

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



*Second Sunday in Advent  
December 9, 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)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

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

(Light the candle of peace)

**Leader: People of peace, God desires people who hold fast to the vision of God's Kingdom where peace and justice reign.**

People: Make us those peaceful people!

**Leader: God longs for people who have courage, who examine their own motives fearlessly, who won't abide intimidation or a bully.**

People: Make us those peaceful people!

**Leader: God yearns for people who resist the call to vengeance, the false solution of anger, the easy answer of hate.**

People: Make us those peaceful people!

**Leader: Let's pray together...**

People: God of peace, we hear your call to live in peace with you and with our neighbours. Bring light to our path as we await your peaceable kingdom. Amen

Golden Verse: "Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart." (Hebrews 10:22a)

\* Hymn #122 "*Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel*" (vv. 4-7)

Offering

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Heavenly Father, I humbly come before you with a grateful heart, praising you with all my being, for I know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. I recognize those good things, both large and small, with which you have blessed me. I also recognize our forgetfulness in giving you thanks each and every day. Please take these gifts from my heart and may they serve your glory. 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 #150 "*Jesus, our brother, kind and good*" (vv. 1-6)

Children's Time

Anthem "*Is your heart prepared for a King?*"

Robert Lau

Scriptures

- Psalm 51:1-12
- Hebrews 10:19-23

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Solo "*Gesù bambino*"

Pietro A. Yon

Soloist: Olivia Dodge

\* Hymn #109 "*All earth is waiting*" (vv. 1-3)

Prayer of Understanding

**Holy God, through your scriptures, you revealed your Word to your people. In the fullness of time, you continued your revelation to the world through Jesus Christ. Now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to interpret scripture, so that we might hear your living Word freshly in our time and place. Amen**

Golden Verse - Hebrews 10:22a

Sermon – "Joy"

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

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Hebrews 10:22a

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

\* Benediction

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

Postlude

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Thanks to:  
scripture reader – Frank Thompson  
greeters – Sheena Curwood and Aileen Isaac  
Advent liturgy readers – Jepson family

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

**NOTICES FOR  
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
December 9, 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: "Christmas Star" Pageant

**CALVIN CALENDAR**

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| Sun. Dec. 9    | - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge<br>- All Ages Praise Choir, 9:50 a.m., Sanctuary<br>- Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary<br>- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 12 p.m., Sanctuary |
| Tues. Dec. 11  | - Advent Evening, 6:30 p.m., Narthex  |
| Thurs. Dec. 13 | - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary  |
| Sat. Dec. 15   | - Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., Knox Waterloo<br>- Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal, 1 p.m., Sanctuary  |
| Sun. Dec. 16   | - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge<br>- Worship Service with Christmas Pageant, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary  |

**The poinsettia** at the front of the church today is placed by Sheena Curwood in loving memory of her parents, John and Flo McCammont, and baby great-nephew Alexander.



**Christmas Pageant**

- >> 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.

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

**Join the choir for a rehearsal** or two on Thurs. Dec. 13 or 20 at 7:30 p.m. to learn two pieces for the Christmas Eve service.

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**. 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!

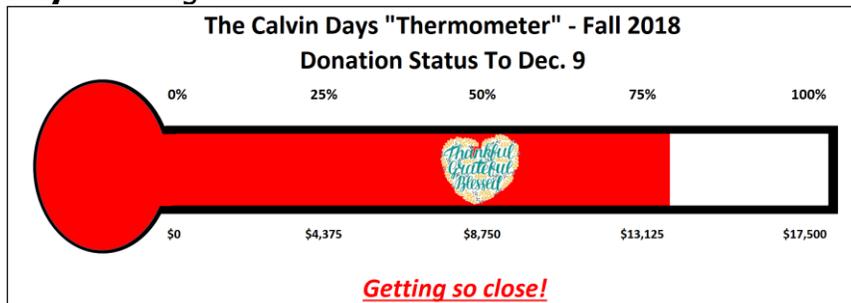
The **Ladies Fellowship Group** will meet on December 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) in the Narthex at 10 a.m. All ladies welcome. For information or a ride, call Betsy at 519-744-6633. Please have a Christmas story or reading to share.

**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](mailto:frank.thompson@calvinchurch.ca).

Greetings again Calvin,

As we reach the Advent season, we would like to offer this update on our annual **Calvin Days** funding drive.



I am sincerely grateful for the efforts of those who have brought us this far. 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

**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 today.

**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 11-14. Reservations are required! Please call 1-800-884-1525 to reserve your table. We look forward to seeing you!  
[www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

### **Menno Singers**

>> **Christmas Concert "Incarnation"** - Sacred music, readings and audience carols celebrating the birth of Christ. Sunday, December 9, 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (54 Benton St., Kitchener). Tickets are \$20 per adult, \$5 per child/student. They can be purchased from choristers, at the door, and online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com).

>> **Messiah Sing-a-Long** with orchestra and university music student soloists, Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m. 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 available for donations over \$20.

**Longest Night Service** – If you're grieving, lonely, or sad for any reason as the Christmas season approaches, please consider attending one of these ecumenical services. Both are being held on Friday December 21 at 7 p.m.

>> Knox Presbyterian Church (50 Erb St. W., Waterloo) – a service of reflection with speaker Ken Seiling

>> St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener) – an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer

The Kitchener-Waterloo Branch of the RSCDS invites you to their **38<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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