

Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church
"Renew, Rebuild & Reach Out"



First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020

As the prelude begins, you are invited to enter into quiet, and allow the music to help prepare you for worship. (= Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Chorus "My tribute" (2 times)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

* Call to Worship (see PWS&D First Sunday in Lent insert)

Leader: God placed the humans in the garden of delight

People: to tend it, to enjoy it, to commune with God and one another in it.

Leader: But we wanted to be in charge,

People: to know everything, to feed our own desires, to have it all.

Leader: So we turned the garden into wilderness,

People: exploiting it, controlling it, turning our backs on the one who made it.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy. Let us pray:

All: Creator God, your steadfast love surrounds us. Teach us the way we should go. Help us to restore the beautiful garden of your creation. Inspire us to live in communion with you, with one another, with the whole of nature, so that all may shout for joy. Amen.

Written by the Rev. Iona MacLean
(The Church of Saint David, Halifax)

Golden Verse: *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* ~ John 10:10b

Offering Invitation

God has given us the gifts we need to live full and generous lives. We offer our gifts to God in gratitude for the possibilities we enjoy, trusting God to multiply what we bring for goodness' sake.

>> *Presentation of gifts, tithes and offering during the singing of the hymn*

* Hymn #197 "Forty days and forty nights" (vv. 1-5)

* Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, we offer our gifts and our very selves in thanksgiving for all that you provide. Receive all that we can offer you and bless us, so that we become a source of life and mercy for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our redeemer. Amen

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Hymn "The Lord's Prayer"

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn "Lord, I lift your name on high" (2 times)

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "*Sanctus*"

Schubert

Scriptures

- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:12-19

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Understanding

Lord of Life, many voices call to us each week. Many paths and possibilities lie before us. Send us your Spirit, O God, that we may hear your Word speaking through the Scriptures this day, and recognize your guidance more clearly in our activities this coming week. Amen

Golden Verse - John 10:10b

Sermon "40 in the Wilderness"

* Hymn "*Lamb of God*" (vv. 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - John 10:10b

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: # 196 "*Throughout these Lenten days and nights*" (v. 1)

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Rob Johnston
greeters – Grant Scott and Dave Duncan
coffee hour hosts – Carol Gallacher
guest preacher– Michael Turman

All are welcome to Coffee Hour
in Calvin Hall following the service.

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 1, 2020**

Good morning to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to us. We encourage you to fill out one of the visitor envelopes in the pew and give it to an usher or put it in the offering plate.

Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari and your elders are willing to visit with those who need pastoral support. Please call Rev. Frank for appointment request at 226-647-4705.

Join us for communion services at Calvin – first Sunday of February, June, October and December plus Maundy Thursday and Easter.

Next Sunday: "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

<u>CALVIN CALENDAR</u>	
Sun. Mar. 1	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Tues. Mar. 3	- Encounter Film Series, 12 p.m., Lounge
Thurs. Mar. 5	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Mar. 6	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Mar. 8	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School is in classroom 1 for children JK-Gr. 6. Nursery care is provided for young children.

Cuban Churches – The Friendship Trip to Cuba is Feb. 29-Mar. 7. There are 8 people in the group, incl. Rev. Frank Szatmari. Our thoughts and prayers are with the group from Calvin and the two congregations they plan to visit in Cuba. Rev. Bob Duncanson is available for pastoral care during this time (519) 501-6993.

Encounter Film Series

>> Our Encounter group will be screening a series of movies. Bring your lunch! Film for March 3 and 10 is "Babette's Feast" (1987) "*Stephane Audran plays Babette, a 19th century Parisian political refugee who seeks shelter in a rough Danish coastal town. Philippa (Bodil Kjer) and Martina (Birgitte Federspiel), the elderly daughters of the town's long-dead minister, take Babette in. As revealed in flashback, Philippa and Martina were once beautiful young women (played by Hanne Stensgaard and Vibeke Hastrup), who'd forsaken their chances at romance and fame, taking hollow refuge in religion. Babette holds a secret that may very well allow the older ladies to have a second chance at life.*"

Euchre Social – Join us on Friday March 6, 2-4 p.m. in the Narthex to play cards and socialize. If you have any questions, talk to Isabel Dowling or Karen Martin.

Spring CLARION Newsletter - Deadline for the next CLARION newsletter is Sunday Mar. 8. Please send all articles to margaret@calvinchurch.ca.

Attention all seniors. Come out and celebrate **St. Patrick's Day with a Sing-a-Long** led by our Music Leader, Michel. This event is being hosted by the Pastoral Care committee, on Tuesday, March 17, from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Hope to see you there.

Calvin Stampers - the group is for people of all ages and levels of ability, even if you've never stamped before. New members welcome! We will meet on Wednesday March 18, 7-9 p.m. in Classroom 2. You'll make 6 cards and donate 3 to the church Pastoral Care Committee. Please RSVP to Margaret Woods at margaretwoods777@rogers.com by Monday March 16.

Men's Breakfast – Join us on Saturday March 21, 8 a.m. at Knox Waterloo for a time of food and fellowship Men of all ages are welcome!

Social Butterflies - Plans are underway for some fun day trips. If you are interested, you can pick-up a list of activities and dates from Wendy at the 'Butterfly' table in the Narthex! Everyone is welcome!

Program Coordinator

>> As many of you already know, our Program Coordinator, Michael Turman, has resigned effective March 8, 2020. We are pleased to announce that a special celebration of Michael's service to our church is planned for March 15 following the morning worship service. There will be a potluck luncheon and a special recognition presentation for Michael and his family at this time. Please plan to attend and celebration Michael's service to Calvin and wish him well in his new career.

>> The Personnel Committee has begun the search for Michael's replacement. The full job posting is available on our website at: www.calvinchurch.ca/news--events

You are invited to **breakfast with the Moderator of General Assembly**, Rev. Amanda Currie, on Saturday April 18 at Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener). Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. and Rev. Currie will speak at 9 a.m. about her mission trips. Freewill donation for breakfast. Please RSVP by Tuesday April 14 to margaret@calvinchurch.ca or phone (519) 744-4061.

Scripture Readers and Coffee Hours Hosts are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

2020 World Day of Prayer Services will be held in Kitchener, at the following churches at the times stated on Friday, March 6:

- St Anne's Catholic Church, 268 East Avenue, at 11 a.m.
- St George's Anglican Church, 321 Fischer-Hallman Road, at 11 a.m.
- St James'-Rosemount United Church, 171 Sherwood Avenue North, at 2 p.m.
- St Teresa's Catholic Church, 44 Leonard Street, at 2 p.m.

The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Zimbabwe, with the theme, "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Refreshments follow all the services.

Mission Moment: Community Outreach

West Toronto's St. Andrew's Islington Presbyterian Church has begun a new missional experiment called *Intersection* that seeks to reach out to people living in their community. This ministry invites people who have never been to church and may not feel comfortable stepping inside a church building to experience worship in a way that is more comfortable for them. The church is introducing neighbours to Christ by hosting events in everyday places such as retail spaces and condo party rooms. They hope to bless their neighbours by offering ESL meet ups, a senior's drop-in café, divorce care groups, and parenting support programs.

Presbyterians Sharing reaches out in new ways

Statement of Purpose

We at Calvin are loving followers of Jesus Christ whose teachings include love, joy, hope, as well as diversity, inclusiveness, compassion, and service to others.

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