

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



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment.”

Matthew 22:37-38 (NRSV)

February 24, 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

Hymn #225 "A new commandment"

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

* Call to Worship

Leader: Do not worry or become envious,

People: For all wickedness will fade away and wither like the grass.

Leader: Trust in the Lord and you will be blessed.

People: Take delight in the Lord and God will grant you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your ways to the Lord and God will act.

People: Come, let us worship God, our refuge in times of trouble.

Golden Verse: *"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place."*

- Revelation 2:4-5

* Hymn #410 "Joyful, joyful, we adore you" (vv. 1-4)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

In deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of what we have been given. Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your reign in this world. 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 #376 "Lord, the light of your love is shining" (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time

Scriptures

- Matthew 22:37-38
- John 21:15-17
- Revelation 2:1-7

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #371 "*Love divine, all loves excelling*" (vv. 1-4)

Prayer of Understanding

Source of all wisdom, insight and understanding, as we read Scripture today, help us to focus on you, show us your will and attune our ears to hear your word. In the name of Jesus, our teacher and saviour, we pray.

Amen

Golden Verse - Revelation 2:4-5

Sermon "Letter to Ephesus"

* Hymn #209 "*O Love that wilt not let me go*" (vv. 1-4)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Revelation 2:4-5

* Benediction

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

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Aartje DeVries
greeters – Phil von Farra and Dean Bulloch

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 24, 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: Guest minister – Rev. Dr. Roland J. De Vries

CALVIN CALENDAR

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.
Tuesday Feb. 26	- ALPHA Program, 12 p.m., Lounge
Wednesday Feb. 27	- Calvin Stammers, 7 p.m., Lounge
Friday Mar. 1	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sunday Mar. 3	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Following the service today, **light lunch** will be provided by Board of Managers and Session at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Hall. **Annual Meeting** will start at 12 p.m.

Help for Our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Cuba - February 25 - March 4, 2019, a group from Calvin (Rev. Frank Szatmari, Rev. Bob Duncanson, Dean Bulloch, Ilona Kot, Nosoon Park, and Grant Scott) 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.

Pastoral Care – While Rev. Frank is in Cuba, Rev. Darrell Clarke (minister at Doon Presbyterian) will be available for pastoral care concerns. Contact him at 647-218-7573.

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".

Spring CLARION - Deadline for the next CLARION Newsletter is Sunday March 24. Please send all articles to clarion@calvinchurch.ca.

Calvin Seniors - You are invited to come out to another Seniors Event, sponsored by the Pastoral Care committee, on Friday, March 22, from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of Spring. Hope to see you there.

Social Butterflies! Please check upcoming events posted on the bulletin board inside the entrance door. Great Monday lunch deal!! Everyone welcome!! See Wendy Hart for further details (226-868-0329).

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.

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 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.

Submit Children's Artwork for Consideration in the 2020 Presbyterian Church in Canada Wall Calendar! Help celebrate the creativity and talent of PCC kids! We're looking for high-resolution photos/scans of children's drawings and paintings of your church, church events, worship, etc. New Deadline: March 22, 2019. Original artwork may be mailed to: Communications Office, 50 Wynford Dr, Toronto, ON M3C 1J7 or upload your photo at <https://form.jotform.com/81644816201957>. For more information, contact the PCC Communications Office at 1-800-619-7301 or communications@presbyterian.ca.

The DaCapo Chamber Choir presents "Following the Moonroad". March 9, 8 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, in Kitchener and Sunday March 10, 3 p.m. at Trillium Lutheran (formerly St. John's Lutheran), 22 Willow St., Waterloo. Tickets - at the choir's web site (www.dacapochamberchoir.ca) or at the door: Adults \$25 / Seniors (65+) \$20 / Post Secondary Students \$15 / Youth & Children (18 & under) \$5.

Mission Moment: A ministry of care and companionship

Jesus showed care and compassion to those living on the margins of society, teaching us how to be a neighbour to everyone in need. In the same way, Boarding Homes Ministry strives to build community in the Greater Toronto area. Volunteers practice inclusion by visiting and sharing meals with people living in low-income housing, who are often isolated due to the stigmas of mental illness, addictions and poverty. The ministry also provides educational workshops for faith communities on how to be more welcoming and supportive to people who have experienced mental illness and trauma.

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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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