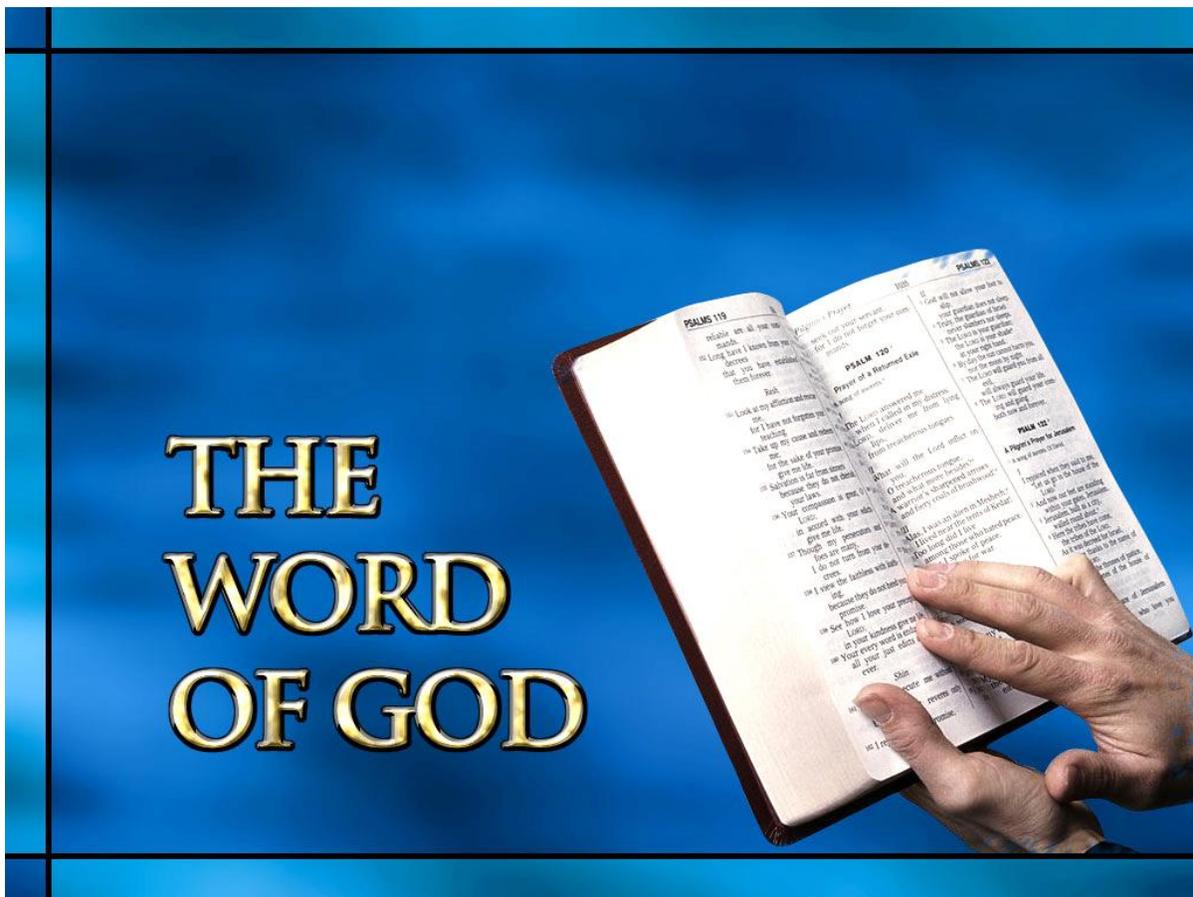


Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church
"Renew, Rebuild & Reach Out"



February 17, 2019

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

Chorus "*Shout to the Lord*" (2 times)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

* Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who follow God's ways.

People: God's laws are just and merciful.

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are nourished in faith.

People: In all that they do, they grow.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

Golden Verse: "*Hold on to what you have until I come.*"

- Revelation 2: 25

* Hymn #459 "*O servants of God*" (vv. 1-4)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, when we look at what you have done for us in Jesus Christ, our offerings seem so small. We wonder what difference we are making. We humbly offer these gifts today. May they be used to spread the good news of your love the gospel story that we want told throughout the world today, and for generations to come. Amen

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Traditional Version)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn "*Lord, I lift your name on high*" (2 times)

Children's Time

Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- Revelation 2:18-29

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #481 "*Blest be the tie that binds*" (vv. 1-5)

Prayer of Understanding

By word and with your Spirit's guidance, may our minds be opened to understanding, our hearts taught to love, and our wills strengthened to carry out your mission. Amen

Golden Verse - Revelation 2:25

Sermon "Letter to Thyatira"

* Hymn #475 "*I am the church! You are the church!*" (vv. 1-5)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Revelation 2:25

* Hymn #499 "*Tell me the old, old story*" (vv. 1-4)

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: "*May the Lord, mighty Lord*"

Postlude

Thanks to:
guest musician – Ann Park
scripture reader – Dave McLelland
greeters – Kevin Kingsley and Betsy Dickie
coffee hour hosts – Ena and Joachim Wuest

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 17, 2019**

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

Rev. Dr. 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: "Letter to Ephesus"

CALVIN CALENDAR

Sunday Feb. 17	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday Feb. 19	- ALPHA Program, 12 p.m., Lounge
Wednesday Feb. 20	- Pastoral Care Mtg., 10 a.m., Aileen's - Calvin Stammers, 7 p.m., Counting Rm. - Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge - Board of Managers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Classroom 2
Friday Feb. 22	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sunday Feb. 24	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Congregational Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. & Annual Meeting - 12 p.m.

2018 Annual Report will be available to pick up in the Narthex following the service today. Thanks to Marlene Thompson and Michael Turman for proofreading, and Frank Thompson for binding the reports!

On Sunday February 24, **light lunch** will be provided by Board of Managers and Session at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Hall. **Annual Meeting** will follow at 12 p.m.

ALPHA Program – 12-1:30 p.m. in the Lounge, Tuesdays January 15-April 16. This course allows you the opportunity to draw closer to God and to strengthen your faith. You are invited to bring your lunch. There is a second ALPHA Program offered at 1061 Queens Blvd., Kitchener, in the meeting room, 2:30-4 p.m. on the same dates. Rev. Frank will be running both programs.

2019 February Potato Blitz for House of Friendship – The goal in this community-wide campaign is to raise the equivalent of 300,000 pounds of potatoes in cash and potatoes, helping to feed hungry families and individuals throughout Kitchener and Waterloo.

- Participate in the Potato Drive - bring your bags of potatoes in to Calvin Church during the month of February.
- Make a donation in your church envelope marked "House of Friendship".

Bus Tours – As a follow up to a recent Ladies Fellowship meeting, some of us are going to a free (with refreshments!) travel presentation put on by Great Canadian Bus Tours. It is on Tuesday Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at 353 Manitou Drive, Kitchener (rescheduled from Feb. 12). They will be highlighting their 2019 trips. This is an opportunity to learn what they may be able to offer a group from Calvin for future day trips. If interested in attending, please speak to Wendy Hart (226-868-0329) and she will reserve a spot for you.

A few good men and women needed: The Board of Managers is currently looking for new members to sit on the Board of Managers. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Board of Managers manages the finances of the church as well as the property (maintenance & repairs). We also look after the rentals of the church. If you are interested in joining our group or have any questions, please feel free to speak to Phil von Farra, chairperson, at church or see contact information on the back of the bulletin.

Calvin Stampers will meet on Wednesday February 20, 7-9 p.m. in the Counting Room. You'll make 6 cards and donate 3 to the church Pastoral Care Committee. The group is for people of all ages and levels of ability, even if you've never stamped before. New members welcome! There is no cost but please RSVP to Margaret Woods at margaretwoods777@rogers.com by Monday February 18.

Help for Our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Cuba - February 25-March 4, 2019, a group from Calvin will be going to Cuba. During this time, they will visit our partner congregation in Moron once during the week and worship with them on Sunday. There will be a blue collection bucket at the back of the sanctuary where any gift for the Cuban church can be dropped (cheques can be made out to Nosoon Park). Please note that for this initiative no tax receipts are possible as we are donating unofficially to an organization the Canadian government has not recognized as a charity.

Waterloo Regional Police Chorus – Saturday Feb. 23, 7 p.m. at Forest Hill United Church (121 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener). Tickets \$20.

Taizé Service - A warm welcome to join us in community prayer for peace and reconciliation among Christians on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by St. Stephen Lutheran Church (248 Highland Road East, Kitchener).

Manna Day - The Rev. Daniel Cho will speak on "Encountering Henri" at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre on Thursday, February 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our moderator, who knew Henri Nouwen as a personal mentor, will share the profound impact of Nouwen's spirituality, authenticity and friendship on his life. Please register by Feb. 20 by calling 1-800-884-1525 or email info@crieffhills.com. Cost is \$25 and includes a hot lunch.

World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer. The theme of the 2019 writer country, Slovenia, is 'Come - Everything is Ready!' (Luke 14:15-24) Services will be held on March 1 at 2 p.m. in Kitchener at: St. Francis of Assisi Church (49 Blueridge Ave.); Kitchener East Presbyterian Church (10 Zeller Dr.); and St. Paul's Lutheran Church (544 Bridgeport Rd.). There will also be a service at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church (23 Water St. N.) on Saturday March 2 at 11 a.m. [please park on street or behind the School of Social Work (formerly St. Jerome's). Do not park at Shoppers Drug Mart or St Louis Learning Centre, as they will ticket you.] All are welcome.

You are invited to the Knox Waterloo Inclusion Initiatives (in partnership with Generous Space Ministries) screening of **Belonging in the Body: Transgender Journeys of Faith** on March 3 at 2:30 p.m. The one hour film follows the lives of several transgender Christians through their experiences of church, scripture and faith. Panel discussion and reception to follow. There is no charge for this event but there will be the opportunity to donate to a freewill offering to help support the ongoing work of Generous Space Ministries. Please RSVP to charlene.janes@knoxwaterloo.ca.

Mission Moment - World Day of Social Justice (Feb. 20)

Ayishetu Abu had not seen her family in eight years. She was living at the Gambaga Outcast Home in Ghana—a shelter for women facing accusations of witchcraft. In many Ghanaian communities, there is a tendency to suspect witchcraft as the cause of crop failure, the death of a child or any other unexplained event. In addition to improving living conditions at the shelter, Presbyterian World Service & Development works to foster social acceptance among these communities and educate village leaders about human rights, mental illness, disabilities and other health issues often mistakenly attributed to witchcraft. To ensure more women like Ayishetu can embrace opportunities that are the right of every person, PWS&D will continue working for justice and peace.

PWS&D promotes peace and tolerance

Stewardship Moment

The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.

- James L. Kraft (1874-1953), entrepreneur, inventor

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.

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