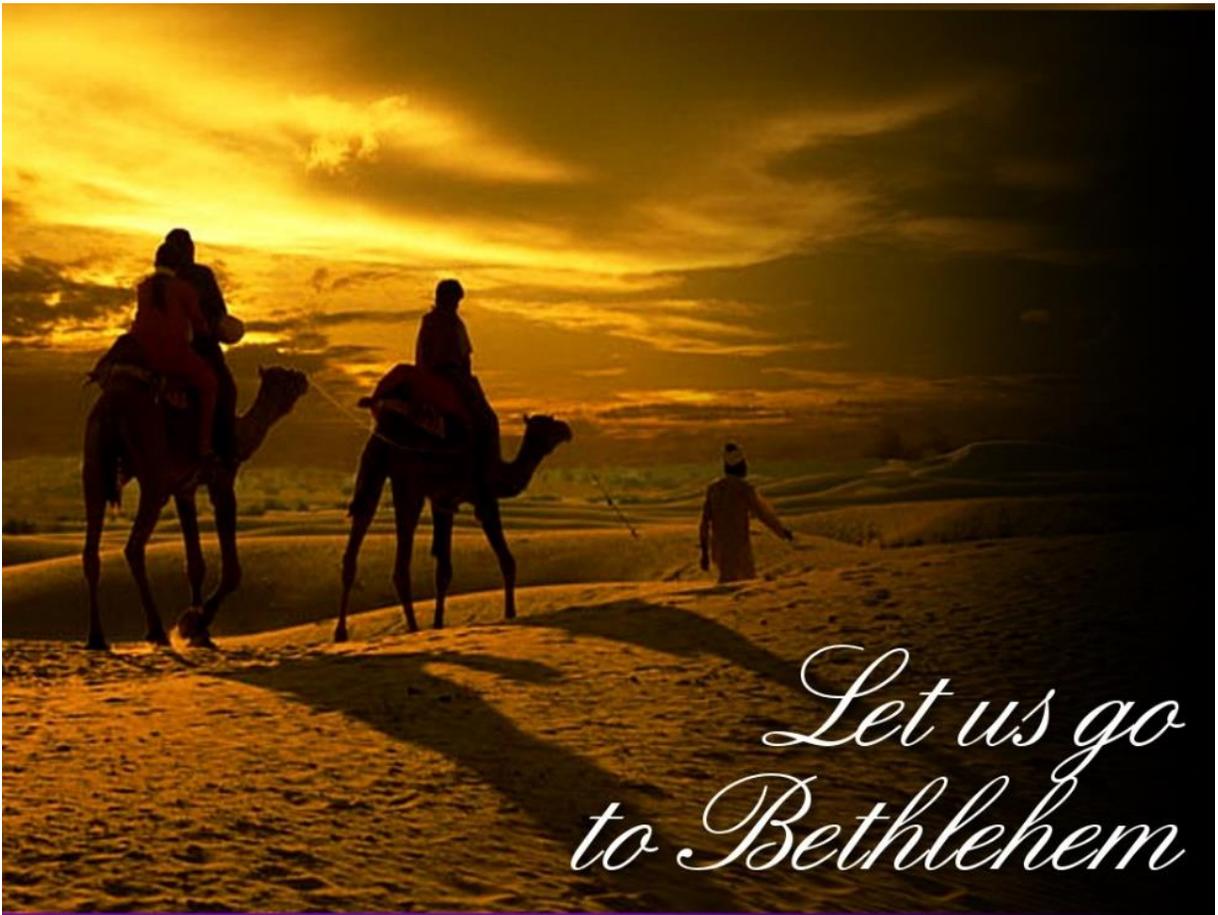


Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church



*January 7, 2018
Epiphany Sunday
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: Hymn #78 *"This is the day"* (v. 1)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

* Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus came for the Jews;

People: Jesus came for the whole world.

Leader: He was greeted by shepherds;

People: He was greeted by magi.

Leader: We worship him still;

People: Jews and Gentiles, the greatest and the least, we worship.

Golden Verse: *"They left ...by another road."* Matthew 2:12b

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Hymn #831 *"The Lord's Prayer"*

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem *"Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"*

Reginald Heber

* Hymn #376 *"Lord, the light of your love is shining"* (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time

Scriptures

- Matthew 2:1-12

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #727 *"Let there be light"* (vv. 1-3, 5)

Prayer of Understanding

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, I reach out for You, wishing to see You, to touch You. 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 - Matthew 2:12b

Sermon "Arise, Shine"

* Hymn #15 *"The Lord's my light"* (vv. 1, 3-4, 6)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

God of all things, source of all blessings, accept the gifts of our hands, the thankfulness of our hearts, the praise of our worship, and the bounty of our lives. We pray that this offering will be used for the building up of Your kingdom of justice, peace, love, and reconciliation. Amen

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Matthew 2:12b

* Hymn #712 "*Arise, your light is come*" (vv. 1-4)

* Benediction

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

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Frank Thompson
greeters – Kevin Kingsley & Betsy Dickie

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

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
January 7, 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: "Listen to Jesus and Gain Life"

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sun. Jan. 7	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Wed. Jan. 10	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall - Worship Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., Lounge - Joint Board of Managers & Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lounge
Thurs. Jan. 11	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Jan. 12	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Jan. 14	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Happy New Year from the Music Leader! He would like to initiate three new activities here at Calvin in 2018:

1. **Youth Choir** for 8-13 year old boys and girls beginning on Sunday Jan. 21 after church. Sessions would run approx. 30 minutes.
2. **Gospel Hymn Sing** – The first event will be scheduled for some time in February and will feature old-time gospel songs.
3. **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.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday Jan. 20, 8 a.m. at Calvin Church. Come for food and fellowship.

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.



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). Today, Caribbean Christians of many different traditions see the hand of God active in the ending of enslavement. It is a uniting experience of God's saving action which brings freedom. The Caribbean ecumenical team chose the song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15:1-21) — a song of triumph over oppression — as the motif of this year's Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity.

- **Pulpit Exchange** – On Sunday Jan. 21, Rev. Frank Szatmari will be preaching at St. Stephens Lutheran Church at 8 a.m. and Ruthann Fisher, lay pastoral minister at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, will be preaching at Calvin Church at 10:15 a.m.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Service** – Sunday Jan. 21, 2 p.m., at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church (321 Fischer Hallman Road, Kitchener)

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.

Envelopes for 2018 – Pick them up in the Narthex today. Your envelope number might have changed. Please discard any leftover envelopes from previous years. If you would like to have envelopes but have not been assigned them, 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.

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

Prayer Requests – Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: Annette Hamp; Sheena Curwood's sister, Morag; Bill Chappell; Keegan Kingsley; and Darlene Judge's father, John Anderson, and her nephew's girlfriend, Leah Morrish.

Volunteers to read scripture in February-March 2018 are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Canadian Bible Society Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2018 – Copies are available in the Narthex on the large wooden table. If the Guide is used every day during 2018, 48 books of the Bible will be utilized and 11 will be read in their entirety.

Kitchener Chapter of Christian Business Ministries Canada - There will be a Men's Prayer Group Meeting every second Thursday of the month starting on Jan. 11, 2018 - at Omega Restaurant, 685 Fisher Hallman Road in Kitchener at 7:30 a.m. This will be a safe place for men to meet to share their faith, study God's Word, and also disciple others. Men from all walks of life are welcome, not just business men.

Stewardship Moment – *Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.*

~ Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), theologian

MISSION MOMENTS

Working with international mission partners



Effective mission partnership is a covenant relationship between people who are striving to bring about God's realm of justice and peace. In 2017, gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provided some of the PCC's international partners with 30 grants totaling \$320,000. These grants supported Bible translation in Nigeria and Mauritius; women's pastoral programs in Guatemala; biblical, theological and pastoral training in Mauritius and Guatemala; theological seminaries in Lebanon, Malawi and Romania; lay training centres in Ghana and Malawi; refugee programs in Lebanon and Palestine; and medical centres in India. Mission and vital worldwide ministry partnerships that put people first happen because of the faithful generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing allow our church to be with those on the margins and change lives around the world.

Presbyterians Sharing supports international partnerships because they matter

"I hope more people like me will be helped by this clinic"

While working at her tailoring shop in Nepal, Sita noticed her hands were starting to feel numb and looked strangely white. As the numbness worsened, Sita grew very sick and weak. Unfortunately, the doctors she visited were unable to diagnose her illness. The future looked a little brighter when Sita learned she was pregnant and eventually delivered a healthy baby girl—but the onset of a severe fever shortly after shattered her fragile hope. Sita tried one last hospital where she was diagnosed with leprosy and referred to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Banke Clinic for treatment. There, a hopeful journey to recovery got its start. "I am getting good treatment, nutritious food, and care from the staff," reports Sita.

PWS&D responds to provide life-saving medical care



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