

Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church



*March 19 2017
Third Sunday in Lent
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

Welcome

Opportunities for Ministry

* Call to Worship (PWS&D Third Sunday in Lent insert)

Reader: The Lenten journey continues.

All: Lent's questions confront us.

Reader: Where will the road take us?

All: What kind of people will we be?

Reader: Do we trust that God will provide water for our thirst?

All: Or will we surrender to bitterness and complaining?

Reader: The quest will test us and try us.

All: We pray that Jesus will be our guide.

Reader: Let us pray. God of living waters: your love is unrelenting and your faithfulness without end. We confess that we are growing weary on the journey. We prefer being enslaved by visions that do not feed us. We long for imagined security offered by the past. Forgive us our fickleness and lack of trust.

All: Stay with us as we think deeply about your gifts. Stay with us as we confront our own thirst. Stay with us as we seek to understand your will.
Amen

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Golden Verse: *"But we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have now received reconciliation."* ~ Romans 5:11 (NIV)

* Hymn #412 *"Come, let us sing to the Lord our song"* (vv.1-4)

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

Solo *"The birds"*

Hilaire Belloc/Eleanor Daley

Alto: Natasha Geeregat

* Hymn #408 *"I will call upon the Lord"* (2x)

Children's Time

Scriptures

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-26, 39-42

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #208 *"In the cross of Christ I glory"* (vv.1,2,4)

Prayer of Understanding

Lord God, we put ourselves again under the judgement of your word. We marvel that you love us enough to give us your word and to bring it to life in us through the Holy Spirit. Be gracious to us again, we pray, through Jesus your Son. Amen.

Golden Verse – Romans 5:11

Sermon "Agent of Reconciliation"

* Hymn #351 *"There is a fountain opened wide"*

> *Offering will be collected during the singing of the hymn*

* Prayer of Dedication

Here we are, O Lord, to offer to you everything we have. We know, as we give our offering Sunday by Sunday and month by month, that it shows you and shows us that all we have is yours to do with as you will. Accept us as we give, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Romans 5:11

* Benediction

* Hymn #350 *"To God be the glory"* (vv. 1,3 - original words)

Postlude

Thanks to:
greeters – Sheena Curwood and Joe Tomchick
scripture reader – Grant Scott.

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

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 19, 2017**

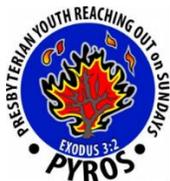
Good morning to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to us. We encourage you to fill out one of the visitor envelopes in the pew and give it to an usher or put it in the offering plate. Nursery care is provided for young children.

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sun. Mar. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - PYROS Youth Group, 11:30 a.m., Youth Lounge - Junior Choir Practice, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Mon. Mar. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ladies Fellowship Group, 9:30 a.m., Kitchen
Tues. Mar. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encounter, 12 p.m., Lounge - ALPHA Program, 6:30 p.m., Lounge
Wed. Mar. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seniors Exercise Program, 1:30 p.m., Hall - CE Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge
Thurs. Mar. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Mar. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Mar. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Youth BBQ, 11:30 a.m., Hall - Junior Choir Practice, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Frank had additional throat surgery on Wednesday March 15. He was released the same day and is recovering at home. May our prayers and blessings of good health contribute to Frank's healing and recovery. Rev. Bob Duncanson can be contacted for pastoral care needs at 519-745-2142.

Junior Choir rehearses in the sanctuary following the service. Children in Gr. 1-6 are welcome to come. The choir will be singing on Palm Sunday (April 9).

Anyone interested in singing in the choir on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday is invited to rehearsals on Thursday evenings beginning March 16. Please come for 8:15 p.m.



PYROS Youth Group - TODAY, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Attention youth between grade 6 and 12. Come hang out in the youth lounge! Get to know the new program coordinator, talk about our lives, play some games and spend some quality time with scripture. There will be pizza! Talk to Michael Turman for more information.

Calvin Ladies' Fellowship - On Monday March 20 at 9:30 a.m., a small group will meet in the Calvin kitchen to assemble Touch Quilt kits as a donation to the Alzheimer Society of Waterloo Wellington. Touch Quilts help to quiet restless hands and provide comfort to those in care. Each kit contains 36 fabric squares, a sew-on label and instructions (provided by the Alzheimer Soc.). NO SEWING IS INVOLVED in assembling a kit of squares.

Please bring with you:

- New WASHABLE fabric scraps that are large enough to cut into 6" quilt squares. If the fabric is likely to shrink on washing, please pre-wash and iron it. We need a variety of colours and especially a number of TEXTURES -- for instance: cotton, fleece, corduroy, twill, flannelette, washable knits, novelty blends, fun furs, lining fabric. We need fabric suitable for both ladies and men!
- Fabric shears (ensure they are marked with your name or initials)

Our kits will then be passed over to the Alzheimer Society for distribution to volunteers who will finish them. Whether you can come on the 20th or not, if anyone would like to take a kit of 36 squares home afterwards to add a backing and complete the machine stitching and tied knots, please let us know and we'll set it aside for you. The finished touch quilts can go back to the Alzheimer Society or be distributed within our Calvin circle of family and friends. If you have further questions or would like to donate fabric, please contact Margaret Gadsby (519) 219-2030 or Betsy Dickie (519) 744-6633.

Alpha at Calvin – March 21 – June 6 Calvin will be hosting our second Alpha program. Our Spring Session will have a time of fellowship starting at 6:30 with coffee and dessert followed by the videos and discussion. Registration will be limited to 20 people. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will make every effort to accommodate your request. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN START TIME.** Speak to Ena Wuest or Bonnie Street if you have questions.

Youth BBQ - Do you know anyone who is hungry after Sunday worship? Do you wish to support a worthwhile cause? The PYROS youth have the solution! Join us in Calvin Hall next Sunday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly BBQ Fundraiser. We hope to see you there.

"Understanding Ourselves: Perspectives on Human Sexuality in the Church" - Do you know people who feel they must hide themselves at church, or avoid church altogether? Do the words homosexual, lesbian or gay make you uncomfortable? Do you wonder what LGBTQ even stands for? If so, please join us for a seminar entitled Understanding Ourselves on Saturday April 1 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Lounge. A panel of guests will share their experiences, within the church and outside it, related to sexual identity. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, please call Michael Turman or the church office.

Easter Egg Party - Sunday April 9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Children of all ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg party after intergenerational worship on April 9. A hot dog lunch will be served, along with an Easter egg hunt and other seasonal activities. Parents are welcome to join us for lunch or not; pickup will be at 1 p.m. Please see signup sheet in the Narthex or email Michael Turman michael.turman@calvinchurch.ca or call the church office.

Anxiety and Depression Workshop – New date is Monday May 8 at 7 p.m. at Calvin Church. Contact Michael Turman for more information.

This year's **Vacation Bible School**, "Hero Central", is coming up August 21-25, 2017. Mark your calendars and support this valuable, fun and lively outreach to our families and those in the community by contributing your talents. Please speak to Catherine Jepson or Michael Turman.

Flag Initiative - At Calvin Church, we have members from many different countries. Flags from the congregation's birth countries will be proudly hung to commemorate Canada's 150th year and to celebrate the multicultural background of Calvin Church's congregation. So far we have the flags for the following countries: Canada, Scotland, India, England, Guyana, Holland, Portugal, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Jamaica, India, Korea, Philippines, South-Sudan, Rwanda, and El Salvador. If you don't see your flag on this list and would like it to be included, please contact Maija Eclarin (maija.d@gmail.com). The Flag Ceremony will be on May 28. More details to follow about this exciting upcoming event.

Calvin's Benevolent Fund is used to help those in our church and the community who need assistance. Consider making a donation to the Benevolent Fund today. Thanks for your support!

Menno Singers Concert - Bach's St. John Passion with orchestra and soloists. Saturday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St. N.), Kitchener. Tickets: \$25 / students \$5; may be purchased online at www.mennosingers.com, from Elizabeth Hackett, and at the door.

Support CAIRN Family of Camps - Come out to the "Internet Café" Coffee House. Calling all of our camp friends and families! On the evening of Saturday March 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., we will be hosting a coffee house at Trinity York Mills Presbyterian Church, Toronto, in celebration of the launch of our new website. Come along to enjoy warm beverages and baked goodies, while connecting or reconnecting with members of our camp family, and taking in musical performances by a variety of our camp staff and alumni. All funds raised will go towards the renovation of our camp kitchen. Mark it on your calendars and we'll be excited to see you there!

Divest Waterloo and The Peace Hub at UW's Centre for Peace Advancement are hosting **The Age of Consequences** film screening Tuesday March 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Conrad Grebel University 140, Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo. Following the screening, representatives from Project Plowshares will join a panel that includes Rick Cober Bauman, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, and Dr. Simon Dalby, CIGI Chair in the Political Economy of Climate Change at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, to discuss building peace in an era of ecological crises. Registration free at DivestWaterloo.ca/Events.

Ontario Presbyterian Chorus at Doon Presbyterian Church (35 Roos Street, Kitchener) on Sunday April 9. Pulled pork dinner 5:30 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25 for dinner + concert / \$15 dinner or concert only.

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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Tuesday and Thursday – 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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