

Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church



*December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent - Hope
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

* Processional Hymn #110 "*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus*" (vv. 1-2)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship (see 'First Sunday of Advent: Hope' insert)

Golden Verse: "*Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.*"
(Mark 13:33)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Hymn #831 "*The Lord's Prayer*"

Assurance of Pardon

Introduction of New Members

- Elaine Bower, Gail Small and Kathy Snelling

Anthem "*Advent celebration*"

Mark Patterson

* Hymn #125 "*People, look east*" (vv. 1,3,5)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and all-giving God, may Your Spirit of abundance, which gives to us all more than we could ask or imagine, harness our life for Your purposes and bless the gifts we bring for the building up of Your kingdom in Your world. Amen

Children's Time

Scriptures

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Mark 13:24-37

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #122 "*Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel*" (vv. 1,3,5,7)

Prayer of Understanding

God of grace, You have given us words of hope in the midst of our fear. Let us hear Your words of hope. Help us to interpret Your will for our lives, help us to interpret the signs of the times through the lens of Your grace, so that we may find comfort in Your promises. Amen

Golden Verse - Mark 13:33

Sermon "Be Ready! Jesus is Coming"

Prayers of the People

* Hymn #682 "*Just as I am*" (vv. 1, 4)

Communion



The Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Act We Remember

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Golden Verse - Mark 13:33

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: Hymn #119 "*Hope is a star*" (v. 1)

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Betty Jane Rose
Advent liturgy readers - Rob Johnston, Kim Moore
& Audrey Johnston
greeters – Marlene Thompson & Betty Jane Rose.

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

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 3, 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: Christmas Pageant - The Lord is Come!

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sun. Dec. 3	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service with Communion, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Pageant Practice, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary
Mon. Dec. 4	- Pageant Practice, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
Tues. Dec. 5	- Advent Evening, 6:30 p.m., Narthex
Wed. Dec. 6	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall - Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Classroom
Thurs. Dec. 7	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Dec. 8	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
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

Advent Evening – All ages gathering in the Narthex on Tuesday Dec. 5. 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.

Christmas Pageant 2017

Hello Sunday School families: there's a new baby on the way. He will be here soon - the baby Jesus! This means great joy! And also some preparation. Here are the dates to mark in your calendar:

>> Sunday December 3: During Sunday School and after church in the sanctuary from 12:15-1:15 p.m. (Lunch provided after worship in Calvin Hall)

>> Monday December 4: 7-8 p.m. Rehearsal for readers and speaking parts only in the sanctuary.

>> Sunday December 10: Pageant Day! Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. for costumes and warmup.

The annual **Congregational Christmas Luncheon** will be after the service on December 10. This year it's a potluck so bring food to share.

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! As of November 26, \$12,170 has been contributed.

The poinsettia at the front of the church today is place by Sheena Curwood in remembrance of her parents, John and Florence McCammont, and Baby Alexander.

Christmas Concerts at Calvin Church

- Cambridge Male Chorus & Addison Women's Choir – Sunday December 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets - \$15.
- Grand River Voices – Wednesday December 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets - \$15.

Growing Healthy Two-gether Prenatal Nutrition Program will have a holiday luncheon at Calvin Church on December 12. As in other years, we ask for your support in gifts for the women and the babies who attend this party. Suggested items include: *sleepers, baby outfits, undershirts, receiving blankets, baby sweaters, extra large t-shirts for women, night gowns, and slippers for women*. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and assistance, and your ongoing commitment to pregnant women and their families. We will be accepting gifts in the Narthex until Dec. 10.

Fire Drill - Thanks to the many volunteers who assisted with the fire drill. Thanks, also, to the members of the congregation who braved the cold and wind. We carry out the fire drills to ensure that we are able to quickly but safely evacuate the building. While the drill was successful, we obviously can do better. The Board of Managers will be reviewing the procedures used for the drill and trying to find ways to improve it. We will be refining our fire drill procedures and reporting back to the congregation before our next drill.
~ The Board of Managers

New Custodian – The Personnel Committee would like to announce that Daniel (Dan) Steffler has joined the staff at Calvin. Dan is replacing Jake de Wit who retired on December 1, 2017. Dan started his new duties on November 27, 2017 and worked with Jake that week to ensure a smooth hand off of duties. Dan is a member of Bethel

Missionary Church, Kitchener but plans to attend some services at Calvin in order to get to know us. Please join us in welcoming Dan to our Calvin family.

Christmas Luncheon Buffets at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre on December 5- 8 and 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

Menno Singers Concerts

> [Come Emmanuel](#) – Sunday Dec. 3, 3 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church (22 Willow St., Waterloo) by Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir and Menno Youth Singers. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children/students and \$35 family – available at the door or online at www.mennosingers.com.

> [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.

“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

Mission Moment: Take the Advent Challenge!

During the Advent season, we celebrate God’s amazing gift— Jesus! This gift changed the world. Inspired by God’s overwhelming generosity, we too work to make a difference for our sisters and brothers across the globe. Each week of Advent, Presbyterian World Service & Development challenges individuals and congregations to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love with those living in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. In the midst of poverty, injustice and disaster, the Christ light shines. To help create bright futures through the Advent Challenge, visit WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge.

PWS&D is sharing the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ

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.

Stewardship Moment

Generosity is not giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is giving me that which you need more than I do.

- *Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), Lebanese-American artist, poet*

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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