CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Pastor Rebecca Bokma



Nov 29 2026

Sunday @ 10am
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Order of Worship

PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal) MP = Maranatha Praise (red book) LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)

Advent Music
Light of Peace - Joel Raney

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Prayer for Worship

Call to Worship
Words adapted from Advent texts by Rev. Rich Davis
Responsive Reading and Song: We Wait in Hope

*God's Greeting
*Singing: Here I Am to Worship — LUYH 567

Children's Time
(children ages 3-10 years old depart for Sunday School classes)
Candle Lighting adapted from Andrew K. Gabriel
Singing: Prepare the Way — LUYH 58

Time of Confession
Singing: All the Earth Was Waiting — Resound

Assurance of Pardon
*Singing: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus — LUYH 56

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7
Message: Hope in a Child
*Singing: Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes — LUYH 60

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: First: Ministry Shares
Second: Calvary CRC
*Singing: Christ, Be Our Light (v. 1, 2, 5) — LUYH 908

*Parting Blessing
*Singing: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 4) — LUYH 351

(Youth ages 11-14 yrs meet upstairs for Catechism, <u>EXCEPT</u> for the first Sunday of every month)

welcome

We are so glad you're here. Whether you're a visitor or a regular attendee, we are blessed to worship together with you today. After the service, please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Offerings

Red Bag: Ministry Shares

The first offering is for Ministry Shares which supports numerous ministries of the Christian Reformed Church including Safe Church Team, Youth Ministry Team, Campus Ministries, Calvin University and Seminary, Back to God, Home and World Missions, The Banner, Disability Concerns, and many more.

Black Bag: Calvary CRC

The second offering is for the ministries of Calvary and the budget expenses of our church.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to donate through the Bridge App.

giving@calvarycrc.ca

Duty Schedule

	Nov 29th	Dec 6th Congregational Meeting	Dec 13th
Worship Leader	Pastor Rebecca	Pastor Rebecca	Pastor Rebecca
Officiating Elder	John	Bart	Randy
Deacon	Kevin	Denise	Linda
Hall Monitor	Bob	Manja	Kees
Nursery	Denise, Evelyn	Michelle, Connor	Kathryn, Alex
Sunday School	Claudia, Connor	n/a	Leah F, Evelyn
Greeters	John & Sarah	Grace, Margo	Kyle & Stephanie
Coffee Cleanup	John & Cathy	Chris & Michelle	Mark & Lisa

Calvary News

Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch - Dec 6th

Mark your calendars for our congregational meeting & potluck lunch on Dec 6th. Before the meeting starts, we will gather together for a light lunch.
Just a reminder to all, we would appreciate if you ONLY bring finger foods and nothing that needs heating. Example: sandwiches, buns, veggies cheese and crackers, squares or cookies. If you bring crackers that you want with your special cheese or special dip for your veggies please put your name on each. Drop off in the kitchen before church.

ADVENT: The Great Mystery

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent with our series "The Great Mystery." Together we will reflect on Scriptures that speak into the mystery of the incarnation, and what the Word made flesh means for us as created beings. During Advent, we are invited to slow down and contemplate the mysteries that surround our faith; leaning into the unknown, and giving thanks for the guidance that God has given to us through the gift of Jesus Christ.

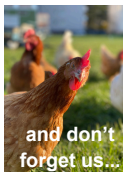
World Renew: Giving Tuesday

Right now, global farmers are navigating extreme weather, poor soil, and limited access to resources. Will you join World Renew in sharing God's love by harvesting hope this Giving Tuesday? Every dollar you give by December 1 helps provide training and support for farming families as they grow enough food for their households and communities. And thanks to matching funds from Canadian Foodgrains Bank and generous donors, **your giving will be multiplied up to 5X this Giving Tuesday.** Learn more and give at worldrenew.org/givingtuesday.

World Renew: Christmas Giving Tree

We are starting our Christmas giving tree as of Nov 29th till Jan 3rd. This year we are suggesting:





A Pig for $56 and a Chicken for $4 for a total of $60.

What you give is your choice but each gift gets a tag on the tree. Let's get this tree covered with tags. Need more info, please contact Marg B, Henk B, or Trudy H.

Calvary Calendar

Children, youth, and adult programs run from September - May.
Please contact the church office for more information.

Monday, Nov 30	6:30-8:00 PM	Cadets
Wednesday, Dec 2	9:30-12 PM	Hands On
Thursday, Dec 3	9:30-11:30 AM	Men's Bowling
Thursday, Dec 3	7-9 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, Dec 6	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Bridge App: Button Location Change (to make things easier!)
To make using the Bridge app even easier, we have now moved the "Shared Folders" button to the main page, on the bottom right. We did this because many of our important church documents are located there and we wanted to increase the efficiency of being able to find them.
Also, the new 2026-27 Church Overview has been uploaded to the "Shared Folders". Paper copies will be available after the upcoming congregational meeting. If you have any questions, please ask Milon.

Christmas Parcels for Seafarers
Collect a bag & tuque at the church front entrance for your parcel to the Seafarers in Montreal! *October 1 - December 15, 2026* they are collecting gifts, virtual parcels and bulk items for seafarers. You can participate by sending parcels or virtually by making a financial donation. Please see the Ministry To Seafarers website: guidelines. www.ministrytoseafarers.org/parcels.

Calvary CRC is committed to being a Safe Church, a community where every person is valued, respected, and cared for. In a place that nurtures worship and spiritual growth, no one should ever feel afraid or experience any form of abusive behaviour. If you have a concern or would like to report an incident, please contact a member of our Safe Church Committee at safechurch@calvarycrc.ca

DEAR FRIENDS OF REDEEMER UNIVERSITY,

Many of you are aware of the provincial government's OSAP freeze for students at non-profit, provincially chartered, degree-granting institutions. Today, we are requesting prayer for this challenging situation.

In particular, we ask that church communities and individuals come together in prayer and unity this coming Sunday, November 29, 2026, to recognize the important contributions of Christian post-secondary education in Ontario, to stand alongside those affected by the OSAP freeze, and to express our shared hope for a timely resolution. Several other Christian post-secondary institutions are making a similar call to their supporting church communities and we are inviting you to join with Christians across Ontario to pray this week.

Here are some suggested prayer points:

- A swift release of OSAP funding to students before Christmas.
- Peace for students and families experiencing financial hardship, stress and disruption.
- Continued strength for Christian postsecondary education in Ontario.
- Wisdom for the government as it discerns a fair resolution.

The longer the OSAP freeze continues, the more difficult it is for students planning their next steps and for institutions standing in the gap to protect them from disruption to their studies. As the Advent season begins and we head towards the Christmas break, we are praying for a resolution so that the freeze will not continue into the new year and a new term.

As the government works on passing legislation about the future of OSAP and its management, students across Ontario are facing significant uncertainty as a result of the ongoing OSAP freeze now. Despite mention of releasing low-risk institutions quickly, there is no timeline for when that might happen or whether it will happen.

To learn more about the contributions of students and Christian post-secondary institutions that are at risk due to the OSAP freeze, you can follow @OSAPimpacts on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you for your continued support of Christian post-secondary education and for standing together in faith during this challenging time.

Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy

Stay informed and support the Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy! Help create spaces of care, belonging, discipleship, and leadership at uOttawa and Carleton. Your support makes a difference!

Consider a one-time gift or ongoing monthly donation. Stay connected with our ministry by joining our mailing list on our website and check your church mailbox for a physical copy of our newsletter. Give or sign up for our mailing list on our website: www.ottawacampuschaplaincy.org/donate

Annual Christmas Candlelight Service

Friday, December 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Calvary CRC

Please come to our annual candlelight service of Lessons and Carols. We will be singing the beautiful familiar carols, as well as some new songs, and listening to the scripture passages that lead us to the birth of our Saviour. The choir will be offering several special selections to enrich the evening. Following the service there will be a time for fellowship and Christmas treats. Come and join in this joyful celebration of Christ's birth.

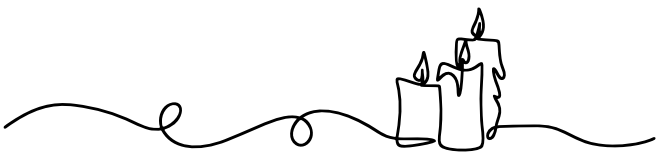
Kids Corner

Bible activity sheets & colouring materials are by the entrance of the sanctuary.

JOIN US

at

www.kidscorner.net



"Advent: A Time of Hope"

How does Jesus give you hope? In Isaiah 9:6, the prophet proclaims, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given." What does it mean to you that Jesus paid for your sins? Talk together with your family about the hope that each of you has in Jesus.

Notes

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