



SUNDAY, APRIL 23/2023 - Guest Pastor: **Syd Ypma, Kemptville C.R.C.**

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
 Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: Awake My Soul** (Resound Worship)

**Call to Worship*

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
 be lifted up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty,
 the LORD mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, O you gates;
 lift them up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

**The LORD Almighty—
 he is the King of glory.** —*Psalm 24:7-10, NIV*



**God's Greeting:*

The LORD your God is with you,
 he is mighty to save.
 He will take great delight in you,
 he will quiet you with his love,
 he will rejoice over you with singing. —*Zephaniah 3:17, NIV*

***Singing: Mighty to Save**

LUYH 611

Children's Time

Message

Singing: If I Were a Butterfly

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
 While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
 so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
 Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,
 let us confess our sin before God and one another. —*based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV*

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
 You have called us to be the church,
 to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
 Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
 isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
 obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
 Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
 Remove the obstacles preventing us
 from being your representatives to a broken world.
 Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
 This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. **Amen.**

Singing: And Can It Be

LUYH 695

Assurance of Pardon:
The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
Thanks be to God.

Singing: Jesus, All for Jesus

LUYH 738

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: "The Problem Isn't with Trees"

Choir: "The Tree of Life" (Wexford Carol)

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ministry Shares

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

Go forth in the name of the Lord.

This is God's charge:

We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,

and love one another, just as he commanded us. —based on 1 John 3:23, NRSV

***Singing: Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**

LUYH 953

*God's Parting Blessing

As you prepare to leave, gratefully hear now God's word of 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. Amen. —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

WELCOME to Calvary Church. We welcome **Pastor Syd Ypma from Kemptville C.R.C.** 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



CHURCH FAMILY

Caroline G. is still at the Civic Hospital where she is recovering from the third surgery on her legs. With the guidance of two physiotherapists, she is trying to regain all the strength she can. Depending on the outcome, she could have to make the difficult decision to leave her apartment. We pray for full recovery, an improved medical and physical follow-up and discernment from all parties as to where to go from here.

Bep B. is still in the hospital. She has an infection in her right hip that was replaced 4 weeks ago. The hip was opened again and cleaned out. She is now treated with anti-biotics for the next 6 weeks. As the wound does not heal at the moment, a kind of vacuum pump is trying to dry the wound out. With luck she may come home next week.

Trudy H. remains at the General hospital. Doctors are treating her for an infection. We pray the doctor's intervention is successful. May our Lord grant healing and continued recovery.

Please pray for all who are currently undergoing treatments or recovering from illness.

May the Lord comfort all those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Remember our sick and elderly members.

Consider visiting or calling someone you haven't seen in a long time!

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

COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL at the church **Tuesday 10 – 12.**

Lets just sit around and have a good time together, play a game, or place a few pieces in a puzzle.

All are invited to attend.



Please pray for God's blessings on: Zion C.R.C., Pembroke

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.

April 30 - GEMS Sunday - GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. GEMS is the go-to ministry for girls' spiritual growth, providing real answers to the challenges girls face. We understand the adversity that girls face today and know you're looking to guide the girls in your life successfully. You're not alone! GEMS walks alongside moms, mentors, and ministry leaders to equip you to understand today's problems. With GEMS resources you can provide a safe, welcoming environment to learn about God and remind your girl she's seen, known, and loved. Through our club programs, one-on-one Bible studies, and girls' activity kits, girls will find a place to belong and be loved. Through monthly Webinars, weekly Coffee Chats, podcasts, and annual training programs, moms, mentors, and ministry leaders will be equipped to understand and guide their girl through life's challenges. Website: <https://gemsgc.org/>
Video: https://vimeo.com/145683173?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=764667



May 07 - Diaconal Ministries – NewGround (formerly Operation Manna)

For over 40 years, NewGround has helped numerous churches across Canada love their community. Your generous gifts will help churches across Canada love and bless their communities in the name of Jesus. May each of you give as you have been blessed. The brochure/bulletin insert you received last week has more information about NewGround and its expanded activities. You can also make a one-time donation or become a monthly partner on Diaconal Ministries' website: diaconalministries.com/donate-now/.

May 14 - St. Mary's Home is an Ottawa-based social service agency that provides a full range of programs and services for young pregnant women, young moms and dads, and their infants and young children. St. Mary's Home has continuously and responsively served pregnant youth in Ottawa since 1933. Specialized residential and community support services are provided to marginalized young pregnant women (ages 12-25), young parents and their children. The approach is holistic, grounded in a strong commitment to strengthen and build upon the personal resilience of each individual.

St. Mary's Home is a not-for-profit charitable organization serving the Ottawa area and beyond. As the only Residential / Shelter program in Eastern Ontario for this population of interest, the Home accommodates 15 homeless young women and up to 15 newborn infants at a time. The Residence assists approximately 70 young mothers and their infants annually. Residential support continues from pregnancy until the infant is up to 8 months of age.

(source: <https://stmaryshome.com/our-story/>) Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXeRP5kuCAI>

Website: <https://stmaryshome.com/>

May 21 - Reframe Ministries (Back to God) God's Story. Today's Media

Technology is the fastest, most cost-effective way to reach the most people at any given time. ReFrame Ministries believes everyone, everywhere should have access to the gospel in their own language. ReFrame Ministries has international ministries such as the Global Media Missions where people in at least 175 countries are hearing the Gospel. ReFrame Ministries also produces a family of six programs in the English language.

Today: a daily devotional that helps people refresh, refocus, and renew their faith.

Family Fire: An online community exploring what it means to be Holy Spirit led in our families, dating, marriages, sexuality, parenting, and in-law relationships.

Groundwork: A half-hour radio program and podcast that helps you build a biblical foundation for your life.

Kid's Corner: A website that helps kids find their place in God's story.

Think Christian: An online magazine where Christians bridge the perceived gap between faith and culture.

Church Juice: A website where church leaders can learn how to intentionally engage their congregations and communities in meaningful ways. Website: <https://reframeministries.org/>

YOUNG ADULT POTLUCK DINNER

All young adults 18-30-ish are invited to share a potluck dinner on Saturday, May 6th at Barrhaven Fellowship C.R.C. starting at 6pm. Please bring along a tasty dish, salad and/or dessert to share and perhaps a favorite game that we might play as well. If you have any questions or want to know more about our young adult group, please contact Pastor Ron (613-255-7834) or Pastor Joe (613-295-0888).



Work this Summer at **Camp Shalom** - Camp Shalom summer positions are still available! This is a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable experience, build new friendships, make a difference in the lives of others, and earn money for your future. Situated just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom provides programs for children in grades 1-12, as well as adults with special needs. Available positions include cabin counselors, day camp counselors, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, media staff, and lifeguards. All positions are paid, and applicants must be at least 16 years of age by December 31, 2023. Apply at www.countrysidecamp.com.



Synod 2022's decisions regarding the Human Sexuality Report, particularly concerning homosexuality, has resulted in a lot of division and turmoil in the Christian Reformed Church. The key issue on this specific point is that the decision that homosexual sex is sinful has been given 'confessional status'.

Unlike previous decisions on issues such as divorce or women in office, which were intended to guide behavior, or allow local churches to act as they saw fit, confessional status leaves no room for discussion. Confessions must be 'heartily believed'. In short, "the Reformed confessions are subordinate to Scripture, are accepted as a true interpretation of this Word, and are binding on all office bearers and confessing members of the church." Thus, there is no room for discussion/disagreement. There is a question as to why Synod did not follow its long history of avoiding 'binding consciences' as seen in the previous decision of 1995 that allowed local churches to have final say on whether or not to allow women to serve fully in church offices. This was not addressed in Synod 2022.

There are many overtures that are going to be delivered from Classis to Synod in the hopes of altering or changing this decision. In fact, there are expected to be a great many overtures on both sides of the argument. We, as a congregation, should keep these matters and discussions in our prayers. Our church is facing a real crisis, and we desperately need God's guidance in the upcoming months.

Note: While there is no procedure in the C.R.C. Church Order for forcing a church to disaffiliate, there was an overture in Synod 2022 requesting the development of such a process. This has much relevance given the situation at Neland Avenue C.R.C. regarding the election of a same-sex married deacon. The push for disaffiliation has gained many voices in favour, something that has, outside of outright heresy, never really happened in Reformed history.

Kids Corner: Crying Out to God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God cares when bad things happen. He invites us to turn to him just like David did with honesty and trust. He will hear our laments. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "Saul Chases David."

A Christ-centered life is like a good watch:
open face, busy hands, pure gold, and full of good works.



CALVARY CALENDAR MONDAY, APRIL 24 - SUNDAY, APRIL 30/2023		
MONDAY, APRIL 24	CADETS & GEMS	6:30 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 25	COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL	10 AM—NOON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26	HANDS ON	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, APRIL 27	MEN'S BOWLING YOUTH GROUP	9:30-11:30 AM 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 30	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	SUNDAY, APRIL 30	SUNDAY, MAY 07
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR SID YPMA, KEMPTVILLE C.R.C.	PASTOR CHRIS SCHIEVINK KANATA COMMUNITY C.R.C.	PREACHER YANICK BAUDEQUIN
OFFIC./ ELDER	BART	HYUNG	CATHY
DEACON	SYLVIA	GLEDEN	SHARON
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	GEMS CALVARY C.R.C.	DIACONAL MINISTRIES - NEWGROUND
NURSERY	BOB/ABBY	MICHELLE/ALEX	LISA/CHLOE
COFFEE CLEANUP	JEAN & JACKIE LAUZIERE & TIA B.	CHRIS & KRISTY MCW.	ALLAN & MANJA G.
GREETERS	HENK AND BEP B.	GEMS	JESSICA J.

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