



### ADVENT 3 - JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Come, Worship Our Lord**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 85:8–13

**\*CHOIR: Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace**

#### **\*God's Greeting:**

Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

Listen to what the Lord our God says:

**He promises peace to his people,  
who are his beloved saints.**

The Lord will indeed give what is good.

**Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.**

May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us  
in this time of Advent worship.

May we see God's face and so know peace. **Amen.**—based on Psalm 85:7-13, NIV

**\*Song of Praise: "You Are Holy"**

**LUYH 598** LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

Advent Reading—Jesus, Prince of Peace

**\*Song: "Dona Nobis Pacem"**

**LUYH 73**

#### **Children's Time**

**Children's Song: "Advent is a Time to Wait"** (to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")  
(children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

#### **We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

##### **Confession:**

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war.

Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people.

Our pardon depends on your coming.

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;  
our only hope of doing God's will

is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh,

our world waits

for your peace,

for your pardon,

and for your grace.

Even so: come, Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

**Song: "My Soul in Stillness Waits"**

**LUYH 63**

##### **Assurance:**

The good news of this Advent season

is forgiveness of sin and new life.

Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God,**

**who comes among us,**

**setting us free to love and serve.**

**\*Song: God with Us** (James Ingam & Leslie Jordan)

#### **God Speaks through God's Word**

**Scripture:** Luke 2:8-15, Acts 20:35, John 1:14, Philippians 4:4-7

**Message: Christmas Gifts to Shape Your Spirit**



## Response to the Word

**\*Song of Response: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"**

**LUYH 60**

(children ages 8-12 leave for Church School)

## Congregational Prayer

**Offering:** First: Ministry Shares  
Second: Calvary C.R.C.

## Live and Serve in God's Blessing

**Reading:** Old English Advent lyrics from the Exeter Book (10th Century)

## God's Blessing

Sending:  
Go out into the world in peace:  
have courage;  
hold on to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
help the suffering;  
honor all;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**\*Doxology: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

## \*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



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**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 ask the Lord to bring healing and strength to all with health concerns.

We ask the Lord to bless the relationships we are in – marriage, family, and friendships.

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

## Please pray for: Fellowship Barrhaven C.R.C., Interim Pastor Joan deVries



**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](mailto:fkvedder@rogers.com)) know by January 03 how many tickets you would like. Cost per ticket is \$20.00.

**Hands-On** will have their last meeting of the season this Wednesday, December 13.

We will restart in the new year on January 17.

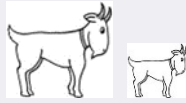
**Please join us on Wednesday from 9:30-12:00 for some time of crafting and fun.**

Who knows, you may learn some new things !

A few weeks ago, there was an announcement about the **Friendship Club at Calvin** needing volunteers to help re-start this important ministry for our members that have disabilities. If you have some time and wish to help on Tuesday evenings, please contact **Jessica J.** or **Maxime G.** for more information.



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.***

### OUR OFFERINGS:

#### TODAY - 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 Campus Chaplaincy

Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy is a community of friendship, faith, hospitality, and imagination for uOttawa and Carleton students. We develop spaces for students to explore Christian faith and to practice justice and mercy in God's world. We are an ecumenically-minded ministry started and supported by the Christian Reformed Church (and now the Presbytery of Ottawa). Supporting O.C.C. means investing in the work of the chaplain who is pastorally and missionally available to the wider campus; as well as empowering student interns and leaders as they serve and witness to their peers. Prayer and financial support of the ministry helps us bring God's kingdom on campus as it is in heaven. Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy's fall newsletter is hot off the press! 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. You can pick up a hard copy at the back of your church (or check in with your church's admin) or find a digital version online at:

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

#### 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](mailto:cambodia@worldrenew.net)

#### Vacant positions in Classis Eastern Canada

Classis is looking for confessing members to fill several vacancies. For a description of the various positions you can go to "Classis Eastern Canada" website and under "Classis Resources" go to "Rules of Procedure for CEC" OR email the stated clerk at [cecstatedclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cecstatedclerk@gmail.com) for more information. Vacant positions: Stated Clerk, Alternate; Classis Prayer Coordinator; Classis Interim Committee; Disability Concerns Advocate. For a full list of vacancies go "Meetings" on CEC website and download the "2023 October CEC meeting minutes" which includes the Personnel List of all positions filled and vacancies. Thanks for your consideration.

#### Dear friends at Calvary C.R.C.

Thank you for joining us on mission with our God whose compassions never fail.

Your congregation's support for Resonate helps spread the gospel in more than 40 countries where your missionaries and church planters are at work. Every day, people who are struggling find hope in Jesus Christ through the work you've made possible. What a great example of faith in action!

Many of those your ministry leaders are working with come from difficult circumstances, but through Resonate you are a witness to the truth that God's compassions are new every morning.

Thank you for supporting this work of living and sharing the gospel—we couldn't do it without faithful supporting churches! It's your generosity that helps to share the everlasting hope we have in Jesus with people who are lonely, anxious, and struggling.

And what's more—mission work is an area of unity for the denomination. Mission work brings us together! Your giving is an encouraging reminder of what we can accomplish as the body of Christ across North America. Thank you, In Christ, **Kevin DeRaaf, Director.**

**C.R.C. Communications**

Executive Search: Executive Director - Canada - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is seeking a candidate to fill the full-time, permanent position of Executive Director Canada. A search team has been tasked with recruiting for this position with the goal of having the successful candidate begin on or before May 1, 2024. Learn More at [crcna.org/executive-director-canada-search](http://crcna.org/executive-director-canada-search)

**ReFrame Ministries**

**KIDS CORNER:** The Shepherds' Joy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). At the beginning of Luke 2, the shepherds were kind of like the last ones to be picked. They got the long and boring night shift job that nobody wanted to do: watch the stinky sheep. But God picked them for a special task the night Jesus was born. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible story podcast "The Shepherds."

**The Banner**

Christmas Greeting Video from The Banner - Watch a warm year-end video message where Banner editor Shiao Chong explains the impact The Banner has with its journalistic ministry that reaches thousands of people. He shares Christmas greetings to all readers. View it now! [tinyurl.com/BannerChristmas23](http://tinyurl.com/BannerChristmas23)

*A Christmas Poem - by John Bell (1745-1831)*

*Light looked down and saw the darkness.  
I will go there', said light.  
Peace looked down and saw war.  
'I will go there', said peace.  
Love looked down and saw hatred.  
'I will go there', said love.*

*So he,*

*the Lord of Light,  
the Prince of Peace  
the King of Love*

*came down and crept in beside us.*



CALVARY'S CALENDAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25		
TODAY	3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18	CADETS & GEMS	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20	HANDS-ON	9:30 - 12:00 NOON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21	MEN'S BOWLING	9:30-11:00 AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATION	10:00 AM

	TODAY	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	JESSICA	KRISTY	HYUNG
DEACON	CORA	KYLE	YOLANDI
OFFERING 2ND OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES CALVARY C.R.C.	OTTAWA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY CALVARY C.R.C.	WORLD RENEW/ CAMBODIA (SOVANN NETH) CALVARY C.R.C.
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY	NANCY/LEAH F. MICHELLE F./LEAH H.	MELISSA/EVELYN ALICE P./DENISE F.	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUDY M./ABBY D.
COFFEE CLEANUP	SHELDON & EDDA L.	BILL & BRENDA B.	---
GREETERS	JOHN & SARAH C.	GRACE S.	HOOPLE FAMILY

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

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Calvary C.R.C. Website: <https://www.calvarycrc.ca>

ONLINE SERVICES: YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uckfm4FiDPowmd-6C03a1k9w>

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