



**ADVENT 4 - JESUS, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Song: "Joy to the World" (V. 1, 2, 4) LUYH 92**

**Come, Worship our Lord**

*Call to Worship: Psalm 72*

*God's Greeting*

The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple;  
the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.

Behold, he is coming. Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!

**Our King is coming; the righteous Savior,  
who shall speak peace to the nations.**

*Advent Reading—Jesus: King of Kings*

**\*Song: "Soon and Very Soon" LUYH 482**

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

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

*Confession*

Merciful God,  
always with us, always coming:  
We confess that we do not know  
how to prepare for your Advent.  
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;  
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;  
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.  
Forgive us, God.  
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,  
the intelligent courage of the Magi,  
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,  
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem  
and find the good news of a child born for us.  
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,  
we ask you to make us ready for his coming. **Amen.**



**Assurance of Christ's Return**

**\*Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (V. 1,4,6,7) LUYH 61**

**Children's Time**

**Song: "Silent Night"** (Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

**Choir: "Christ is Come, All Is Well"**

**God Speaks through God's Word**

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-20 & 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Message:** Simply Having a Wonderful Christmas

## Response to the Word

**\*Song of Response: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: First: Ottawa Christian Reformed Campus Ministry

Second: Calvary CRC

### Live and Serve in God's Blessing

*Acclamation/Doxology:*

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day,  
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

for the Lord will be our light,

and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light,  
and our days of sorrow will end.

### \*Song: The First Noel

*\*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



### Please sign up for the Feast & Faith

Ryan Farrell has left the sign up sheet for people wishing to prepare a meal for the Campus Chaplaincy near the mail boxes.



A great big THANK YOU to everyone involved with the Bazaar. It was a great day, and I think, enjoyed by all who came. Through it all, we were blessed, and hopefully a blessing to those who joined us. We raised a total of 4,013.45. We will be sending \$2000.00 to Ottawa Inner City Missions and \$2013.45 will go to the Youth Serve Projects. As for next year, keep us in mind. If you have suggestions or comments, please let Jessica J. Jackie L. or Trudy H. know. Thank you

The Deacons would like to inform the congregation that the offering schedule for 2024 is now available. Paper copies will be on the table by the greeters. Additionally, an email was sent out with an electronic version and the schedule is always available on the website, [www.calvarycrc.ca/giving](http://www.calvarycrc.ca/giving).

The Deacons are always looking to support causes that are important to the congregation. Should there be any suggestions for future collections, or additional initiatives the congregation would like the Deacons to explore, please speak to any Deacon, or send an email to [deacons@calvarycrc.ca](mailto:deacons@calvarycrc.ca).

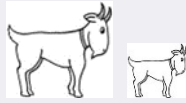
**FREE DVD & CD's:** Henk Brunkreeft has approximately 100 DVD and CD's available.

All are Christmas songs and some are in the Dutch language.

If interested see Henk after the service this morning.



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 - 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)

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#### **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.

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

## World Renew

**Jesus is The Reason** - As we give and receive gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's gift to us! Will you add someone who lives in poverty to your Christmas giving? Change a life with an item like a goat, a bicycle, or a hand-washing station from World Renew's Gift Catalogue. Give online at [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

## CRC 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: Christmas Love for God's Global Family** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Just like the wise men, we can choose to follow Jesus. By accepting the gift of his love, we give him a big gift: our hearts. God's family is together by the love of Jesus, which was shown on the first Christmas. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible story podcast "The Wise Men."

CALVARY'S CALENDAR		
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>MONDAY DECEMBER 25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CELEBRATION</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>NEW YEARS DAY MONDAY JANUARY 01</b>	<b>LORDS SUPPER</b>	<b>11:00 AM NO NURSERY</b>

	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25	DECEMBER 31	NEW YEAR'S DAY
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP</b>
<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>	<b>PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG</b>
<b>OFFIC./ELDER</b>	<b>KRISTY</b>	<b>CATHY</b>	<b>HYUNG</b>	<b>JAKE BERT, PETER &amp; GRAHAM</b>
<b>DEACON</b>	<b>KYLE</b>	<b>YOLANDI</b>	<b>RACHELLE</b>	<b>GLENDEN</b>
<b>OFFERING 2ND OFFERING</b>	<b>OTTAWA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>WORLD RENEW/ CAMBODIA (SOVANN NETH) CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>GOOD NEIGHBOURS FOOD BANK IN EMBRUN CALVARY C.R.C.</b>	<b>HARVEST HOUSE CALVARY C.R.C.</b>
<b>JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY</b>	<b>MELISSA/EVELYN ALICE P./DENISE F.</b>	<b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TRUDY M./ABBY D.</b>	<b>MEGAN/CHASE LISA D./LEAH F.</b>	<b>NO NURSERY</b>
<b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>	<b>BILL &amp; BRENDA B.</b>	<b>JEAN &amp; JACKIE L.</b>	<b>BART &amp; ANTJE R.</b>	<b>DON &amp; ANITA H.</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>GRACE S.</b>	<b>HOOPLE FAMILY</b>	<b>GERRY &amp; RITA H.</b>	<b>---</b>

**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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