

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



"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." (Matthew 2:2)

*Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 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 "*Noel medley III*"

Michel Allard

Chorus "*Heaven is singing for joy*" (vv. 1-3)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

* Call to Worship
Apostle's Creed

Golden Verse: "*And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*" ~ Matthew 2:12

* Hymn #173 "*We three kings*" (vv. 1-5)

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

Hymn "*The Lord's Prayer*"

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn #466 "*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet*" (vv. 1-2)

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "*Were you there on that Christmas night?*"

Natalie Sleeth

Scriptures

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #172 "*As with gladness men of old*" (vv. 1-5)

Prayer of Understanding

O God, your Word was with you in the beginning, and through your Word all things came into being. In time you sent your Word to take on human flesh and live among us. Now, as we turn to your written word, with the

guidance of your Holy Spirit help us to see your light and to testify to it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Golden Verse - Matthew 2:12

Sermon "The Wise Men (2)"

* Hymn #148 *"It came upon the midnight clear"* (vv. 1-5)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Matthew 2:12

* Hymn #153 *"Joy to the world"* (vv. 1-4)

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: #145 *"In the bleak mid-winter"* (v.4)

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Elaine Bower
greeters – Rob Johnston & Mary Hetherington

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

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**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
January 6, 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.

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: "The Church of Christ (1)"

CALVIN CALENDAR

Sunday Jan. 6	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday Jan. 8	- Worship Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lounge
Wednesday Jan. 9	- Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge - Christian Education Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Van Mossel Room - Board of Managers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Classroom 2
Thursday Jan. 10	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Saturday Jan. 12	- Session Workshop, 9 a.m., Lounge
Sunday Jan. 13	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - All Ages Praise Choir, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

All Ages Praise Choir will resume meeting on Sunday January 13 at 9:45 a.m.

ALPHA Program – 12-2 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 will be 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 OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a set for 2019, please let the office know.

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

Your report is important for our congregation's **2018 Annual Report!** The deadline for submissions is January 29, 2019. Please email your report to Margaret Woods at margaret@calvinchurch.ca or drop it off at the church office. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday February 24.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday January 19, 8 a.m., at Calvin Church. Rev. Mark Gedcke will be the guest speaker. All men are welcome to join in a time of food and fellowship.

Calvin Stampers will meet on Wednesday January 23, 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 January 21.

Precaution – Be sure not to leave keys or any other valuables in your pockets when you hang up your coat.

Copies of **Canadian Bible Society 2019 Daily Bible Reading Guide** are available in the Narthex. If the Guide is used every day during 2019, 51 books of the Bible will be utilized and 11 will be read in their entirety.

January 2019 Calvin Prayer Calendar is available in the Narthex.

Volunteers to read scripture and host coffee hour in January-March 2019 are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25, 2019) -The theme for the week of prayer in 2019, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20. The resources for the week have been prepared by members of different churches in Indonesia. There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Francis of Assisi Church (organized by Forest Hill United Church) on Sunday January 20 at 2 p.m.

Taizé Service - Sunday January 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvin Church. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching. The style of prayer practiced at Taizé has attracted many worshipers from around the globe and from many different denominations. The prayers consist of short chants, repeated again and again. The words are sung over many times.

Stewards of Our Future: Protecting What We Love - Join Dianne Saxe, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario - our provincial "environmental watchdog" - and local faith and environmental leaders for a conversation about climate change and how each of us can play a role in safeguarding the Earth that has been entrusted to our care. The Rotunda, Kitchener City Hall, 7 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 15. Please register on Eventbrite

- search for Stewards of Our Future (admission is free). Divest Waterloo is partnering with Faith & the Common Good, The Centre for Public Ethics - Martin Luther University College, and Grand River Environmental Network (GREN) to host this talk and panel discussion about the climate crisis and caring for creation.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society invites you to their **38th 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: \$55 per person. Ticket order forms available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Contact Bob Kerr at 519-576-2378 for more information.

Mission Moment: Every Gift Matters

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing reflect the joint efforts and witness of Presbyterians across Canada who live out the gospel message in all aspects of life. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities and supporting congregations – and so much more! Dr. Nick Bauman, who spent the past 2 years serving as PCC mission staff in Nepal, shares, "Our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and we are entrusted by God to be stewards of these gifts." Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are making a difference, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Every gift matters! *Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference.*

Our Values at Calvin Church

- Faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and our Guide
- Hope, joy, and fellowship
- Rejoice in service, so we may make the world better through our actions
- Embrace diversity of all people
- Be visible in our community

Vision Statement

By the grace of God:

- With every step we take, we will strive to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members by delivering desirable and valued activities that enhance the spiritual and social wellbeing of our congregation;
- We will strive to bring people closer to Christ by reaching out to our local community, looking to address needs and build fellowship;
- We will strive to remain relevant to our times by embracing change where it is needed, while at the same time cherishing our history and the successes of our past; and
- We will strive to maintain a strong faith community in a turbulent world by ensuring vigorous stewardship of the resources we have been granted through God's providence.

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.

Stewardship Moment – “What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

- Pericles (424BC-429BC), orator, statesman, general of Athens

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