

**CALVARY**  
**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**



**Interim Pastor Harold Kouwenberg**

**Sunday, March 10 2024**

Gathering

\* Rise in body or in spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

**\*Singing: Jesus, All for Jesus LUYH 734**

**LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts**

**Red Hymnal**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame,  
and sat down at the right hand of God.

Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,  
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart. -from Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

**\*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: Shine On Us**

*Children's Time:*

**\*Singing: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession:

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another. -based on Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

Prayer of Confession:

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy,  
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.  
Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you.  
Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children,  
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Singing: Come to the Saviour Now**

LUYH 613

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest  
for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. -from Matthew 11:28-30, NRSV

**\*Singing: I Love to Tell the Story**

LUYH 262

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Galatians 2:11-16 & Acts 10:9-22

Message: A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

Song of Response

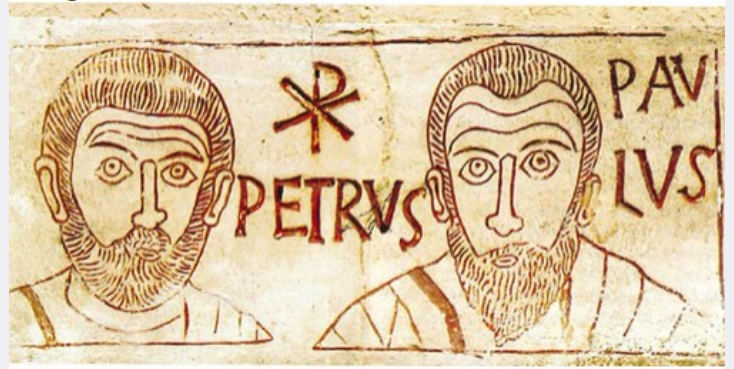
**\*Singing: In Christ Alone** LUYH 770

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: First: Camp Adonai

Second: Calvary C.R.C.



Sending

As you prepare to leave this place, Hear this call to service.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -Colossians 3:17, NRSV

**\*Singing: Here I Am, Lord** LUYH 869

\*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

In the first three centuries, the church found itself in a hostile environment. On the one hand, it grappled with the challenge of relating the language of the gospel, developed in a Hebraic and Jewish-Christian context, to a Graeco-Roman world. On the other hand, it was threatened not only by persecution, but also by ideas that were in conflict with the biblical witness.

In A.D. 312, Constantine won control of the Roman Empire in the battle of Milvian Bridge. Attributing his victory to the intervention of Jesus Christ, he elevated Christianity to favoured status in the empire. "One God, one Lord, one faith, one church, one empire, one emperor" became his motto.

The new emperor soon discovered that "one faith and one church" were fractured by theological disputes, especially conflicting understandings of the nature of Christ, long a point of controversy. Arius, a priest of the church in Alexandria, asserted that the divine Christ, the Word through whom all things have their existence, **was created** by God before the beginning of time. Therefore, the divinity of Christ was similar to the divinity of God, but not of the same essence. Arius was opposed by the bishop, Alexander, together with his associate and successor, Athanasius. They affirmed that the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same substance as the divinity of God, the Father. To hold otherwise, they said, was to open the possibility of polytheism, and to imply that knowledge of God in Christ was not final knowledge of God.

To counter a widening rift within the church, Constantine convened a council in Nicaea in A.D. 325. A creed reflecting the position of Alexander and Athanasius was written and signed by a majority of the bishops. Nevertheless, the two parties continued to battle each other. In A.D. 381, (56 years later) a second council met in Constantinople. It adopted a revised and expanded form of the A.D. 325 creed, now known as the Nicene Creed. It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451,\* but the "filioque" phrase was not added until 589. However, the creed is in substance an accurate and majestic formulation of the Nicene faith. This translation of the Greek text was approved by the CRC Synod of 1988.

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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**Nominations for Elder and Deacon:** It is that time of year again when we go to you with requests for nominations for the positions of elder and deacon. We are looking for 3 elders (replacing Jessica, Graham and Cathy) and three deacons (replacing Glenden and Kyle + one vacant). Please prayerfully consider who you believe has the gifts to fill these positions. You can make your suggestions on paper at church or let anyone on Council know via email.

**Refugee Housing:** Thank you to those who were looking for housing for one of our refugee families. They found housing and moved in on March 1st.

**Friendship Circle** will be meeting Tuesday morning at 10 am at the church. Hub and Grace will be hosting.

**The Safe Church Committee** of Calvary thanks all who recently participated in the abuse awareness and prevention training. In all, 32 members attended one of two sessions. A great response! Striving to make Calvary a safe church for all members and visitors needs to be a commitment by us all. Please know that the Safe Church committee is available anytime to answer questions and accept feedback. Thankyou from Graham, John and Shelley

## Spring Meeting



### Calvary Christian Reformed Church

3782 Russell Rd.,

Ottawa, ON  
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Date:  
**Friday,  
March 15**

Time:  
**10:00 a.m.**



Guest Speaker: **Barbra Chimhandamba**  
Public Policy Advisor

Barbra works out of our Ottawa office and has recently participated in a learning tour to Nepal. She will be sharing her experiences there while also discussing the role our Ottawa staff play in our mission to end global hunger.

**For more information contact Allan Groen**  
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For over 50 years, our campers have made memories that last a lifetime. At Camp Adonai, we provide a natural environment that encourages spiritual growth and community in young people. We do this through worship and small group discussion, along with building relationships in large and small group activities. Camp Adonai is located at Christie Lake near Maberly, Ontario, at the Scouts Canada Camp Opemikon campsite. Camp Adonai is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization. Camp runs for two, one-week periods. The camp's purpose is to provide an environment that encourages spiritual growth and fellowship amongst young people: a balance of light Christian study, lively discussion and of course the fun and games expected at any well-run summer camp. Established in 1962 by members of the Christian Reformed Churches of Eastern Ontario, Camp Adonai continues to provide young people a rich source of spiritual growth and enjoyment. To find out more, visit the Camp Adonai website here: <https://campadonai.ca/>

**ReFrame Ministries:**

**Groundwork: The Paradox Of The Cross** - In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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No Cadets or GEMS	11 10am Friendship Group	12 9:30am Hands-on	13 9:30am Bowling 10am Bible Study	14 9:30am Canadian Food Grains	15
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	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 29
	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 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>CATHY</b>	<b>JAKE</b>	<b>BERT</b>	<b>BERT - COMMUNION</b>
<b>DEACON</b>	<b>CORA</b>	<b>KYLE</b>	<b>YOLANDI</b>	<b>YOLANDI</b>
<b>OFFERING 2ND OFFERING</b>	<b>CAMP ADANOI CALVARY CHURCH</b>	<b>CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CALVARY CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTRY SHARE CALVARY CHURCH</b>	<b>THRIVE (PASTOR CHURCH RESOURCES) CALVARY CHURCH</b>
<b>JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY</b>	<b>NANCY &amp; CLOE BOB &amp; LEAH</b>	<b>MELISSA &amp; CHASE KATHRYN &amp; LEAH F</b>	<b>MEGAN &amp; LEAH ALICE &amp; ABBY</b>	<b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MICHELLE / ALEX</b>
<b>COFFEE CLEANUP</b>	<b>ROEL &amp; PAT</b>	<b>CHRIS &amp; MICHELLE</b>	<b>MIKE &amp; MELISSA</b>	<b>NO COFFEE</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>LINDA &amp; MARK</b>	<b>JOHN &amp; SARAH</b>	<b>GRACE S</b>	<b>BOB &amp; ALICE</b>

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

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