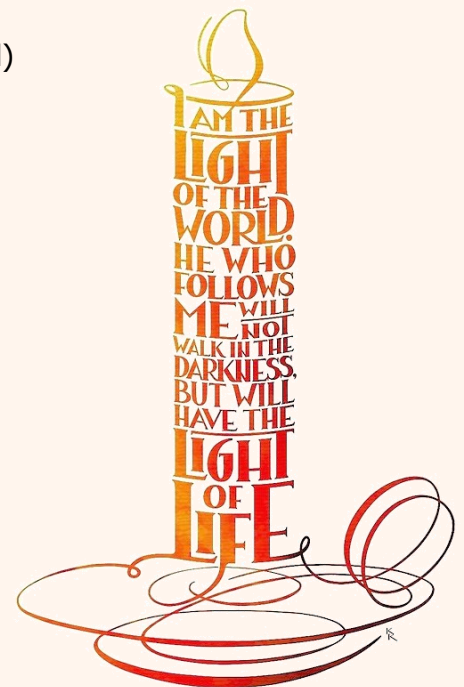
Prayer of Confession:

God of grace,
 you have given us Jesus,
 the light of the world,
 but we choose darkness
 and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.
 Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
 Baptize us with your Spirit,
 that, forgiven and renewed,
 we may preach your Word to the nations
 and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
 our Lord and our light forever. **Amen.**

Song: Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (*City Alight*)

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
 that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.
 If we say that we have fellowship with him
 while we are walking in darkness,
 we lie and do not do what is true;
 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
 we have fellowship with one another,
 and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. - *1 John 1:5-7, NRSV*



God's Will for Us:

Singing: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LUYH 772

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Mark 4: 35-42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: 'To the Other Side'



Thanksgiving

***Singing:** In Christ Alone

LUYH 770

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: SAFE CHURCH – Denominational

Second: Calvary C.R. Church (our ministry)

Sending:

The light of God's purposes has shone upon us.

Carry that light into another week.

The star of God's promises that led us to worship now leads us to serve in God's world.

When we have met God in the light,
we cannot dwell comfortably in the shadows.

We cannot enjoy our abundance and wealth without thanksgiving and generous sharing.

The glory of God shines on you today.

Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

**We seek God's peace that we may share it,
God's wisdom that we may live by it,
in Christ's name. Amen.**

***Singing:** Across the Lands

LUYH 775

***God's Parting Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God,

be manifest in you,

that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **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

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

WELCOME to Calvary Church. This morning we welcome **Preacher Jacob Zwiers** to our pulpit.

Jacob has been worshipping at Calvin C.R.C. and is licensed to exhort in our Classis

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

CHURCH FAMILY

A memorial service for **Anna DeV.**, daughter of **Titia DeV.** and sister of **Kathryn V.**, will be held at Williamsburg C.R.C. on Saturday, January 21 at 2:00 pm. It will also be a memorial service for **Titia's** husband, **William DeV.**, who passed away October 2020, as the service could not take place then, due to Covid restrictions.

May the Lord comfort all those who mourn.

We pray that God brings healing and strength to all with health concerns.

We ask the Lord to bless the relationships we are in – marriage, family, and friendships.

Let us **remember** each other in prayer.



Please pray for God's blessings on: Charlottetown C.R.C., Pastor Brad Bootsma

Deacons Request:

Would you have a gently used **WARM winter coat or extra pair of WARM winter boots?**

Inner City Ministries could really use Men's and Women's Adult sizes. Our Liaison, **Maxime** will make sure they get delivered. For the next 2 weeks, until the end of January, they can be deposited in the labeled container in our foyer. *Thank you.*

PLEASE NOTE

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 C.R.C. 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 next Sunday, January 22, 2023, after the service.

OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - 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/>

February 05 - Ottawa Mission

 At The Ottawa Mission, we support clients to enhance the quality of their lives. We nourish the body, mind and spirit of those who seek our help, and enable people in crisis to heal and build hope for the future. A shelter is not a home. That's why The Mission makes finding housing a supportive and compassionate process — every step of the way. Our Case Workers help members of the community who are homeless or at risk of homelessness create a personalized, housing-focused plan. From the day they arrive at our shelter, we support people with whatever they need to secure affordable and appropriate housing. We invite you to join us — together we can accomplish more! Website: <https://ottawamission.com/>

February 12 - Christian Horizons

 Christian Horizons' values arise from our belief that every person is loved by God and created in His image. Because of this, we strive to honour God and value people in all we do and with all of our resources. We promote communities where everybody belongs and each person's gifts are celebrated. This includes people with and without disabilities, employees, families, volunteers, and partners. We value and respect diversity of race, disability, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, colour and all other grounds reflected in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and provincial human rights codes.

Website: <https://christianhorizons.org/>

ABBA's Daughters study group, will meet Monday, January 23 at 1:00PM.

HANDS ON will meet Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 9:30- 12:00. All crafters are welcome to join us. Any questions, please feel free to contact **Jess J.**

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.

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>

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.

ReFrame Ministries - Word Power MLK Day - **Check out the new kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Look At What God Has Done - We all experience transitions and seasons in life. Join Groundwork as we study Joshua 3-4 to let stories of God's faithfulness and deliverance of the past assure us that he is still delivering us through the transitions of our lives yet today. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Diaconal Ministries Canada - Position Opening - Diaconal Ministries Canada is currently searching for an Administrative/Financial Coordinator (30 hours/week). This person will provide financial and administrative support to Diaconal Ministries Canada and all of its staff, board, and committees. This is a hybrid position, with proximity to the CRCNA Burlington office required. For a full job description, including compensation, visit our website: diaconalministries.com/our-team/careers-opportunities/. Start date is immediate.

Out of Egypt into a Good Land - Join Under the Fig Tree Ministries teacher Rev. George DeJong on a 2-week trip from November 9 to 22, 2023, to Egypt and Israel to experience the lands of the Bible. Pastor George is a gifted teacher with a pastor's heart - a real shepherd! - who led the Canadian pastors on similar trips. This tour is designed as a "Bus/Walker Tour" for those whose mobility and stamina is a concern. This is a great trip for seniors and their children. Unfortunately, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated for this trip. There is room for 45 people. Please contact Pastor Richard Bodini (Pastor.Bodini@HCH.ca) for more information and how to access the information session planned for

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CALVARY CALENDAR		
SUNDAY, JANUARY 015 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22/2023		
TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 15	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
MONDAY, JANUARY 16	GEMS & CADETS	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:30 AM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19	YOUTH GROUP	7:30 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 29
WORSHIP LEADER	PREACHER JACOB ZWIERS	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR JACK VAN DE HOEF
OFFIC./ ELDER	MAXIME	GRAHAM	JESSICA
DEACON	HARRY	SYLVIA	GLENDEN
OFFERING	SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY	MINISTRY SHARES	CADETS
2ND OFFERING	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	BARB/LEAH H.	LISA/DENISE	TIM/LEAH F.
COFFEE CLEANUP	MARC & SHARON L.	GEERT & DANI R.	DANIEL & YOLANDI F.

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

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