



**Sunday, September 17/2023 - Pastor Harold Kouwenberg**

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements  
 Gathering Prayer for Worship

**Singing :** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet PH 569  
 Shine Jesus Shine MP 2

**Call to Worship**

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
**So, I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.** - From Psalm 63:1-4

**God's greeting**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. - From Romans 15:5-6

**Singing:** Cornerstone

**Children's time**

I am the church, you are the church  
 (Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

**Proclamation of the Word**

Prayer of illumination  
 Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:4-16, John 4: 7-12  
 Message: **WORKING TOGETHER - PLAYING ON THE TEAM**

**Thanksgiving**

**Singing:** They Will Know We Are Christians LUYH 256  
 (Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer  
 Offering

**The Lord's Supper**

**Singing:** Here is Bread. Here is Wine  
 Breaking the Bread  
 Sharing the cup

**Singing:** To God Be the Glory (My Tribute) LUYH 956

**God's Parting Blessing**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! - Revelation 5:12-13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. - Philemon 1:25  
 (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

**HOLY COMMUNION:** This morning we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Bible teaches that partaking of Communion is a blessing, provided we carefully prepare our hearts. In order to do that you are asked to affirm before God the following statements:

- I am a repentant sinner, trusting in Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- I have a sincere commitment to live for Jesus.
- I am a member in good standing of a Christian church.

**If these statements are true for you, please celebrate Communion with us.**

**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 the service this morning in the church hall.*

## CHURCH FAMILY

### **Update on Piet H.:**

Piet is recovering quickly. The removal of the trachea tube healed quickly. He is breathing on his own. He has also been drinking and eating for the last 3 days. The ability to walk and get around on his own is the last step before coming home. We don't know how long that will take but he is very motivated. He wants to be home and see what's left of his garden after nearly 4 weeks of me looking after it. We are so thankful for God's healing and for the peace and patience God has given us. Thank you for all your prayers and for reaching out with your kindness.



***Piet, Trudy, and family***

We ask the Lord's blessing upon us all, especially those of our family who have burdens of health and/or heart. We give thanks for all those who have taken up the task of giving care to those in need. May God bless you all.

*Let us remember each other in prayer.*

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

**Senior Catechism Class** begins for all **12,13 and 14 year olds** this Sunday.

Classes are held in the first classroom at the top of the stairs directly after the service.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Urgent Need for Sunday School Teachers** We are looking for a few more teachers to help teach Sunday school, specifically to the **8-11 year old age group**. Currently, we have only one teacher and will only be offering Sunday school every other week for this group of children. If you would like to help out, or for more information, please contact **Dani R.**

### **Volunteer Opportunity - Building and Grounds Committee**

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new chairperson. This committee is comprised of a few men who like to do the work but don't want to be responsible for incoming requests or reporting to Council:). It is typically a 3 year volunteer term but Council is willing to extend your term! If you are an organized person who can keep these men on task, the job is yours! A job description is available on request from Council. If you are interested, please contact **Joey R.** or **Cathy V.**

### **Men's Bowling**

Embrun Bowling Lanes are available for our group again (as last year) once a week on Thursdays from **9:30 AM until 11:00 AM**. 3 Games for \$9.00, and \$2.00 for shoes if needed.

No experience is necessary, and no age limit. You may also contact a neighbour or friend who may have an interest. Even those working, who may have a day off, are welcome. No commitments.. Tentative starting date is **October 5, 2023**. Join our group for fun, laughs and coffee afterwards. You may contact me by email, [eypma@rogers.com](mailto:eypma@rogers.com) or cell 613-324-5345. Please let me know asap. Join the fun. **Elco**

**HANDS ON** will once again be starting on September 27. We are a group who meet Wednesdays, from 9:30AM to 12:00, sharing our love of crafts. So, whether it be knitting, quilting, coloring or even sorting out your picture album etc , please join us for a coffee and some laughs while we create together.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask **Jess J**. Looking forward to seeing you !

### **MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS - SEAWAY BIKE TOUR Sept. 9 Results:**

Thanks to faithful supporters over \$10,000 has been raised and more funds are coming in!

M2S work looks different on any given day. Last Sunday, Chaplain Michelle visited a ship that suffered the death of a crew mate while at sea. Her chaplaincy work is about being present and providing a listening ear. She can offer comfort, encouragement, and grieve with the crew. These are examples of moments that you facilitate when you support our work. We are grateful!

**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](mailto:chaplain@ottawacampuschaplaincy.org)

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r4qzrd>

## 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.

### 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.crcna.org/race>

### October 08 - Ottawa Christian School

Ottawa Christian School is an interdenominational Christian school that seeks to provide students with a Christ-centered elementary education. We aim to educate children in a vibrant and creative environment, equipping them for a life of faithful Christian discipleship and service. Ottawa Christian School is affiliated with Edvance and Christian Schools International. For more information about OCS, visit the website at <https://ocschool.org/>, or send an email to [frontoffice@OCSchool.org](mailto:frontoffice@OCSchool.org). Website: <https://ocschool.org/>



### October 09 - Ottawa Food Bank

The Ottawa Food Bank provides fresh and non-perishable food, as well as supplies such as diapers, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to its network of over 100 emergency food programs across the city. With our main goal being to provide emergency food relief to people in need in our city, we are also working towards doing food banking better and making change. Website: <https://www.ottawafoodbank.ca/>



### October 15 - Disability Concerns

Following God's call to mutual love and service, Disability Concerns collaborates with churches and partner organizations to break individual and systemic barriers that keep people with disabilities from full participation—so that churches truly reflect the body of Christ where everybody belongs and everybody serves.

Disability Concerns strives to promote and foster relationships, communities, and societies where everybody belongs and everybody serves by assisting churches, agencies, institutions, and leadership within the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in North America:

- \* To think and act in keeping with the biblical call regarding people with disabilities
- \* To break barriers of communication, architecture, and attitude
- \* To establish ministries with, for, and by people with disabilities and their families.

Website: <https://www.crcna.org/disability>

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***Please pray for: Outreach Ministries Developer Pastor Winston Visser.***

## KIDS CORNER

God Gives Relief - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). STRESS! This is a word you might hear a lot. It seems like everyone is stressed about something. What can you do about the stress in your life? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Homework Alert."



## World Renew

Volunteer with World Renew DRS this October! - Come enjoy the sun and service - World Renew DRS needs volunteers and On-Site Managers for our first reconstruction team in Sarasota, Florida! If you or someone you know can volunteer with DRS October 7th-28th, contact Diana at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) to sign up or with questions.



I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Thrive: Disability and Accessibility** - Nurturing Belonging: Exploring Hospitality, Disability, and Theology - We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that each person is essential. Yet, when it comes to hospitality and belonging for people with disabilities, our congregations often don't reflect what we believe. Join us online on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 1:30 to 6 pm (Eastern) to learn about how to nurture belonging. This event is virtual and free of charge. To register go to: <https://www.crcna.org/disability/events>.

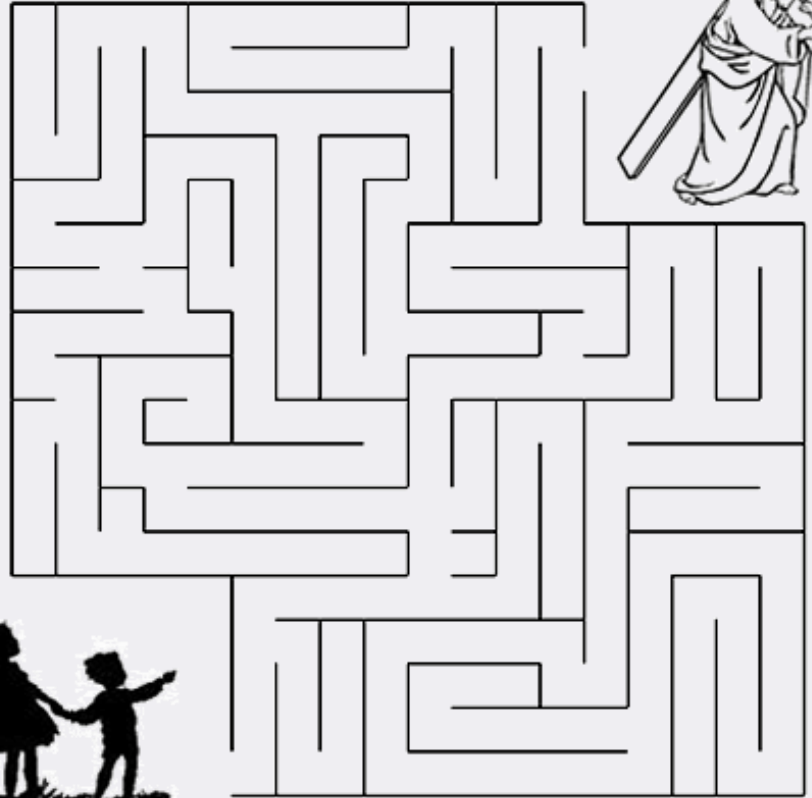
**Sharing our Abundance** - In three weeks, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and the abundance that God has given us while also remembering families around the world who do not have enough food on their plates. Our offering will highlight World Renew's Free A Family® program, equipping families around the world to holistically change their story and find hope for their children. To learn more, visit [worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily](http://worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily).

**Thrive: Safe Church**

Abuse Awareness Sunday - September 24 - Next week, the CRCNA invites congregations to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe. Learn more about "The Power of a Trauma-Informed Church" and consider giving to support Thrive's ministry that empowers all CRCs. Learn more at [crcna.org/SafeChurch](http://crcna.org/SafeChurch)

**The Great Commission Maze**

I can help my friends find the way to Jesus!



*Jesus tells His disciples to go tell the whole world about Him and to make other disciples so that everyone can believe in Jesus and be saved.*

| 2023 - 10:00 AM                         | TODAY                                     | SEPTEMBER 24                                   | OCTOBER 01                                |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b>TODAY</b>                            | <b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>             | <b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>                  | <b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>             |
| <b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>                   | <b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>           | <b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>                | <b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>           |
| <b>OFFIC./ELDER</b>                     | <b>BERT<br/>BERT, PETER, GRAHAM</b>       | <b>ELCO</b>                                    | <b>PETER</b>                              |
| <b>DEACON</b>                           | <b>CHRIS F.</b>                           | <b>CORA</b>                                    | <b>KYLE</b>                               |
| <b>OFFERING<br/>2ND OFFERING</b>        | <b>MINISTRY SHARES<br/>CALVARY C.R.C.</b> | <b>SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY<br/>CALVARY C.R.C.</b> | <b>RACE RELATIONS<br/>CALVARY C.R.C.</b>  |
| <b>JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL<br/>NURSERY</b> | <b>MEGAN/CHASE<br/>LISA D./LEAH H.</b>    | <b>NANCY/EVELYN<br/>STEPH H./CLAUDIA F.</b>    | <b>MELISSA/LAUREN<br/>BARB A./ABBY D.</b> |
| <b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>                   | <b>CHRIS &amp; MICHELLE F.</b>            | <b>MIKE &amp; MELISSA F.</b>                   | <b>LISA &amp; MARK M.</b>                 |
| <b>GREETERS</b>                         | <b>GRACE S.</b>                           | <b>HOOPLE FAMILY</b>                           | <b>GERRY &amp; RITA H.</b>                |

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: [bulletin@calvarycrc.ca](mailto:bulletin@calvarycrc.ca)

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