

Welcome to  
Calvin Presbyterian Church



*January 21, 2018*  
*Calvin Presbyterian Church*  
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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: *"Praise, praise, praise the Lord!"*

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

\* Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come!

**People: The time is now!**

Leader: The reign of God has drawn near.

**People: The kingdom of heaven is here.**

Leader: Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.

**People: Let us hear and follow Christ who calls us to follow.**

Golden Verse: *"Repent, and believe in the good news."*

Mark 1:15b

\* Hymn #753 *"You walk along our shoreline"* (vv. 1-3)

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. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Choir Anthem *"May the light of God be with you"*

Don Besig

\* Hymn #455 *"Day by day"* (sing twice)

Children's Time

Scriptures

- Psalm 62
- Mark 1:14-20

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

\* Hymn #368 *"Let Christian faith and hope dispel"* (vv. 1-4)

Prayer of Understanding

**Gracious God, thank you for being here. Lift me, please, to higher levels of faith and understanding. I humbly pray that You will change me as I am listening to Your words, until my spirits shall be more like Yours. Amen**

Golden Verse - Mark 1:15b

Sermon "Listen, Believe, Act, Follow, Grow"

\* Hymn #634 *"Will you come and follow me"* (vv. 1-5)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Mark 1:15b

\* Hymn #778 *"Lord, you give the great commission"* (vv. 1-2,5)

\* Benediction

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

Postlude

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Thanks to:  
guest minister – Ruthann Fisher  
scripture reader – Kim Moore  
greeters –Marion Reid and Aileen Isaac

# NOTICES FOR CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH January 21, 2018

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

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's Protection

<b>CALVIN CALENDAR</b>	
Sun. Jan. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge</li> <li>- Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary</li> <li>- Jr. Choir Practice, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary</li> <li>- Ecumenical Worship Service, 2 p.m., St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church</li> </ul>
Tues. Jan. 23	- <b>Annual Report Deadline</b>
Wed. Jan. 24	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall
Thurs. Jan. 25	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Jan. 26	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Jan. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge</li> <li>- Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary</li> <li>- Budget Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary</li> <li>- Jr. Choir Practice, after Budget Meeting, Sanctuary</li> <li>- Taizé Ecumenical Worship Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary</li> </ul>

**Welcome to Ruthann Fisher**, guest minister today. She is single, lives with her 94 year old mother and her sister who has vision issues. Ruthann has worked for the last 27 years at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She was the Administrative Assistant for 11 years and also worked part-time during this time as youth minister for the parish. She became the Pastoral Minister for the parish 16 years ago, after completing a program of pastoral studies through Loyola University New Orleans which was taught in Waterloo at the Resurrection Centre. Ruthann has been involved as part of the executive of the Diocese of Hamilton's Diocesan Parish Minister Association from 2011 – 2015, completing her role as chair of the executive in 2015. She was the chair of the Waterloo Region World Youth Day Committee from 2000 to 2002 when Pope John Paul II came to Toronto. The week before his arrival, youth from around the world arrived in the region for the World Youth Day activities here. She has also been a Catholic School Board Trustee from 2001-2003. She was on the committee for the first Canadian Catholic Youth Conference held in

Hamilton in 2005. She has given retreats and talks to various parish communities in the region. Ruthann enjoys reading, gardening and travel in her spare time. Her favourite saying is "*Lord, whatever you want me to do, I will do.*"

**Jr. Choir** for 8-13 year old boys and girls begins today after church. Sessions would run approx. 30 minutes.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service** – TODAY, 2 p.m., at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church (321 Fischer Hallman Road, Kitchener). Freewill offering will support Breakfast for Learning at Forest Hill Public School. The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes from the Caribbean region: "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6).

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

**Annual Report 2017** – This year we're going to be trying something different. The **deadline for submissions** has been pushed up a week to January 23, 2018 and the final report will be emailed plus print copies available to pick up on Sunday Feb. 11. This will give additional time to read, reflect, and ask questions about the content of the report before the Annual Meeting on Sunday Feb. 25. Please drop off your report at the church office or email it to Margaret Woods at [margaret@calvinchurch.ca](mailto:margaret@calvinchurch.ca).

**Congregational Budget Meeting** will be immediately after the worship service on Sunday January 28.

**Taizé Ecumenical Worship Service** - Sunday Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., at Calvin Presbyterian Church. As a non-traditional form of spirituality, Taizé ecumenical worship is particularly popular with busy people. Music is its foundation. At the heart of this prayer service are scripture readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Prayer then leads us to renew our trust in God. When we live with hearts that trust, life becomes meaningful for those around us. Please join us for this special service.

**Encounter Bible Study** starts again on Tuesday January 30. There will only be a Noon Hour session this time. Bring your lunch for 12 p.m. and join in the discussion.

**Gospel Hymn Sing** – Sunday February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Old-time gospel songs will be featured.

**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.

Attention Youth: **The PYPS Winter Weekend** is coming up on February 9-11. This retreat is open to people from the ages of 14 - 25. This weekend is sure to be a ton of fun. Our theme speaker is Rev. Matt Lingard who will be speaking on the topic of "What it means to be a Christian today." This is a great way to deepen our Christian faith and get to know other Christians in the SWO PYPS. Cost: Register for \$70.00. The church will subsidize one half the registration cost for any youth to attend. Please speak to Michael Turman at michael.turman@calvinchurch.ca if you are interested. Registration is open at [www.swopyps.ca](http://www.swopyps.ca)

**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!

**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.

**City Watch** (Churches Serving Our Community) - Wednesday, January 24, 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Hazelglen Alliance Church (45 Hazelglen Dr, Kitchener). Key Presentation: "The Church Has Left the Building". Presenter: Beth Fellingner - lead pastor of Destination Church, St. Thomas, ON. Beth stresses the ideas of coming to bless your community, go in to serve, add value to what will help your city. Lunch is provided and we ask each one to contribute \$5 toward the cost of the meal. Please RSVP (phone: 519-744-6670 or email: office@hazelglen.ca) to confirm your attendance a few days before the event in order to help us plan for the food.

**Increase Conference** was born out of a desire to see the young adults in our area rise up to passionately pursue Christ and prepare to lead His church. Join us at Hespeler Baptist Church (76 Adam St, Cambridge) for this year's conference "GROWING IN CHRIST" featuring speaker Allan Self. Saturday January 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$32.74 (lunch is included). Register at [hespelerbaptist.ca](http://hespelerbaptist.ca)

Spiritus Ensemble presents **Bach Vespers for the Feast of the Presentation**. Sunday, January 28, 4:00 p.m., The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kitchener. Admission free; donations requested.

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](http://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.

### **Stewardship Moment**

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* ~

2 Corinthians 9:8

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### **Help for Our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Cuba**



Nosoon Park and his family have been attending Calvin Presbyterian Church for over 30 years. Nosoon has annually taken his holidays in the winter months and travels to Cuba. It can be said that the trip is to escape the weather, but Nosoon has connected with an evangelical gospel church in Moron, Cuba, near Cayo Coco. During his 'vacation' Nosoon has worked over the years on reconstruction projects at the church. Nosoon selflessly makes his own contributions to this Christian charitable work. This past year, without notice or fanfare, it was learned that Nosoon was again going to Moron. With very little time before his last departure, members of Calvin, encouraged by Rob and Marilyn McCuaig, donated nearly \$500 for Nosoon's personal mission trip.

Nosoon, at his own expense, stays in a hotel in Cayo Coco. The Reverend Everto and Tania sent an email to Reverend Frank Szatmari thanking Calvin for the monetary donation brought by Nosoon that was used to help the congregation that was affected by the cyclone. Reverend Everto would now like to establish contact with Calvin as he feels that his church has been blessed by God. He felt that Nosoon Park was sent for a reason.

Following Reverend Frank's 3 recent sermons on angels, it can be seen that our actions are important as we live in this world. Nosoon is seen as an angel for the people of this church in Moron.

Nosoon would like to help build another washroom in their little church or possibly add a cross to the outside of the church. The church has a regular attendance of approximately 70 people. It is difficult to live in Cuba and to also be able to support the church. It is very difficult for a family to survive in Cuba; a lot of them have very low income. One worker makes about \$15-20 USD a month; a bar of soap is \$1.00, a toothbrush is \$0.75, toothpaste is \$2.00, and one t-shirt is about \$5-6 USD..... so the cost of living is very difficult. (Are we ever blessed!!)

The Church in Moron is asking for help from Calvin to build a new washroom that Nosoon estimates will cost about \$1200 - \$1500 (Cdn). It is asked that Calvin Church give prayerful consideration to this request and that we support Nosoon with his very important mission work.

If you are able to help Nosoon, please make an extra donation (cash or cheque made out to Nosoon Park) and place it into the blue bucket at the back of the sanctuary. Nosoon is planning another trip to Cuba in the 3rd week of February; therefore, please make your donations no later than Sunday, February 18, 2018. Thank you for your help and support for Nosoon and his work in Cuba.

<p>Donating to the Moron Church Project does not comply with the Canadian government's charitable givings rules. As a result, you will not be issued a tax receipt for this money and these donations are being kept separate from your donations to Calvin Church. Please do not place your donations for this into the offering plate.</p>
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Please notify the office by phone, 519-744-4061 or email [calvin@calvinchurch.ca](mailto: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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