

# Welcome to Calvin Presbyterian Church

Come, let us adore Him



*December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve  
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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

Solo "God rest ye merry gentlemen" – Meghan MacIsaac

\* Processional Hymn #159 "O come, all ye faithful" (vv. 1-5)

Welcome and Greetings

Lighting of the Christ Candle (see PWS&D insert) - Dean Bulloch & Grant Scott

Golden Verse: "Emmanuel. God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Prayer

Readings: Isaiah 9:1a,2,6-7, Isaiah 11:1-3 - Bonnie Street

Choir Anthem "A Christmas madrigal"

Linda Spevacek

Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 37-38 - Betsy Dickie

\* Hymn #133 "Go, tell it on the mountain" (vv. 1-3)

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 - Bob Tomchick

\* Hymn #138 "While shepherds watched" (vv. 1-6)

Reading: Luke 2:8-20 - Betty Jane Rose

Choir Anthem "Christmas lullaby"

Chris Eaton & Amy Grant

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 - Rob Johnston

Prayer of Understanding - Bob Kerr

**As we listen to the familiar story of Your coming among us as a child of flesh and blood, open our minds and hearts so that we may hear the wondrous events with new understanding, with wisdom, and with joy. Guide us with Your Holy Spirit Father, and Your word to hear Your wisdom, to see how we might serve You, and to live lives of trust, hope and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Christmas Message "Emmanuel, God is With Us!"

\* Hymn #136 "The first nowell" (vv. 1-6)

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication - Aileen Isaac

**God has blessed us with so much! We offer these gifts and those given through PAR so that others may be blessed as well. Offerings support the ministries of this church to bless our local community and beyond. Amen**

The Light of Christ comes to the people

Hymn #154 "*Silent night*" (vv. 1-3, remain seated)

(Extinguish candles)

Prayer

Golden Verse - Matthew 1:23

\* Benediction

\* Hymn #153 "*Joy to the world*" (vv. 1-4)

Postlude "Noel medley"

Michel Allard

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**The Christmas offering** at tonight's service will be divided among House of Friendship, Presbyterians Sharing, and Calvin Church General Fund.

**Thank you** to Dean Bulloch, Grant Scott, Bonnie Street, Betsy Dickie, Bob Tomchick, Betty Jane Rose, Rob Johnston, Bob Kerr and Aileen Isaac for participating in tonight's service. Thanks also to guest musician – Paul Allard.

**Refreshments** will be shared in the Narthex immediately after worship. Thanks to the Men's Breakfast Group for providing this hospitality.

All are welcome for the **Christmas Day service** at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow.

Please notify the office by phone, 519-744-4061 or email [calvin@calvinchurch.ca](mailto:calvin@calvinchurch.ca) if you learn of any sickness, shut in, new baby or any need within the congregation.

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