

Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church

*Now you
are light in
the Lord.*

*Live as
children of
light.”*

~ Ephesians 5:8



March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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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 Fourth Sunday in Lent liturgy)

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: Will we live by faith even when we cannot see the road ahead?

All: Will we lean on Christ, trusting him to open our eyes?

Reader: The quest will test us and try us.

All: Do we really want to continue?

Reader: Do we really want to follow the Christ path?

All: We pray that Jesus will be our guide.

Reader: Let us pray. God of the healing touch: we are confounded by the uncertainty in our world and in our lives. Because we are afraid, we seek shelter in easy things that make false promises. Open our eyes so that we are able to distinguish the illusions that trap us from the visions that set us free.

All: Stay with us as we seek your wisdom. Stay with us as we consider our relationships. Stay with us as we discern our vocations. Amen.

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Golden Verse: *"Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."* ~ Ephesians 5:8

* Hymn #374 *"Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"* (vv. 1,2,3,5)

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

Choir Anthem *"Down to the river to pray"*

arr. Sheldon Curry

* Hymn #773 *"Jesus bids us shine"* (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time – Camp Kintail

Scriptures

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:13-34

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

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

Prayer of Understanding

Father God, you have said that whatever we ask in the name of your Son, you would give it. Like the blind man of old, we would ask for sight – to see the riches of your grace and to see the meaning and purpose of our lives. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Golden Verse - Ephesians 5:8

Sermon "Those Who Will Not See"

* Hymn #284 "*Revive your work, O Lord*" (vv.1,3,4,6 > tune from #277)

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

* Prayer of Dedication

We look around us at your marvellous universe, O God, and realize that what we own and control is so very small. Yet you wish us to worship you with our possessions and our talents. This is humbling, Lord, that you would bless us so. Accept what we give and accept us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Ephesians 5:8

* Benediction

* Hymn "*10,000 reasons*" (*Bless the Lord, oh my soul*)

Postlude

Thanks to:
greeters – Tom Daniells & Bonnie Street
scripture reader – Stacey Hillis.

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

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 26, 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. 26	- 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
Tues. Mar. 28	- Encounter, 12 p.m., Lounge - ALPHA Program, 6:30 p.m., Lounge
Wed. Mar. 29	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1:30 p.m., Hall - Board of Managers Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge
Thurs. Mar. 30	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Mar. 31	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Apr. 2	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - 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.

Welcome to our guest, **Matt Hill, Assistant Director at Camp Kintail**. Originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, Matt (Turkey) is no stranger to the camping community. He served as a staff member at Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake in Michigan (2 years as a Counselor and 4 years as Program Director) in between studying at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for his Bachelor of Science Degree. Matt also spent a year earning his Masters degree from Wayne State University in Detroit. Having spent time at Kintail in the fall of 2013, Matt was more than excited to return to Kintail. His favourite things to do are to go hiking, kayak, teach archery, play golf (regular and disc), and talk about Detroit's sports teams.

After worship today is our **youth fundraising barbecue**. Join us in Calvin Hall for our monthly meal and fellowship!

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).

Alpha at Calvin –Room is still available for the Spring Session! From March 21 to June 6, we are hosting our second Alpha program. It is not too late to take part! We have a time of fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m. with coffee and dessert followed by the videos and discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your faith. If you need a ride, please let us know and we will make every effort to accommodate your request. If you would like to join this group, please speak to Ena Wuest or Bonnie Street.

“Understanding Ourselves: Perspectives on Human Sexuality in the Church” - Do you know anyone curious about, confused, or confounded by current discussions in the public sphere about gender and sexual orientation? On Saturday April 1 from 10am-12pm we are hosting a seminar and discussion on the diversity of human sexuality. Several visitors, including pastor Pieter Niemeier, will share with us about their experience of being part of the church and being different from the norm. Whatever your stance on alternative marriages, this is an opportunity to learn about ourselves and how we can respond with love to people who have been differently blessed. Please speak to Michael Turman for more information.

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.

Spring Garage Sale – Start saving your treasures now! Board of Managers will hold their annual spring garage sale on Friday April 28 6-8 p.m. and Saturday April 29 8-11:30 a.m. Drop off items at the church starting April 23. For large items, contact any Board of Managers member.

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.

Librarian Wanted – Calvin is looking for someone to take over the librarian duties from Janet McDougall who has faithfully done this job for many years. Thank-you Janet. This is a great volunteer opportunity with flexible hours and a minimum time commitment. If

you are interested or if you have questions about the job duties, please speak to Janet (519-578-5642).

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.

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.

Gleaners Fundraising Dinner - Friday April 21, doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. at Waterloo Region Police Association, (1128 Rife Road, Cambridge). Enjoy updates from around the world and a full dinner and dessert. Tickets: \$28/person or \$220/table of 8, \$275/table of 10. To order your tickets: online at www.OntarioGleaners.org (click on What's Happening) or by phone (519) 624 -8245 (order your tickets by April 6). As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate financially to the Gleaners. Corporate sponsors for this event are also needed. Please call the Gleaners office or email Elaine gleanerspromo@gmail.com for more information.

KW Singers Spring 2017 Concert "Jubilate" will be performed on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. Come and hear inspiring music in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday, including "Cape Breton Lullaby", "Song for Peace" and "Hymn to Freedom", and of course "O Canada". You will also hear well known pieces like "Try to Remember", "Make 'em Laugh" "Hallelujah" and a medley of Beatles songs. The whole concert will be overseen by our MC for the night, Pat Murphy, the Morning Show Host at Faith FM. After the concert, please join us for refreshments.

Tickets at \$10 each can be purchased through our web site at www.kwsingers.org, from any choir member, or at the door.

Presbyterian Connection Newspaper – The first edition is out! You are welcome to pick up one of the 15 copies that Calvin Church has received (on table in Narthex). For the first year, the Presbyterian Connection will be distributed four times a year. This newspaper is designed to keep individuals informed about the life and ministry of the PCC. The newspaper is funded by gifts made to Presbyterians Sharing. However, they gratefully accept donations to help offset costs. They want to share our stories and invite submissions of articles, stories and photos of the congregation in action. To subscribe for free home delivery, submit articles or for more information, go to presbyterian.ca/connection.

Stewardship Moment - The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.
-Plutarch (45–120 AD), Greek biographer and essayist

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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