

**CALVARY  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



**Pastor Harold Kouwenberg  
Sunday, February 25 2024**

\* Rise in body or in spirit

**LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts**

**Red Hymnal**

*Gathering*

Welcome and Announcements  
Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Gather Us In LUYH 529**

*\*Call to Worship*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy  
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**Alleluia! We rejoice!**

—based on Isaiah 43:19-21

*\*God's Greeting:*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

**\*Singing: O Worship the King LUYH 2**

*Prayers of Invocation*

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image,  
in Christ you reveal to us your love,  
through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers;  
we bow in gratitude before you.

We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.

We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.

We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.

Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,  
that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned,  
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. **Amen.**

**\*Singing: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) LUYH 693**

*The Lord's Supper*

**\*Singing: Jesus You Call Us (This is Our Communion) (resound)**

*Children's Time:*

**Singing: Jesus Loves the Little Children**

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

*Proclamation of the Word*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 1: 11-24 & Acts 9: 1-19

Message: THE PRE-EMINENCE OF THE GOSPEL

*Song of Response*

**\*Singing: Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin**

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Ministry Shares

Second: Calvary C.R.C.

*Sending*

God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy,  
and always ready to forgive.  
Grant us grace to renounce all evil  
and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

*\*God's Parting Blessing*

May God himself, the God of peace,  
sanctify you through and through.  
May your whole spirit, soul and body  
be kept blameless  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
—1 Thessalonians 5:23, NIV

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Catechism)

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

## **Church Family:**

**Thank You** for all your thoughts and prayers for the passing of Gil H. from Grace H.

As some of you may know, some time ago John Sn's son-in-law, Greg D suffered a severe stroke. This has been a very devastating time for Alice and Greg's families and they are now are looking at a care home for Greg. Please pray that they will find a home for Greg where he will be able to receive loving care.

**COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL** at the church Tuesday 10 – 12. Lets just sit around and have a good time together, play a game, or place a few pieces in a puzzle. All are invited to attend.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Our group is reading our way through the Gospel of Luke. Our meeting is informal, come when it works for your schedule. We plan to meet Thursday morning at 10 for coffee and discussion.

**Can you help?** The refugee family we sponsored about 7 years ago has been given notice that they must vacate their apartment by May 1st. This is difficult news as they are living on very limited funds. If anyone is able to help them find an affordable 3 bedroom unit, that would be greatly appreciated. Ideally, they would like to live in the area of Carleton University as they have 3 students attending that University. Please contact Grace S or Cathy V if you are able to help.

**Classis Meeting March 2 - via zoom** Classis will be meeting via zoom on March 2nd from 8:30 - 4:00. If you would like to attend as a visitor , you must register ahead of time in order to receive the zoom link. Please contact Mark M or Cathy V if you would like to attend. The agenda can be found at the following link: <https://classiseasterncanada.ca/classis-meetings/>

**Camp Adonai:** Are you thinking of becoming a counsellor at Camp Adonai this summer? Junior week starts August 11 to 16; Senior week starts August 17 to 24. Counsellor application forms are available at [www.campadonai.ca](http://www.campadonai.ca). If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Martin at [sarahashmartin@gmail.com](mailto:sarahashmartin@gmail.com).

**Contact Person** desired between your congregation and Winston Visser, The Outreach Mission Developer (OMD) in Classis Eastern Canada. Formerly your Home, World, or Resonate Rep. This will allow us to better celebrate and support what your congregation and our ministry does by personalizing and strengthening our connection. The commitment involves at least two conversations per year (Zoom, mobile, in person) with the Outreach Mission Developer (OMD), brief E-mail updates on Mission, and from time to time highlighting a Resonate Global Mission or Classis Mission Ministry offering within your congregation. If this interests you or you have more questions, please contact Winston Visser (OMD) at [wvisser@crcna.org](mailto:wvisser@crcna.org) or 613-349-6411. Look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you!

## **Please join World Renew for Canadian Foodgrains Bank NEXT Sunday - Collection March 3**

Conflict and changing climate are driving forces behind world hunger. But for a mother watching her child struggle with malnutrition and the pains of hunger, why is not as important as how she will feed her child. You can share Christ's hope with that mother. Today is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday and your offering will help support World Renew's food security programs focused on addressing the emergency food needs of vulnerable families and providing communities with the training they need to sustainably overcome hunger. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by Canadian Foodgrains Bank. To donate, call 1-888-WRLD-RNW or go online to: [worldrenew.ca/food](http://worldrenew.ca/food)

**Kids Corner: Names of God: The Righteous God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Psalm 145:17 says, "The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does." So, what is it like to be righteous? Is it like being right? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Camp Shalom** - This summer at Camp Shalom our theme is going to be "Something New" based on Isaiah 43. Campers and staff will learn about how God wants to give them something that they'll never have without Him. If you're interested in learning more about this new thing, and you're excited about sharing that great news with kids and adults who have special needs, then we have a position for you! We're hiring 50 young adults for a variety of positions including counselors, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, lifeguards, and more. For more information or to apply please visit [www.countrysidecamp.com/apply](http://www.countrysidecamp.com/apply).

**Ministry Shares** are collected monthly to assist the work of the many ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. Ministries we support within our Eastern Canada Classis include GEMS Leadership, Safe Church Team, Youth Ministry Team, New Church Development, Campus Ministries in Halifax and Ottawa, Missions Scholarship Fund, Home Missions Fund plus the Seafarers Ministry in Montreal. Ministries we support in both Canada and the US include Calvin College and Seminary, Back to God, Home and World Missions, The Banner, Disability Concerns, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Pastor-Church Relations and many more. We thank you for contributing according to the gifts you have been given.

CALVARY'S CALENDAR		
FEBRUARY 26	LADIES PRAYER GROUP GEMS & CADETS REFINE LADIES BIBLE STUDY	2:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM
FEBRUARY 27	COFFEE TEA SOCIAL	10:00 AM
FEBRUARY 28	HANDS ON	9:30 AM
FEBRUARY 29	BOWLING BIBLE STUDY	9:30 AM 10:00 AM
MARCH 1		
MARCH 2		

	FEBRUARY 25	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17
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	KRISTY	HYUNG	CATHY	JAKE
DEACON	GLENDEEN	CHRIS F	CORA	KYLE
OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES	CANADIAN FOODGRAIN BANK	CAMP ADANOI	CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
2ND OFFERING	CALVARY CHURCH	CALVARY CHURCH	CALVARY CHURCH	CALVARY CHURCH
JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL	MEGAN & LEAH F	DENISE & EVELYN	NANCY & CLOE	MELISSA & CHASE
NURSERY	STEPH & ABBY	LISA & ALEX	BOB & LEAH	KATHRYN & LEAH F
COFFEE CLEANUP	GERRY & RITA	JOHN & CATHY	ROEL & PAT	CHRIS & MICHELLE
GREETERS	JAKE & MARIANNE	BERT & SHIRLEY	LINDA & MARK	JOHN & SARAH

<b>Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: <a href="mailto:bulletin@calvarycrc.ca">bulletin@calvarycrc.ca</a></b>	
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<b>Calvary C.R.C. Website: <a href="https://www.calvarycrc.ca">https://www.calvarycrc.ca</a></b> <b>ONLINE SERVICES: YOUTUBE: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkfm4FiDPowmd-6CO3a1k9w">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkfm4FiDPowmd-6CO3a1k9w</a></b> <small>All songs used in worship at Calvary CRC are under copyright agreement with CCLI License #881314</small>	