



ADVENT 2 - JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

Come, Worship Our Lord

Call to Worship: Psalm 80:1-3

***Song: "Joy to the World"**

LUYH 92

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

***God's Greeting**

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation-to-generation God gives mercy.**

***Song of Praise: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

LUYH 330

Advent Reading—Christ Is the Good Shepherd

***Song: "O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock"** *(tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")*

LUYH 64

Children's Time

Song: "Away in a Manger"

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

LUYH 86

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession: Isaiah 53:6

Song: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (V1)

Assurance: Luke 15:1-7

Song: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (V2 repeat V1)

LUYH 462 v1

LUYH 462

God Speaks Through God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 48: 8-16

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

Jeremiah 29: 11

Message: Christmas Gifts to Strengthen the Family

Response to the Word

***Song of Response: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

LUYH 80

Congregational Prayer

Vocal quintet: "Gentle Shepherd" (Gaither)

Offering: Calvary C.R.C. Budget

Live and Serve in God's Blessing

Closing Prayer:

Eternal God,

You taught us that the night is far spent, and the day is at hand.

Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,

and make us strong in faith,

so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,

we may joyfully give him praise

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Doxology: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

LUYH 1

***Blessing:**

May the God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!** -Romans 15:13, NRSV



WELCOME to Calvary Church. **Pastor Harold Kouwenberg** will be leading us in worship. We extend a special welcome to all visitors. May your time with us be a blessing to you. As we give praise to our Living Lord, may we be blessed in our worship and fellowship. Please join the congregation for 'coffee' fellowship after church this morning, in the church hall.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SERVICE DATES:

We will be worshipping here at Calvary on the following dates:

Sunday, December 24 @ 10:00 AM

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25 @ 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 31 @ 10:00 AM

New Year's Day- Monday, January 01 @ **11:00 AM** (bring your leftover oliebollen or other treats to share!)

CHURCH FAMILY:

We pray that God may bless us all no matter what circumstances of our lives. Let us remember each other in prayer

CAKE!!

With Thanks to the Lord, we congratulate **Gerry and Rita H.**

on their **60th!! Wedding Anniversary** this past Wednesday, December 06/23.

Gerry & Rita will be treating us, after the service, with a slice of anniversary cake to go with our coffee.



OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2023 – Thankfully given and received for the ministries of Calvary C.R.C. and beyond.

Budget		Other Offerings	
Calvary Ministry	13,695	Benevolence	20.00
Year to Date	168,072	CEC - Safe Church Ministry	20.00
Budget 11 Months	209,660	Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	461.05
Budget +/-	-41,588	Community Christian School	20.00
Ministry Shares	2,398	Disability Concerns	20.00
Year to Date	40,155	Faith Formation Ministries	20.00
Budget 11 Months	42,911	Mortgage Reduction	465.00
Budget +/-	-2,756	Ottawa Christian School	20.00
		Race Relations	20.00
		Seafarers	870.50
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		WR - Peter Fish	5
			4,942.0
		WR - World Hunger	0



OUR OFFERINGS:

**TODAY - 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

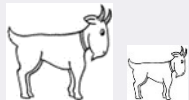
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Friendship circle is having a Christmas luncheon at the church on Tuesday, December 12 at 10 AM. All seniors are welcome to attend, the more the merrier!! Bring a wrapped gift for our Christmas exchange. (*dollar store or re-gifted preferred*) Please let **Jackie** know if you will be attending. Cost for the luncheon will be \$15.00.

Ottawa 67's game: The **Cadets of the Golden Triangle**, of which our club is a member, are inviting everyone to the Ottawa 67's hockey game on Saturday, January 27 at 3:00 pm at TD Place. Please let **Fred V.** (fkvedder@rogers.com) know by January 03 how many tickets you would like. Cost per ticket is \$20.00.



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.

Christmas parcels for seafarers

Thank you to all those who have brought in parcels! The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) campaign's goal is to collect 1,500 parcels this year so that EVERY seafarer who comes to the port of Montreal between now and early January will receive a tangible expression of God's love for them. The last day to bring them in was this past Sunday, December 3rd. We have a total of 44 parcels that will be contributing to M2S's goal. Thank you to all!

If you were unable to bring a parcel and would like to donate, you can still make a virtual donation towards the Christmas Parcel Campaign (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-ministry-to-seafarers-of-the-christian-reformed-church/>) and M2S will shop, pack and deliver your parcel. A donation of \$25 equals one gift. Remember to include a personal note with your donation to be added to your parcel. ***The Deacons***

Please pray for:

Outreach Ministries Developer Pastor Winston Visser; CrossTown Impact, Greg Houldcroft

ReFrame Ministries

KIDS CORNER: Promises and Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

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.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

C.R.C. Communications

Stories & Strategies: Strengthening the C.R.C. in Canada - Are you interested in learning more about church planting and renewal in the C.R.C.? Join the Canadian Ministry Board for stories (and best practice learnings from those experiences) and how they might be applicable to your local church context. We look forward to discussing these ideas with you alongside other church members & leaders. More at crcna.org/Canada

You are cordially invited to A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!



Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: Every day. Traditionally, December 25 but He's always around, so the date is flexible....

Time: Whenever you're ready. (Please don't be late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun!)

Place: In your heart.... He'll meet you there. (You'll hear Him knock.)

Attire: Come as you are... grubbies are okay. He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

Tickets: Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone... (He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it anyway... it cost Him everything He had. But you do need to accept the ticket!!)

Refreshments: New wine, bread, and a far-out drink He calls "Living Water," followed by a supper that promises to be out of this world!

Gift Suggestions: Your life. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though. Just wait until you see what He has for you!)

Entertainment: Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise, Contentment, and much more! (All "G" rated, so bring your family and friends.)

R.S.V.P. Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table.

Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Party being given by His Kids (**that's us!!!**)

Hope to see you there! For those of you whom I will see at the party!

CALVARY'S CALENDAR		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17		
TODAY	2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	CADETS & GEMS	6:30 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	10:00 AM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:00 AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17	3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 17	DECEMBER 24
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	GAHAM	PETER	KRISTY
DEACON	CHRIS F.	GLENDON	KYLE
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	CALVARY C.R.C. BUDGET	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	OTTAWA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY CALVARY C.R.C.
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	MEGAN/CHASE KATHRYN V./CLAUDIA F.	NANCY/LEAH F. MICHELLE F./LEAH H.	MELISSA/EVELYN ALICE P./DENISE F.
COFFEE CLEANUP	MARSHA H. & MAX G.	SHELDON & EDDA L.	BILL & BRENDA B.
GREETERS	LINDA M.	JOHN & SARAH C.	GRACE S.



CHRISTMAS DAY	
10:00 AM	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	HYUNG
DEACON	YOLANDI
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	WORLD RENEW/ CAMBODIA (SOVANN NETH) CALVARY C.R.C.
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUDY M./ABBY D.
GREETERS	HOOPLE FAMILY

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

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