

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



*First Sunday in Advent
December 2, 2018*

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 – All Ages Praise Choir

Chorus "*He came down*" (vv. 1-3)

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

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

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

(Light the candle of hope)

L: People of hope, God desires people to remember the ancient promises and hold fast to the vision of heaven and earth made new.

P: Make us those hopeful people!

L: God longs for people who will not let discouragement be the last word; but who wait for God's Word.

P: Make us those hopeful people!

L: God yearns for people who push back against the dark lie of hopelessness. God's call to hope transforms the world.

P: Make us those hopeful people!

L: Let's pray together...

P: God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, in this season of Advent, we hold fast to your promises and live in hope. Give us courage to resist the world's anxiety. Bring light to our path as we await the bright dawn of your presence. Amen

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Golden Verse: "*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*" (Matthew 5:16)

* Hymn #530 "*I come with joy*" (vv. 1-5)

Communion



The Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The act we remember
Sharing the bread and the cup

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Hymn "*The Lord's Prayer*"

* Hymn #655 "*Give me oil in my lamp*" (vv. 1-4)

(Children go downstairs for Sunday School during the singing of this hymn.)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call. Amen

Anthem "*Advent celebration*"

Mark Patterson

Scriptures

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Matthew 5:13-16
- Psalm 16

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Understanding

In the waiting and in the watching, Lord, we seek your truth. Strengthen our trust in you as we listen to your word, help us to perceive your coming, and live out the good news in the days ahead. Amen

Golden Verse - Matthew 5:16

Sermon "Joy"

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

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Matthew 5:16

* Benediction

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

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Betty Jane Rose
greeters – Bob Tomchick and Tom Norton
Advent liturgy readers – Bonnie Street and Dean Bulloch

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**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 2, 2018**

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 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.

CALVIN CALENDAR

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| Sun. Dec. 2 | - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - All Ages Praise Choir, 9:50 a.m., Sanctuary - Worship Service with Communion, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Hall |
| Tues. Dec. 4 | - Lunch Encounter, 12 p.m., Lounge - Advent Evening, 6:30 p.m., Narthex |
| Wed. Dec. 5 | - Worship Team, 10:30 a.m., Conestoga Lodge - Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge |
| Thurs. Dec. 6 | - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary |
| Sun. Dec. 9 | - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - All Ages Praise Choir, 9:50 a.m., Sanctuary - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Hall - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 12 p.m., Sanctuary |



Christmas Pageant

- >> Sunday December 2: Song rehearsal during Sunday School.
- >> Sunday December 9: Song rehearsal during Sunday School. Rehearsal for everyone, 12-1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- >> Saturday December 15 – 1-3 p.m. Dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary. Pizza will be provided.
- >> Sunday December 16 – Christmas Pageant Day! Meet in the Sunday School room by 9:45 a.m.

Congregational Christmas Luncheon – Join us in Calvin Hall TODAY following the worship service.

Advent Evening – All ages gathering in the Narthex on Tuesday Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a time of devotions, Christmas carols, and a snack. On Dec. 18, bring food to share for a 5:30 p.m. potluck supper.

Calvin Church has been matched with a family to provide holiday gifts. A box has been placed at the back of the church for contributions to the **Adopt A Family project** we accepted a couple of weeks ago. The committee agreed to a family of five so our goal is to raise \$500.00 to purchase Christmas gifts. Please contribute as you are able. For more information, contact Betsy Dickie.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday December 15, 8 a.m. at Knox Waterloo (50 Erb St. W.). Join us for a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Men of all ages are welcome!

The **Ladies Fellowship Group** will meet on December 17 (3rd Monday) in the Narthex at 10 a.m. All ladies welcome. For information or a ride, call Betsy at 519-744-6633. Please have a Christmas story or reading to share.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a set for 2019, please let the office know. Envelopes will be available in December.

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.

Greetings again Calvin,

As we reach the start of Advent, we would like to offer this update on our annual **Calvin Days** funding drive. At slightly over the half-way point of the campaign, through God's grace and the generosity of those who have been able to contribute to-date, we have collected an impressive 67% of our target, or nearly \$12,000. I am sincerely grateful for efforts of those who have brought us to this happy outcome.

Nonetheless, being the optimists that we are, Mission & Stewardship still hopes to inspire the congregation to achieve our full goal (of \$17,500) in this season of giving and generosity. If you haven't yet donated to this worthy effort and are able to contribute something of any size, then please consider doing so; what we gather during Calvin Days is truly the fuel that powers all the good work of this congregation through the year ahead.

Rob Johnston, on behalf of M&S

Note - The total for Calvin Days as of November 25 is \$11,691.

Carizon's Growing Healthy Two-gether Prenatal Nutrition Program will have a holiday luncheon on December 11. As in other years, we ask for your support in gifts for the women and the babies who attend this program. 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. 9.

Christmas Concerts at Calvin Church

- Grand River Voices – Wednesday December 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets - \$25.
- K-W Singers – Friday December 7 and Saturday December 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets - \$10.

Christmas Luncheon Buffets at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre - Come and enjoy a delicious hot buffet and dessert buffet for \$18 per person (HST included) in our historic one room schoolhouse in Puslinch, just south of Guelph. Buffets are served at 12 noon on Tuesday through Friday from December 4-7, and December 11-14. Reservations are required! Please call 1-800-884-1525 to reserve your table. We look forward to seeing you! www.crieffhills.com

Looking for an opportunity to make **Advent season** more meaningful this year? The Presbyterian Church in Canada has provided two excellent resources for you, available for pickup on the wooden table in the Narthex:

1. **Take the Advent Challenge!** During Advent we celebrate the amazing gift God gave – Jesus! This gift changed the world. It is with this same spirit of generosity that we, too, can make a difference for countless others in our global village this Christmas season. Together we can start an Advent revolution. Challenge yourself to do Advent differently. For each week of Advent, read the story on the back of the PWS&D Advent liturgy, complete the weekly challenge, and share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love that enable abundant life—at home and around the world.
2. **Ways to Celebrate Advent at Home** - In Advent, as the days become shorter and more of our time is spent inside, we are given the opportunity to create traditions that help us experience Christ's light and love. Many of these traditions are easy to implement and add to the warmth and excitement of the season.

Gifts of Change Catalogue (copies in Narthex magazine rack) – The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Gifts of Change catalogue supports marginalized communities across Canada and around the world. Not only is giving a gift from our catalogue unique, but you can be sure your gifts will be used to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, natural disasters and conflict. Your options include: The van Mossel Refugee Support Fund (PWREF01); Responding to Emergencies (PWEMRG01); A Classroom for Every Child (PWEDU01); Sowing the Seeds of Food Security (PWAGR01); and many more.

Send a Gift of Hope Card - Make a gift to Gifts of Change in the name of a friend or family member and they will be sent a card acknowledging the donation. When you complete your online donation at presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change., enter their name, address and a brief message in the box. You may also call the PWS&D office at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291 and they will send a card on your behalf. Your loved ones will be honoured to know that they inspired your generosity.

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