

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

*O sing to the Lord a
new song, for he has
done marvelous things.
- Psalm 98:1a*



Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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*"

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

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

Leader: God called Abram and Sarai to leave the familiar,

People: to go to a new land, to travel in faith, to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.

Leader: Jesus challenged Nicodemus

People: to think new thoughts, to be born of the Spirit, to see the wider world that God loves.

Leader: We are always tempted

People: to stay where we are, to settle for what we already know, to shut out the unsettling Spirit.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy Let us pray:

All: Creator God, you call into existence the things that do not exist, and promise new life beyond our imagining. Our help comes from you. Open us to the leading of your Spirit. Move us from where we are to where you want us to be, trusting always that we are in your gracious presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Offering Invitation

Our lives overflow with blessings and goodness, gifts which come from God. Out of the bounty of our lives, let us present to God our offerings with thankfulness and generosity.

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

* Hymn #204 "*Thou didst leave thy throne*" (vv. 1-4)

* Prayer of Dedication

Generous and loving God, in gratitude for all that we have received in Christ and in creation, we offer you this portion of what we have to share. Take these gifts and bless them, and us, for the building up of your kingdom in the world you love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Contemporary Version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

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

Children's Time

Anthem "*Blessed are they*"

Michael Bedford

Scriptures

- Psalm 98:1-9
- John 3:1-17

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #203 "*When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee*" (vv. 1-2, 5-7)

Prayer of Understanding

God of wonder and the Word, calm our inner noise and quiet our spirits, so that we may encounter your wisdom in the words of Scripture and be fed the bread of Life, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

Golden Verse - John 10:10b

Meditation: "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

- "*It is well with my soul*" (vv. 1-4)
- #674 "*In the bulb there is a flower*" (vv. 1-3)
- #670 "*Amazing grace*" (vv. 1-6)
- #675 "*Precious Lord*" (vv. 1-3)
- #746 "*What a friend we have in Jesus*" (vv. 1-3)
- #687 "*Blessed assurance*" (vv. 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - John 10:10b

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: #196 "*Throughout these Lenten days and nights*" (v. 2)

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Beceada Peter
greeters – Marlene Thompson & Ilona Kot
coffee hour hosts – Bridgette Amisi & Maria Szatmari

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

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**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 8, 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: Third Sunday in Lent

CALVIN CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 8	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary ** Clarion Newsletter articles due **
Tues. Mar. 10	- Encounter Film Series, 12 p.m., Lounge - Worship Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lounge
Wed. Mar. 11	- Pastoral Care Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Aileen's - Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge
Thurs. Mar. 12	- Christian Education Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Mar. 13	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Mar. 15	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Intergenerational Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Potluck Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Hall

Sunday School is in classroom 1 for children JK-Gr. 6. Nursery care is provided for young children. **Youth** in Grades 6 to 12 will meet in Classroom 2 today.

Encounter Film Series - 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.*"

Spring CLARION Newsletter - Deadline for the next CLARION newsletter is TODAY! 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.

Lenten Hymn Sing – Join us in the Narthex on Thursday March 19 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. for a time of singing and devotions to prepare for Easter.

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!

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

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.

Bach St John Passion: Spiritus Ensemble performs J.S. Bach's *St John Passion* on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. With soloists Elizabeth Lepock, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Bud Roach, Michael Lepock, and Daniel Lichti; Kenneth Hull conducting. Tickets available at www.spiritusensemble.com and Eventbrite.com.

Join **Menno Singers** and artistic director Brandon Leis for a concert entitled 'Creation is a Song' - Sunday, March 29, 3:00 p.m., Waterloo North Mennonite Church (100 Benjamin

Rd, Waterloo). The concert will include a number of Canadian compositions and feature a live in-concert painting by local artist Ralph Wahl. Tickets (\$25, \$5 student) available at www.mennosingers.com or at the door.

Mission Moment: International Women's Day

In India, many girls miss school each month because they do not have the supplies or facilities they need during menstruation. Unsanitary practices put them and their communities at risk. PWS&D-supported community mobilizers are helping girls in India stay in school by educating them about personal and menstrual hygiene. Rima Kumari, a 14-year-old girl from Nandlali village, spent time with a community mobilizer. She received sustainable, reusable sanitary napkins and learned about personal hygiene practices. Now, with the supplies she needs, Rima can embrace the joy of uninterrupted learning. *PWS&D supports girls' health and education*

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new baby or any need within the congregation.

Announcements for the bulletin **must** be received by Margaret Woods in the office by 10 a.m. Thursday.

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