



Sunday, January 22/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

***Rise in body or in spirit**

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing:** Ten Thousand Reasons

LUYH 559

**Call to Worship*

There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

**For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.** —from Psalm 86:8-10, NRSV

**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. —2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing:** Lord Most High

LUYH 593

Children's Message

Singing: Hosanna

MP 163

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
he rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him! —Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV



Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** —based on Psalm 51:10-12

Singing: Your Mercy Flows

LUYH 700

Assurance of Pardon:

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure. —Psalm 147:2-3, 5, NRSV

God's Will for Us:

Singing: How Firm A Foundation LUYH 427

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-3 & 6-9, Luke 2: 1-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: The Song of Joy – Gloria in Excelsis

Thanksgiving

***Singing:** Angels We Have Heard on High LUYH 82

(Children Ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ministry Shares

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

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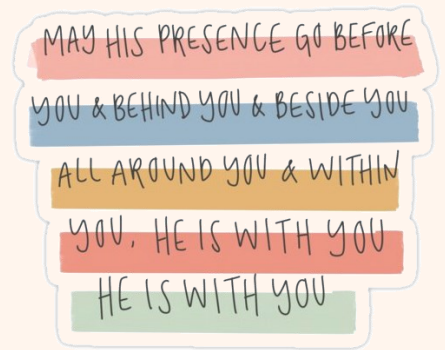
Grant to us, O Lord,
to know that which is worth knowing,
to love that which is worth loving,
to praise that which pleases you most,
to esteem that which is most precious unto you,
and to dislike whatsoever is evil in your eyes.
Grant us true judgment to distinguish things that differ
and above all to search out and do what is well pleasing to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***Singing:** To God Be the Glory LUYH 956

***God's Parting Blessing**

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace. —Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

(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

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 Today, after the service.

WELCOME to Calvary Church. This morning we welcome **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit.

We extend a special welcome to all visitors.

As we give praise to our Living Lord, may we be blessed in our time of worship and fellowship. *Please* join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning in the church hall. *Have a blessed Lord's Day.*

CHURCH FAMILY - 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.

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 pray for God's blessings on: Immanuel C.R.C. in Cornwall

OUR OFFERINGS:


Today - 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/>

January 16th, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights:

- Calvary C.R.C.'s name was added to Fredericton C.R.C. overture regarding Synod 2022's decision on the Human Sexuality Report.
- Calvary C.R.C. signed the Covenant of Office Bearers under protest in light of Synod 2022's decision on the Human Sexuality Report.
- Council received an update from the Pastoral Search Team. The P.S.T. continues to work diligently as they narrow the list of candidates down. Presently, the number of candidates rests around 10 Pastors.
- Classis 2023 will be held at Barrhaven C.R.C. church on March 3rd and 4th, 2023.
- Reports from the Ministry Team, Admin. Team and the Diaconate were received and reviewed.

Council appreciates the support of the congregation, as it seeks to serve the Lord through serving His people.

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

COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL at the church, Tuesday 10 – 12. Let's just sit around and have a good time together, a little 'coffee klatch', play a game, or place a few pieces in a puzzle. **All are invited to attend. GEZELLIG!**

HANDS ON will meet Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 9:30- 12:00. All crafters are welcome to join us.

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.

Camp Adonai:

Are you tired of the snow? Need a vacation? Please note that Camp Adonai is running from August 13 to 18 for junior week (ages 9 – 12) August 19 to 26 for senior week (ages 13 – 15). Unfortunately, we have had to raise our fees for camp. *Our fees are:*

Junior week \$270.00; Senior week \$335.00.

Application forms for campers and counsellors will be on our website shortly. <https://campadonai.ca/camper-registration>

The World and Our Calling - Jan. 25, 2023

Join us on January 25 to see Dr. Daniel Lee Hill receive the 2022 Emerging Public Intellectual award and speak on "Reweaving the Social Fabric: William Still and Public Life." Learn more here: redeemer.ca/twaoc

Work at Redeemer: Redeemer is hiring a vice president, academic, a computer technician and an internship coordinator. Act Five is also hiring a residence manager and resident leader. Learn more about these positions and many others at redeemer.ca/work-at-redeemer

Campus Visits: Schedule a personalized tour of campus and a one-on-one meeting with an admissions counsellor to have all of your questions about Redeemer answered. Individual visits are offered regularly throughout the week for those interested in Redeemer's undergraduate programs. Book yours here: redeemer.ca/visit

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.



Wonderful Things, Planned Long Ago - Check out the new **kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net. This week's devotion: Just as he did with Abraham, Ruth, David, and the other members of Jesus' family, God carefully oversaw your family tree and lovingly cared for each branch to bring you into this world. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the The Bible in One Year Plan.

Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns Get in the Loop Event - Calling all church audio/visual technicians: Dr. Juliette Sterkens and Dr. David Myers are experts in how churches can support people living with hearing loss through hearing loop technology. Join us on Monday, February 6, at 7:30 pm (Eastern) when Sterkens and Myers explain both the benefits and best practices in utilizing hearing loop technology. There will be time for questions as well. Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) and ASL interpretation will be provided. Register today! <https://bit.ly/dcloopevent>

"IN *Happy* MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, *SEEK* God.
IN QUIET MOMENTS, *trust* GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT, THANK *God*."

CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, JANUARY 23 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 29/2023		
MONDAY, JANUARY 23	ABBA'S DAUGHTERS GEMS CADETS - SNOW DERBY PREP.	1:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24	COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL	10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:30 AM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26	YOUTH GROUP	7:30 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	SUNDAY, JANUARY 22	SUNDAY, JANUARY 29	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 05
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR JACK VAN DE HOEF	BRYAN HUMMEL
OFFIC./ ELDER	GRAHAM	JESSICA	TRUDY
DEACON	SYLVIA	GLENDEEN	SHARON
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	CADETS CALVARY C.R.C.	THE OTTAWA MISSION CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	LISA/DENISE	TIM/LEAH F.	KATHRYN/ALEX
COFFEE CLEANUP	GEERT & DANI R.	DANIEL & YOLANDI F.	GEORGE & NANCY C.

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ONLINE SERVICES: YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkfm4FiDPowmd-6C03a1k9w>

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