



Advent 1 - JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Come, Worship Our Lord

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1

*Song: "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

LUYH 934

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

*God's Greeting

We gather in preparation

for good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation

for joy is about to explode in our midst.

We gather in celebration

for we are those people who have said

yes to the manger,

yes to love enfleshed,

yes to the one incarnate for others,

yes to the wholeness of God.

With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

*Song of Praise: "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come" (V. 1-2, 4-5) LUYH 103

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LUYH 56

Children's Time

Song: This Little Light of Mine

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession & Assurance: Psalm 27

*Song of Assurance: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky"

LUYH 667

Congregational Prayer

Offering: First: Youth Mission Trip

Second: Calvary C.R.C.

God Speaks through God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 1:21-23 & John 1:1-14

Message:

THE GOD WHO IS WITH US – "God with us" is our best and deepest comfort.

Responding to the Word

*Song of Response: "O Splendor of God's Glory" (V. 1-3)

LUYH 374

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Reading: Lamentations 3:21-26

*Song: "O Splendor of God's Glory" (V. 4)

LUYH 374



Live and Serve in God's Blessing

Sending:

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying: Come, Lord Jesus! -from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

***Doxology:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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*God's Blessing:

May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness,
who comes with healing in his wings,
fill you with the joy and peace that passes all understanding.
The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

WELCOME to Calvary Church. **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** will be leading us in worship.
As we give praise to our Living Lord, may we be blessed in our worship and fellowship.

Advent is a wonderful time of the year to invite friends to join us on Sunday morning at Calvary. This first Sunday of Advent reminds us of the fulfilment of the prophecy God would be with us. Immanuel. He entered our world in desperate times and continues to be our HOPE in these turbulent days. In HOPE, we look forward to his coming again. Please join us for singing the songs of the season and the chance to worship with friends and family. Its a great time to gather! Jesus birth gave the world "Hope".

CHURCH FAMILY

As we remember each other in prayer, let us be mindful of widows, widowers, shut-ins, the chronically ill and/or disabled, and all those who have special needs.

We pray that God may bless us all no matter what circumstances of our lives.

Let us remember each other in prayer

Council needs your help!

We are looking for volunteers knowledgeable in human resources and/or legal topics, willing to provide advice and guidance on an as-needed basis for matters that have a HR/legal component. An example of such would be any time Calvary hires a new employee. If you can help us with this, forward your name to the chair of council,

Cathy, or send an email to office@calvarycrc.ca. Thank you, **Admin Team**.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE is having a Christmas luncheon at the church on December 12.

All seniors are welcome to attend. Please let **Jackie** know if you will be attending, or if you are able to help serve. More info will follow, once we determine the interest.

Hi Church Family! A few of our **Youth Members** are teaming up with Calvin Christian Reformed Church for a mission trip to West Virginia in March 2024. This trip is a chance for them to make a real difference in the community and grow their own personal relationship with Jesus. Our offering today is in support of our youth mission trip. Your contributions will go a long way in helping to make this happen. Let's come together to back them in this meaningful endeavor. Thank you for your generous support!

Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy's fall newsletter is hot off the press! We'd love to share with you all that God is up to on campus. In this newsletter you'll walk through a week in the life of the chaplaincy and hear from student interns who are busy leading their peers. Check with your church's admin for a hard copy of the newsletter or find a digital version online at: <https://ottawacampuschaplaincy.org/news/>

ARE YOU INTERESTED?????

For several years now there has been a group of people from our church, meeting every second Friday night (may vary) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm during the colder months of the year.

We meet at the church and the meeting includes a potluck meal, time of fellowship and a time of religious discussion. Discussion is normally done using DVD (Digital Video Disc) projection of a religious topic created by Christian authors. On occasion, religious books or religious video interviews on various topics are used. Cost of material is shared within the group.

We have a meeting leader, and you are able to participate to the level of your preference.

The group is known as the **FRIDAY NIGHT POTLUCK**. We currently have 14 people, most 50+ years-old, attending on a regular basis. If you are interested in getting more information or attending, please speak with

Mark M. or call 613.880.1791.

OUR OFFERINGS:

TODAY - Youth Mission Trip - (see page 2 for details)

December 10 - Calvary C.R.C. Budget

December 17 - Ministry Shares

Instead of setting a specific amount per member, each congregation will prayerfully consider how much it can contribute towards our shared ministry efforts.

Ministry shares are an amazingly efficient and stewardly way for us to accomplish ministry together. Over the years, as Synod decided to start new programs, we've used ministry shares as a way of enabling all of our congregations to contribute towards the costs. In this way, every initiative is truly part of our shared ministry.

December 24 - Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Chaplaincy



The Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy creates hospitable spaces for students, faculty and staff to explore Christian faith and to practice justice and mercy in God's world.

We hope to create spaces that you can call home, spaces where you can explore, discover and flourish in ways that maybe you didn't even realize were possible. Home should never be a space where you are alone. Whether it's a connection to friends and/or a connection to God, we want your time on campus to be one in which you're developing rich relationships that help you engage with Christ, with community and with culture.

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

December 25 - World Renew - Cambodia (Sovann Neth)

Sovann serves as a Country Consultant with World Renew in Cambodia, providing leadership to staff and partnering organizations to strategically plan and implement community development projects.

The people of Cambodia have been left with a daunting legacy. Three years of devastation under the Pol Pot regime saw one-third of its people die, followed by another 15 years of civil war. Since the first election in 1993, the country has worked hard to rebuild and retrain communities and restore confidence and trust in leadership. World Renew is careful not to dominate the development process. Through training in governance, sustainable livelihoods, food security, health, and education World Renew supports the local people to make their own decisions and take initiatives that are most important to them. You can email Sovann and the team at: cambodia@worldrenew.net

Please pray for: Athens C.R.C., Interim Chris Smid

The Bazaar is this Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



A lot of wonderful people have volunteered their time and talent. For the kids there will be crafts, and games to play with prizes. St. Nic. will be visiting around lunch time.

We are looking for **baking, Christmas décor, and handmade items.** For the **white elephant sale items, new or used in good condition,** that would make good, small or medium gifts, Christmas decorations, toys, household items, etc.

Funds raised this year will be divided between the Ottawa Inner City Mission and our Youth Serve trips.

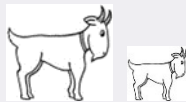
We hope we can count on your help.

And we hope to see everyone on Saturday!!...and bring your friends!!

Thank you for your support... **Jackie L., Jess J., or Trudy H.**



And we are **not kidding**



We will be collecting food baskets for our giving tree.



We would like to remind you that our Christmas tree challenge has started. So as you plan your Christmas giving, **don't forget us!**

Like last year, we are asking you to help buy Emergency Food for a Month (**International Disaster Relief**). Each costs \$60.00, and it is the only item that is matched by our government **4 to 1** through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The food baskets are used at times of disaster, whether it be drought, flood, earthquake, or violence because of war. **Your \$60 is enough to feed 5 families for a month.**

You can give your donation to **Margo B.** or **Henk B.** If you want a tax receipt, you can go online to <https://worldrenew.ca/product/idr-emergency-food-month> or call 1-800-730-3490.

What a way to celebrate God's gift to us and all the blessings we enjoy.

Thrive
Thrive Faith Formation

Tip - Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: *"This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own concern."*
 How might you and your family love and serve others during this season?
 Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew

The Light of the World is Jesus - At the darkest time of the year, Christmas is the light of hope. What will you do this Advent season to prepare the way for Jesus to be born into this world for you? Share God's light of hope with those who live in poverty through World Renew's Gift Catalogue. Spread the good news of hope for the future at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

ReFrame Ministries

KIDS CORNER: The Prophet's Message of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The devotion is all about how the prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Story of the Prophets."



Christmas Concert ★

"Hear the Joyful Sound"

OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR

Friday, December 08/2023 at 7:30 PM
Woodroffe United Church 207 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa

With Special Guests:
Atlantic Voices & Capital City Trombone Quartet
Pauline Van Der Roest-Mezzo Soprano - Brent Ferguson-Trumpet

Tickets \$20.00—Available from Choir Members & at the Door
Part of the proceeds to The Salvation Army of Canada
 For Information call 613-293-9046 - <https://ottawacarletonmalechoir.com>

CALVARY'S CALENDAR		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 03 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10		
TODAY	1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE SEAFARERS PARCELS ARE DUE	10:00 AM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 04	CADETS & GEMS	6:30 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:00 AM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09	BAZAAR - BAZAAR - BAZAAR - BAZAAR	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10	2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

	TODAY	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 17
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	PETER	GAHAM	PETER
DEACON	GLENDEN	CHRIS F.	GLENDON
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	YOUTH MISSION TRIP CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C. BUDGET	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	DENISE/CHLOE BOB P./ALEX MCW.	MEGAN/CHASE KATHRYN V./CLAUDIA F.	NANCY/LEAH F. MICHELLE F./LEAH H.
COFFEE CLEANUP	HENRY & CORA S.	MARSHA H. & MAX G.	SHELDON & EDDA L.
GREETERS	BERT &SHIRLEY V.	LINDA M.	JOHN & SARAH C.

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

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