



Sunday, September 10/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

***Singing: All Hail King Jesus**

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Commissioning

This morning we take time to bless and commission **Harold Kouwenberg** who has committed himself to working as an Interim Pastor for one year or, until we call another pastor. He will be involved in preaching, planning and participating in different parts of the worship service, pastoral visitation, and various ministries of the church. He will also be able to develop areas of interest and giftedness as he feels called. We look forward to how Harold responds to what God shows him through his work among us.

Members of Calvary Christian Reformed Church, will you promise to sustain Harold in prayer and encourage him with your support as he works for and within our congregation in the coming months?

Congregation: "We will, God helping us"

Harold, you have heard our intent to support you. Go in confidence and conviction that you will be prayerfully supported and encouraged in your work at Calvary. In that confidence, do you promise to faithfully do the work set before you and to accept the guidance and direction of the council of this church as you work in our midst?

Harold: I do, God helping me.

Prayer

***Singing: Heaven Came Down** (John Peterson)

**Call to Worship*

Hear the Word of the Lord

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:*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.
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.

—2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

***Singing: Living Hope** (Phil Wickham)

Children's Time

Singing: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)



Q. What is true faith?

A. **True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;¹ it is also a wholehearted trust,² which the Holy Spirit creates in me³ by the gospel,⁴ that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also,⁵ forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.⁶ These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.⁷**

¹ John 17:3, 17; Heb. 11:1-3; James 2:19

² Rom. 4:18-21; 5:1; 10:10; Heb. 4:14-16

³ Matt. 16:15-17; John 3:5; Acts 16:14

⁴ Rom. 1:16; 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:21

⁵ Gal. 2:20

⁶ Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:10

⁷ Rom. 3:21-26; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-10

***Singing: In Christ Alone**

LUYH 770

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Romans 3:21-31, John 1:1-18 and 29

Message: **"But Now"**

Thanksgiving

***Singing: I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

LUYH 568

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Community Christian School

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

Sending:

We leave from here to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness to the Scriptures, in harmony with the church of the ages, and in unity with all Christ's people. -from *Our Song of Hope*, st. 7

Thanks be to God.

***Singing: My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**

LUYH 938

***God's Parting Blessing**

People of God, hear now these words of blessing.

The LORD bless you and keep you;

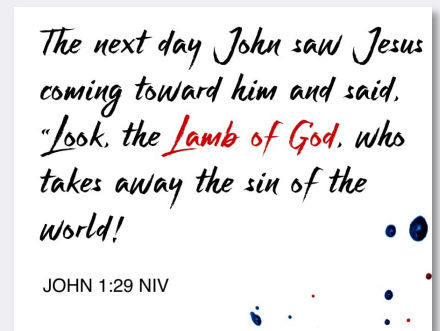
the LORD make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you

and give you peace. -Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

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 Harold Kouwenberg** to our pulpit.

We extend a special welcome to all visitors.

Please join the congregation for a time of 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning in the church hall.

After coffee time today, we will enjoy a **POT LUCK LUNCH** as we are celebrating to now

have **Pastor Harold** as our interim Pastor. Let us give him, and his wife **Lorraine**, a big welcome! We will be very happy to see everyone of you.



CHURCH FAMILY

It is with great sadness to share with you the passing of **Lisa Y.**'s father and **Elco Y.**'s brother.

Please pray for comfort and peace for his family during this time.

Update on Piet H. (Wednesday, September 06)

This past week, there have been slight improvements each day. He is breathing most of the day on his own. Once he can manage completely on his own, they can remove the trachea tube to make it possible for him to speak. Followed by drinking and eating. He has good movement in his hands and arms, and stands with support. The next step will be walking.

We are thankful to God for the healing taking place, and the strength that is starting to come back.

Thank you for all your prayers and support, and for reaching out with your kind words, **Trudy & family**

We pray God for His healing power for our sick and elderly members.

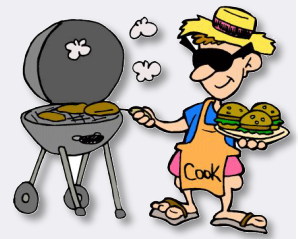
We pray for those in need of care and for those who provide care.

May God grant each person what they need. We thank the Lord for the blessing of our online worship service.

Please let your Elder know if you have any updates or prayer requests that you would like to share with the congregation.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will be starting the season with a BBQ at **Mark & Linda's** at 10 am on Tuesday, September 12. Please let **Jackie** know if you plan to attend. We will spend some time discussing plans for the upcoming year, so please do some thinking of what you would like to do in our meetings. Cost for lunch will be \$5.00. All are welcome to join us, **on a regular basis or just once**. Come to have a relaxing and fun time together.

Jackie: 613 445 3568.



OUR OFFERINGS:

TODAY - Community Christian School



Community Christian School is a private/independent, interdenominational, K-8 elementary school, located in Metcalfe - Ottawa, Ontario and has been educating students since 1980. At every level from Kindergarten to Grade 8, enrolment at Community Christian School means a strong academic education, and a solid foundation for life.

In a world that is constantly changing, students at Community Christian School (CCS) learn from a basis of unchanging principles that reinforce Christian character. For more information visit the website at <http://www.communitychristianschool.ca/> or send an email to info@communitychristianschool.ca.

September 17 - 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.

September 24 - Safe Church Ministry

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. Safe Church Ministry is blessed by three kinds of financial support: CRC ministry shares, designated church offerings, and generous gifts from people like you. Thank You!

October 01 - Race Relations

Our office was born out the struggles of a local church in Chicago. African American parents from Lawndale C.R.C. who wanted to enroll their children in a nearby "whites only" Christian school made a brave choice: they would struggle together against the forces of segregation and exclusion, for the sake of their children. They brought their concerns to Synod, the C.R.C.'s decision-making body, and our predecessor, the Synodical Committee on Racial Reconciliation, was one of the results. Later, in Canada, several people from diverse racial, ethnic, and faith backgrounds who were joining Christian Reformed churches were seeking authentic ways to remove perceived barriers to fully belonging to the C.R.C.. They started out meeting in living rooms and sharing their stories and faith journeys. Eventually they formally organized themselves into a classical committee and the Canadian racial reconciliation curriculum "Widening the Circle" was created. This original group continues to meet regularly—their work was foundational for our office's work in Canada.

Website: <https://www.rcna.org/race>

Offerings for August 2023

Thankfully given and received for the ministries of Calvary C.R.C. and beyond.

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	13,055	Mortgage Reduction	415
Year to Date	124,939	Ottawa Innerscity Ministries	884
Budget 8 Months	152,480	Redeemer CHS	509
Budget +/-	-27,541	Redeemer University College	655
Ministry Shares	2,540	Total	2,462
Year to Date	30,369		
Budget 8 Months	31,208		
Budget +/-	-839		

Give God what's right--,
not what's left!

Please pray for: Kentville C.R.C., Commissioned Pastor Justin Halbersma.

If you see someone without a smile, give them yours. ☺

OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY thanks you for your continued prayers for our ministry. As we enter into the new academic year, here is a unique way you might support what we do. Every week we feed hungry students to practice Christlike hospitality. We are looking for folks to cook casseroles, chilis, soups or other easy to reheat meals. Homemade or store-bought breads and baked goods are always a blessing as well. There are many gaps this year. If you are able to help you can sign up using the chaplaincy's MealTrain with the link below or contact **Chaplain Ryan** with any questions at chaplain@ottawacampuschaplaincy.org <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r4qzrd>

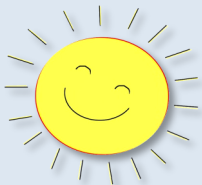
ReFrame Ministries

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook

Kids Corner: Angels Around Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When you read the Bible and find out that there are angels around us, how do you picture them? Do you think they have a glowing, heavenly light shining on them? Or majestic wings like the ones on Christmas ornaments? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "At Your Service."

Groundwork: When Our Faith Defines Our Character - Daniel knew what it was like live in a cultural context that was not welcoming to his faith practice. Join Groundwork as we study Daniel 1. Together we'll discuss the challenges he faced and witness what God can do when we let our faith and not our context define our character. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

When Jesus celebrated his victory over sin and death,
 He chose to send gifts to those he set free.
 He could have, of course, chosen to give us anything:
 Knowledge, spiritual growth, protection from the Evil One, or even comfort during trials.
 In the end, though, when Jesus celebrated his victory over sin and death,
 He chose to give us all these things because, **Pastor Harold**,
 He chose to give us, you.
 and
 When we thank God for our pastor,
 We must give Him thanks for two.
 For **Lorraine**, when your husband came to us,
 God also sent us you.



2023 - 10:00 AM	TODAY	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24
TODAY	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	JAKE	BERT BERT, PETER, GRAHAM	ELCO
DEACON	GLENDEN	CHRIS F.	CORA
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CALVARY C.R.C.	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY CALVARY C.R.C.
NURSERY	MICHELLE F./ALEX MCW.	LISA D./LEAH H.	STEPH H./CLAUDIA F.
COFFEE CLEANUP	ROEL & PAT S.	CHRIS & MICHELLE F.	MIKE & MELISSA F.
GREETERS	JOHN & SARAH C.	GRACE S.	HOOPLE FAMILY

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

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