



*\*Rise in body or in spirit*

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Jesus the Light of the World LUYH 100**

*\*Call to Worship*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.  
See, darkness covers the earth  
and thick darkness is over the peoples,  
but the LORD rises upon you  
and his glory appears over you.  
Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
-Isaiah 60:1-3, NIV

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

*\*God's Greeting:*

Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.  
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.** -2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

**\*Singing: Mighty to Save LUYH 611**

*Children's Time:*

**Singing: Angels We Have Heard on High**

*Confession and Assurance*

*Prayer of Confession:*

God of grace,  
you have given us Jesus,  
the light of the world,  
but we choose darkness  
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.  
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.  
Baptize us with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may preach your Word to the nations  
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and our light forever. **Amen.**



**\*Singing: O Lord Hear our Prayer LUYH 462**

*Assurance of Pardon:*

The true light that gives light to everyone  
was coming into the world.

To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God.

—from John 1:9, 12, NIV

**\*Singing: Amazing Grace LUYH 691**

*Proclamation of the Word*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 98: 1-9 & Luke 2: 8-15

Message: AT THE END OF THE DAY

THE MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL CHRISTMAS

*Song of Response*

**\*Singing: Holy Spirit Living Breath of God LUYH746**

**Congregational Prayer**

Offerings: First: Youth Unlimited (Therefore Go)

Second: Calvary C.R.C.

***Sending***

The light of God's purposes has shone upon us.

Carry that light into another week.

**The star of God's promises that led us to worship  
now leads us to serve in God's world.**

When we have met God in the light,  
we cannot dwell comfortably in the shadows.

**We cannot enjoy our abundance and wealth  
without thanksgiving and generous sharing.**

The glory of God shines on you today.

Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

**We seek God's peace that we may share it,  
God's wisdom that we may live by it,  
in Christ's name.**

Amen. Amen.

**\*Singing: We Receive Your Blessing LUYH 947**

***\*God's Parting Blessing***

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in our hearts, transform our lives,  
and brighten the world.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you always. **Amen.**

At the end of the day  
what really matters is that  
your loved ones are well,  
you've done your best and  
that you're thankful for  
all you have.

LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)  
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)  
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)  
WS = Worship Sourcebook  
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine

**Friendship Circle** is calling all bingo players to join us at 10 am on Tuesday morning for a relaxed game of bingo. Wondering what our Parents are thinking? November was cards at Church, January is Bingo in the Church, what could possibly be next?? Dancing ??

### **Friendship Club at Calvin CRC**

What can I say about Friendship Club? It's all about its name – yet so much more. Friendship Club was created for people with disabilities, and some very fortunate non-disabled people, to get together to worship, pray, fellowship, and spend time together in God's word. It's a community. Friendship Club is one of those amazing places where we find out what it really is to be the Body. The whole Body!

As you may know, most people with cognitive and developmental disabilities do not attend church regularly. It can be difficult. It may be overwhelming with the sounds, smells, and visual stimulation. It may be hard to follow the "rules" and "routines" of a Sunday morning service. Who knows? It might even be difficult for other people who don't understand autism or Down Syndrome, and who may question whether they have a place on Sunday morning. It happens.

Friendship Club is different. That's why it's wonderful. Every part of the body – hands feet, eyes, ears, fingernails, and bellybuttons – are together. Sometimes the challenging thing about Friendship Club is how to make it happen in a comfortable, accommodating, and safe way. In order to make Friendship Club at Calvin CRC the amazing place it is, we need to welcome more body parts – especially some hands, feet, ears, and hearts - who are willing to share their gifts.

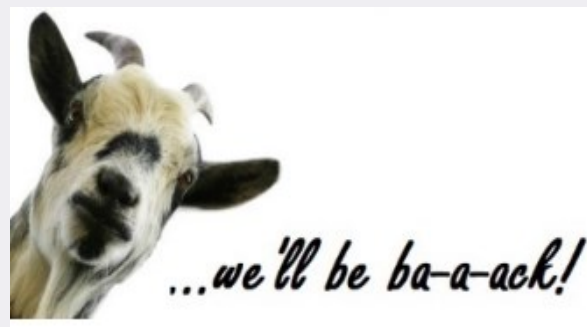
**Do you like to lend a helping hand?** Cook or serve snacks? Are you artsy and like to do crafts? Do you have a heart to chat with people and learn about their lives? Friendship Club would LOVE to meet you.

**Hands On** will restart January 17. Anyone who likes to craft, is welcome to join us for some laughter, coffee and maybe learn something new. If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to ask. Jessica J.

**Do you like singing?** JOIN US! at the OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:30 @ CALVIN Christian Reformed Church, 1475 Merivale Road, Ottawa.

Start Date is January 10, 2024. NO AUDITIONS, Musical skills of ALL levels. Henk: 613 293 9046 or Christine: [chrisadmiral@gmail.com](mailto:chrisadmiral@gmail.com)

**WOW!** Our World Renew giving tree is completed for another year, and it is overflowing. On behalf of World Renew, a big thank you to everyone for supporting our giving tree. It was amazing to see how quickly the numbers added up. Our final number of baskets will be announced on Sunday Your generosity has reflected the love and kindness of Jesus who multiplied the loaves and fish so that all may be fed. What a way to celebrate God's gift to us and all the blessings we enjoy. Thank you again.....and remember ....



**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.

**Pot Luck** will restart on January 12 starting at 6:30. Grace will lead the discussion on book by Amy Kenny entitled "My Body Is Not A Prayer Request" Guests welcome.

**Kids Corner: Caring for You** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Did you know that along with caring for others, God wants us to care for ourselves, too? It makes God happy when you treat your body with respect and care, just like you would treat a special, holy temple. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Young Adults Winter Retreat (YAWR)** - Join young adults from across southern Ontario for the annual Young Adults Winter Retreat! Happening Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock, Ontario, this weekend retreat is open to young adults ages 18-30ish. The event is planned by young adults for young adults, to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus as well as with other young adults in the Southern Ontario region. Interested? Sign up at <https://forms.gle/W3wfU1zYke3FkDV98> by January 14. Cost is \$75 and covers food and lodging (at the church). (Early bird pricing of \$65 if you register today, January 7!)

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/YARetreat>

**Stories & Strategies: Strengthening the CRC in Canada** - Are you interested in learning more about church planting and renewal in the CRC? 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](http://crcna.org/Canada)

CALVARY'S CALENDAR		
TODAY	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
SUNDAY JANUARY 14	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
SUNDAY JANUARY 21	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM
SUNDAY JANUARY 28	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:00 AM

	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 28
10:00 AM	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WORSHIP LEADER	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ELDER	CATHY	JAKE	BERT	ELCO
DEACON	RACHELLE	GLENDEN	CHRIS F	CORA
OFFERING	YOUTH UNLIMITED	REFRAME MINISTRIES	MINISTRY SHARE	CADET SUNDAY
2ND OFFERING	(THEREFORE GO) CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY CHURCH	CALVARY CHURCH	CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL	DENISE / LAUREN	NANCY / CHLOE	MELISSA / LEAH F	MEGAN / EVELYN
NURSERY	STEPH H. / ALEX M.	BOB P. / LEAH H.	KATHRYN V / DENISE F	ALICE P / ABBY D
COFFEE CLEANUP	JOHN & SARAH COOK BEN F	LARRY & EVELINA & JESSICA	PETER & BRENDA HEUVING	KEES & CHRISTINE RYSTENBIL
GREETERS	GRAHAM AND LAURIE	H BRUNEKREEFT	J JOLDERSMA	M DEWEERD

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

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ONLINE SERVICES: YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkfm4FiDPowmd-6C03a1k9w>

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