

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



December 30 2018
1st Sunday After Christmas

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

Leader: Praise be to God,

People: Creator of time and space!

Leader: Who has set eternity in the human heart.

People: Who gives us today

Leader: in which we can be happy and do good.

People: Today in which we can eat and drink and find satisfaction.

Leader: Today, which is a gift from God.

People: Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

Leader: For everything God does will endure forever.

People: Forever and ever. Amen

Golden Verse: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

(Colossians 3:12)

* Hymn #168 "*See amid the winter's snow*" (vv. 1-3,5)

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

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 #149 "*Away in a manger*" (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time

Special Music "*Noel medley II*"

Michel Allard

Scriptures

- Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #144 "*'Twas in the moon of wintertime*" (vv. 1-4)

Prayer of Understanding

Holy God, from age to age you have blessed your people with wisdom. I am coming seeking learning and insight from your scriptures. Let your Spirit guide and inspire me so I might hear and see you in the words I read and hear this day. Amen

Golden Verse – Colossians 3:12

Sermon – "As God's Child"

* Hymn #147 "*Angels from the realms of glory*" (vv. 1-4)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse – Colossians 3:12

* Hymn #147 "*Angels we have heard on high*" (vv. 1-3)

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: Hymn #145 "*In the bleak mid-winter*" (v. 4)

Postlude

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 30, 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.

Next Sunday: "The Wise Men (2)"

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sunday Dec. 30	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary (no Sunday School)
Thursday Jan. 3	-- PYROS Youth, 5 p.m., Chicopee Tube Park - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Saturday Jan. 5	- Board of Managers Budget Meeting, 10 a.m., Lounge
Sunday Jan. 6	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

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

Holiday Hours –The office will be closed on Tuesday January 1. Regular office hours resume Wednesday Jan. 2. Rev. Frank will be available for pastoral care during this time.

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

Thinking of switching to **PAR** (Pre-authorized remittance)? Want to change the amount of your givings? Contact Margaret Woods in the office.

Donations must be received by the church by Dec. 31 to be part of the 2018 tax year. Anything received on January 1 will be considered part of the 2019 givings. Contact Frank Thompson with any questions.

PYROS Youth - We are planning to go tubing on Thursday, January 3 at the Chicopee Tube Park, 1600 River Road East, Kitchener. Meet at the hill at 5 p.m. We'll tube for 2 hours. Bring \$10 toward cost of hill pass. If weather is warm, we will go to Skyzone instead. Contact Michael michael.turman@calvinchurch.ca to RSVP.

Your report is important for our congregation's **2018 Annual Report!** The deadline for submissions is January 29, 2019. Please email your report to Margaret Woods at margaret@calvinchurch.ca or drop it off at the church office. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 24.

Precaution – Be sure not to leave keys or any other valuables in your pockets when you hang up your coat.

Copies of **Canadian Bible Society 2019 Daily Bible Reading Guide** are available in the Narthex. If the Guide is used every day during 2019, 51 books of the Bible will be utilized and 11 will be read in their entirety.

January 2019 Calvin Prayer Calendar is available in the Narthex.

Volunteers to read scripture and host coffee hour in January-March 2019 are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25, 2019) -The theme for the week of prayer in 2019, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20. The resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in Indonesia. There will be an ecumenical prayer service at St. Francis of Assisi Church (organized by Forest Hill United Church) on Sunday January 20 at 2 p.m. **Taizé Service** - Sunday January 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvin Church. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching. The style of prayer practiced at Taizé has attracted many worshipers from around the globe and from many different denominations. The prayers consist of short chants, repeated again and again. The words are sung over many times.

The Presbyterian Connection is a Canadian Christian newspaper that strives to unite Presbyterians from across the country through stories, reflections, interviews and articles, allowing us to share and develop our faith. It is distributed four times per year, free of charge. The goal of the newspaper is to further equip leaders, connect congregations and missions, facilitate communication and highlight denominational work—strengthening our denominational ties across the country. The winter 2018 issue has arrived! Copies are available in the Narthex. To receive free home delivery, subscribe online at presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection or contact the PCC Communications Office at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 243.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society invites you to their **38th Annual Burns Supper** – Saturday Jan. 19 at St. Jacobs Community Center (29 Parkside Dr., St. Jacobs), 5:30-11:30 p.m. A fine evening's entertainment in true Scottish fashion with traditional Scottish fare and Burns programme. Dancing for everyone. Tickets: \$50 per person before Dec. 31 or \$55 per person in January. Ticket order forms available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Contact Bob Kerr at 519-576-2378 for more information.

Mission Moment: Yemen Crisis Response

Yemen is the worst humanitarian crisis the world currently faces. Conflict has resulted in widespread hunger, with more than eight million people facing famine. Ongoing bombing campaigns and disease outbreaks are devastating the lives of millions as the war continues into its fourth year. Yemen's cholera outbreak is the worst in the world—those facing extreme hunger are even more susceptible to the disease. The World Health Organization reports that roughly 10,000 suspected cases are being reported every week. Access to clean water and sanitation services are essential.

PWS&D will be responding in Yemen with emergency food assistance and water and sanitation programs. Canadian Foodgrains Bank members are responding to provide over 1,000 vulnerable families with emergency food rations. PWS&D is also monitoring developments through the ACT Alliance and hope to support their Yemen response in the coming months. With conflict ongoing, families and communities are lacking the basic essentials for life—food, clean water, health services and so much more. We need your help to save lives. Please donate today. You can make a donation through your church envelope (marked as "Yemen"), by mailing a cheque to PWS&D, donating online or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291.

Statement of Purpose: We at Calvin are loving followers of Jesus Christ whose teachings include love, joy, hope, as well as diversity, inclusiveness, compassion, and service to others.

Our Values at Calvin Church

- Faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and our Guide
- Hope, joy, and fellowship
- Rejoice in service, so we may make the world better through our actions
- Embrace diversity of all people
- Be visible in our community

Vision Statement

By the grace of God:

- With every step we take, we will strive to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members by delivering desirable and valued activities that enhance the spiritual and social wellbeing of our congregation;
- We will strive to bring people closer to Christ by reaching out to our local community, looking to address needs and build fellowship;
- We will strive to remain relevant to our times by embracing change where it is needed, while at the same time cherishing our history and the successes of our past; and
- We will strive to maintain a strong faith community in a turbulent world by ensuring vigorous stewardship of the resources we have been granted through God's providence.

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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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