

Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church



*December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent - Peace
Calvin Presbyterian Church
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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

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship (see 'Second Sunday of Advent: Peace' insert)

Leader: The Baptist cries out: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!"

People: Help us, Lord, to repent.

Leader: The way of God is made crooked by our sin. Will we confess our failings and repent? Will we remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness?

People: Restore us again and grant us your salvation.

Leader: As we have been baptized with God's mercy and grace, will we have the courage to forgive one another?

People: We pray that your light, O Lord, will guide our feet into the way of peace.

(Light the candle of peace.)

Written by The Rev. Jeffrey Murray

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Golden Verse: "*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.*" (Luke 2:14)

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 #126 "On Jordan's bank" (vv. 1,3-5)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

God of mystery and faithfulness, take our offerings and use them, and use us, to serve the coming reign of Christ on earth. May we grasp the deep significance of our living so that with confidence we will live as your people, serving one another, seeking to bring about your peace and justice for all. Amen

Scriptures

- Isaiah 11:1-5
- Luke 1:67-80

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #114 "*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*" (3 times)

Prayer of Understanding

Teach me, Lord, today, how to relate and listen to You. I pray that You would change me from the inside out to be the person that You would have me to be. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Golden Verse – Luke 2:14

Time of Reflection "The Lord is Come!"

* Hymn #128 "*There's a voice in the wilderness*" (vv. 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Christmas Pageant (see next page for cast)

- *Oh come, all ye faithful (congregation – v. 1)*
- *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (congregation – v. 1)*
- *O little town of Bethlehem (congregation – v. 1)*
- *Away in a manger (children – v. 1)*
- *Jesus, our brother, kind and good (children – vv. 1-6)*
- *Angels we have heard on high (children – v. 1)*
- *The first nowell (congregation – v. 1)*
- *We three kings (children – v. 1)*
- *The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (children – vv. 1-4)*

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: #119 "*Hope is a star*" (v. 2)

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Rob Johnston
Advent liturgy readers – The Jepson Family
greeters – Bob Tomchick and Tom Norton

Christmas Pageant 2017

Reader 1 **Moira**
Reader 2 **Chudier**
Angel 1 **Audrey**
Wiseguy 1 **Joshua**
Mary **Precious**
Joseph **Desi**
Angels **Shaelynn, Cecily, Braxtyn**
Shepherds **Micah, Winston, Jayden**
Wiseguys 2 & 3 **Nyamal, Adrian**
Innkeeper **Yol**
Star **Beceada**
Cow **Chiok**
Donkey **George**
Sheep **Immanuel, Pal, Reuel**

Director - **Michael Turman**

Accompanist - **Michel Allard**

Youth Stage crew - **Nial, Beceada, & Nyasunday Peter
and Adam Judge**

Adult supervisor/crowd control at rehearsals - **Barb MacIsaac**

Children's treats - **Catherine Jepson**

Projection and Sound - **Roi Eclarin and Tom Norton**

Angel wings and adjustment - **Kim Moore**

Stage design & setup - **Barb & Meghan MacIsaac**

All are welcome for Christmas Luncheon in Calvin Hall
following the service this morning.

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 10, 2017**

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. Nursery care is provided for young children.

Rev. Frank Szatmari is willing to visit with those who need pastoral support. Please call Rev. Frank for appointment request at 226-647-4705.

Next Week: "Jesus Saves"

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sun. Dec. 10	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service with Christmas Pageant, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Christmas Potluck Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Hall
Tues. Dec. 12	- Advent Evening, 6:30 p.m., Narthex
Wed. Dec. 13	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall
Thurs. Dec. 14	- Ladies Fellowship Group, Christmas Lunch & Social, 11:45 a.m., Lounge - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Dec. 15	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sat. Dec. 16	- Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., Knox Waterloo
Sun. Dec. 17	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service with Carol Sing, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

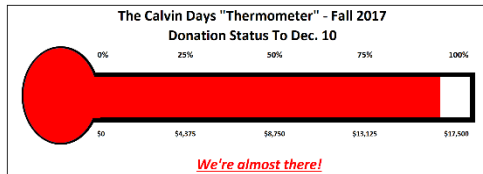
Advent Evening – All ages gathering in the Narthex on Tuesday Dec. 12 & 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a time of devotions, Christmas carols, crafts and a snack. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office if you plan to attend so we can purchase supplies.

The annual **Congregational Christmas Luncheon** will be after the service today. Join us in the church hall for food and fellowship.

Ladies Fellowship Group will meet Thur. Dec. 14, in lounge, at 11:45 a.m. Lunch provided for \$5.65. Please bring short memory or reading. RSVP Betsy 744-6633.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday December 16, 8 a.m. at Knox Waterloo (50 Erb St. West). Come for food, fellowship and carol singing.

BUDGET REQUESTS – It is that time of year when we ask all committees to prepare your budget requests for next year. Please submit all requests to Frank Thompson as soon as possible – in writing or by email to frank.thompson@calvinchurch.ca.



Our traditional **Calvin Days** financial drive is currently underway to let us bolster Calvin's financial resilience, and to ensure our capability to deliver on our church's vision and mission is not diminished. Our goal this year is to raise \$17,500, which we hope to

use to eliminate our accumulated debt. This is a small increase over what we successfully raised last year, and would finally free us from the lingering burden of the debt gathered over the past several years. If you are able, please consider contributing a little extra during our Calvin Days drive to keep Calvin the stable home that we all rely on. Every little bit helps!

Special Services in December

- Sunday December 17 – Carol Sing during worship service
- Sunday December 24 – Service at 10:15 a.m. + Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.
- Monday December 25 – Christmas Day Service, 10:15 a.m. Come celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Growing Healthy Two-gether Prenatal Nutrition Program will have a holiday luncheon at Calvin Church on December 12. Thanks for your support in providing gifts for the women and the babies who attend this party. We will be accepting gifts in the Narthex until today.

Christmas Luncheon Buffets at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre on December 12-15 at 12 noon. Delicious hot buffet and dessert buffet. Ideal for family, friends or small group gatherings. \$18 per person (HST included) Reservations required! Phone 519-824-7898 www.crieffhills.com

"Men in Song: A Christmas Celebration" with the **Schneider Male Chorus and the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus** – Wednesday Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., First United Church (16 William St. W., Waterloo). Tickets: \$20, students \$15, and children 12 and under free.

Rockway Entertainers presents "A Christmas in Canada" – Thursday Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at Rockway Centre (1405 King St. E., Kitchener). Get your \$7 tickets from a chorus member, from the Centre or online at www.kitchener.ca/activenet

Menno Singers Messiah Sing-a-Long – Sunday December 17, 3 p.m., with orchestra and soloists at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs). Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Attendance is by donation with tax receipts for over \$20.

All through the month of December, the **PresbyCan Daily Devotional** features wonderful Christmas devotionals. Join 6000 subscribers around the world and enjoy

devotionals each day from the Presbyterian Church, delivered free by e-mail to your inbox. Subscribe at www.presbycan.ca/subscriptions.

Mission Moment - World AIDS Day

Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health at Zanmi Lasantein Haiti, is standing up for victims of gender-based violence. While Haiti's justice system is unable to respond adequately to widespread occurrences of violence against women, Dr. Jonas remains committed to providing the medical care, psychosocial support and community accompaniment victims need to recover. Dr. Jonas is thankful for the support from Presbyterian World Service & Development that is helping address this critical human rights issue and giving victims hope again. "If we can't receive victims and give them proper treatment, then we are a part of the system of violence," says Dr. Jonas. "There is a level of responsibility." His hope for the program is to provide a shelter for women after they receive treatment. *PWS&D protects the rights of vulnerable women*

Stewardship Moment - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. - *Colossians 3:15*

Please notify the office by phone, 519-744-4061 or email calvin@calvinchurch.ca if you learn of any sickness, shut in, 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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