

Welcome to Calvin Presbyterian Church



The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

- Psalm 119:130 (NRSV)

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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

* Chorus: "*Hallelujah! We sing Your praises*" (vv. 1,3,4)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

* Call to Worship

Leader: The God who said, "Let light shine in the darkness!"

People: shines light into our lives.

Leader: We see the glory of God in the face of Christ.

People: The light of Christ is with us. Let us worship God.

Golden Verse: "*But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to Me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart.*" Ezekiel 3:7

* Hymn #407 "*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*" (vv. 1-5)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Lord Jesus Christ, You were rich, yet for our sake You became poor, so that through Your poverty we might become rich. Accept this collection and offering as a token of our gratitude for all You have done. 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 #377 "*Come, children, join to sing*" (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "*Use your gifts*"

L.S. Bailey & B.S. Mayo

Scriptures

- Ezekiel 3: 4-11
- Luke 7:31-35

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #484 *"The church is wherever God's people"* (vv. 1-2)

Prayer of Understanding

Help me, O God; guide me; strengthen me; open my understanding of Your mind, will, and way. In return, I promise to serve You more faithfully and effectively. Amen

Golden Verse - Ezekiel 3:7

Sermon "The Refused Message"

* Hymn #746 *"What a friend we have in Jesus"* (vv. 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse – Ezekiel 3:7

* Hymn #461 *"Be thou my vision"* (vv. 1-4)

* Benediction

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

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Grant Scott
greeters - Marlene Thompson and Betty Jane Rose
coffee hosts - Kim Moore, Rob and Audrey Johnston

NOTICES FOR CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH February 11, 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 is willing to visit with those who need pastoral support. Please call Rev. Frank for appointment request at 226-647-4705.

Next Week: "God protects!"

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sun. Feb. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Jr. Choir Practice, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Gospel Sing, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Tues. Feb. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encounter, 12 p.m., Lounge - Seniors Event, 1:30 p.m., Hall
Wed. Feb. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall - Board of Managers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Classroom 2
Thurs. Feb. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Feb. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sat. Feb. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., Knox Waterloo
Sun. Feb. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Jr. Choir Practice, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Gospel Hymn Sing – TODAY at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Old-time gospel songs will be featured.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS - The Pastoral Care Committee is inviting you to come out to Calvin Hall on Tuesday, February 13 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship and snacks. Hope to see you there!

2017 Annual Report will be available to pick up in the Narthex following the service today. Thanks to Marlene Thompson and Marilyn McCuaig for proofreading, and Frank Thompson for binding the reports!

Annual Meeting is Sunday February 25 after the worship service. Light lunch will be provided by Board of Managers and Session.

Jr. Choir Rehearsal for 8-13 year old boys and girls following the service this morning. Sessions run approx. 30 minutes.

Encounter Bible Study is on Tuesdays. There will only be a Noon Hour session this time. Bring your lunch for 12 p.m. and join in the discussion on 1 Corinthians 13.

2018 February Potato Blitz for House of Friendship

- 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".

Men's Breakfast – Saturday February 17, 8 a.m. at Knox Waterloo. Come for food and fellowship.

Blood Donor Clinic – Monday Feb. 19, 2:30-7:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Help save a life!

Calvin Stampers will meet on Wednesday February 21, 7-9 p.m. in the Lounge. 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 19.

Calvin Christian Jam for any singers and instrumentalists interested in performing more contemporary praise music. Please speak to Michel Allard after the service for more details.

2018 World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday March 2 at Calvin Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. Refreshments follow the service. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Suriname, with the theme, "All God's Creation is Very Good".

Help for Our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Cuba

An update on Nosoon Park's fundraiser for the evangelical, gospel church in Moron, Cuba: You may recall that Nosoon has taken up the challenge of bringing their plight to our attention, with the hope that we can help them. For the last 3 weeks, Nosoon has been raising money from our congregation to assist this church in a one-time effort to help them build a second washroom in their building. The generous contributions from Calvin in the last three weeks have raised a heart-warming \$2,675.80 for this work, for which we are all grateful to our wonderful congregation and all the others who have contributed, too. We will keep the collection open until after the Sunday service on Feb. 18, for any who would still like to donate money. 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). Nosoon would also like to bring to our attention that he will deliver to them any donations that we can gather of gently-used

summer clothing and/or school supplies for the people there, for which there is also great need. Please see Nosoon if you are able to help here. God bless Calvin, and its generous friends, for so heartily supporting this initiative.

Grocery Card Program – Calvin Church earns 5% on the Sobeys and Zehrs grocery cards that are sold. Sobeys cards can also be used at FreshCo while Zehrs cards are also good at The Superstore and No-Frills. Grocery cards are available to purchase after services.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed - Do you enjoy coffee and cookies after church? If so, please thank Myrna McNeill for her faithful service preparing hot drinks, setting out snacks, and cleaning up every week. We are looking for others to share this responsibility and training will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex.

The next **Manna Day at Crieff Hills** will be held on Thursday February 15 with Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie. We will learn more about the fascinating world of the beehive, and will draw on the beauty of the St. John's Bible as we hear the messages God has for us in the natural world. Several volumes of the St. John's Bible will be available for viewing throughout the day to enjoy the incredible art work. For more information about the calligraphy and illustrations of the St. John's Bible, check out this website www.saintjohnsbible.org The cost for the day is \$25 and may be paid at the door, but registration is necessary. Please let us know of any dietary requirements at the time of registration. To register, please call the Crieff office at 519-824-7898 or 1-800-884-1525.

<p>Lost and Found - Have you left anything in the church? Please check the table in the Narthex for items that may belong to you. Any items still unclaimed after Sunday February 25 will be donated to charity.</p>

Celebrate the Year of the Dog – You are invited to join Cold Mountain Internal Arts) on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Open Workshops starting 9:30 a.m., Lion dance by Jing-Mo Kung Fu at 3:15 p.m., Tai Chi performances and demo's starting at 3:30. Pot-luck after (so bring food!). For more information: stevehiggins@rogers.com

Join the Renaissance Singers for their annual "fun-raiser" **Coffeehouse** - Saturday, February 17, 7 p.m. at The Church of St. John the Evangelist, (23 Water St. N., Kitchener). Silent auction, trivia, raffle prizes and the best music from Canadian singers & songwriters. Multiple generations participate, featuring a collaborative composition by the choir, singer-songwriter James Gordon, and local high school students! \$25 general admission – available online or at the door renaissancesingers.ca

Celebrate the **Bring on the Sunshine African Festival** hosted by members of the African community on Family Day, February 19 from 12-5 p.m. at the Rotunda, Kitchener City Hall. Using dance, music, arts and creative expression, hands on workshops for kids, youth and adults, Bring on the Sunshine brings local artists, performers, and curators to

share their talents with the community - this year with a special focus on refugees from all parts of the world. For more information, call 519-591-7481 or visit www.bringonthesunshine.ca.

Mission Moment: A miracle of abundance

Like those who witnessed Jesus feeding the five thousand, members of the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry have experienced a miracle of abundance. The four separate congregations were each struggling in their own way until they came together to grow as one. Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, these partners in ministry are now sharing their gifts in ways that enhance, inspire, and build their communities. One of the congregations with established gifts in youth ministry recently sent a youth team to another ministry in the region to help them run a Vacation Bible School. What started out as a kind gesture ended up inspiring new leadership and sparking a whole new children's ministry where there was none before. This is just one example of how these congregations, through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, are growing together to share God's love.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the love of God

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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