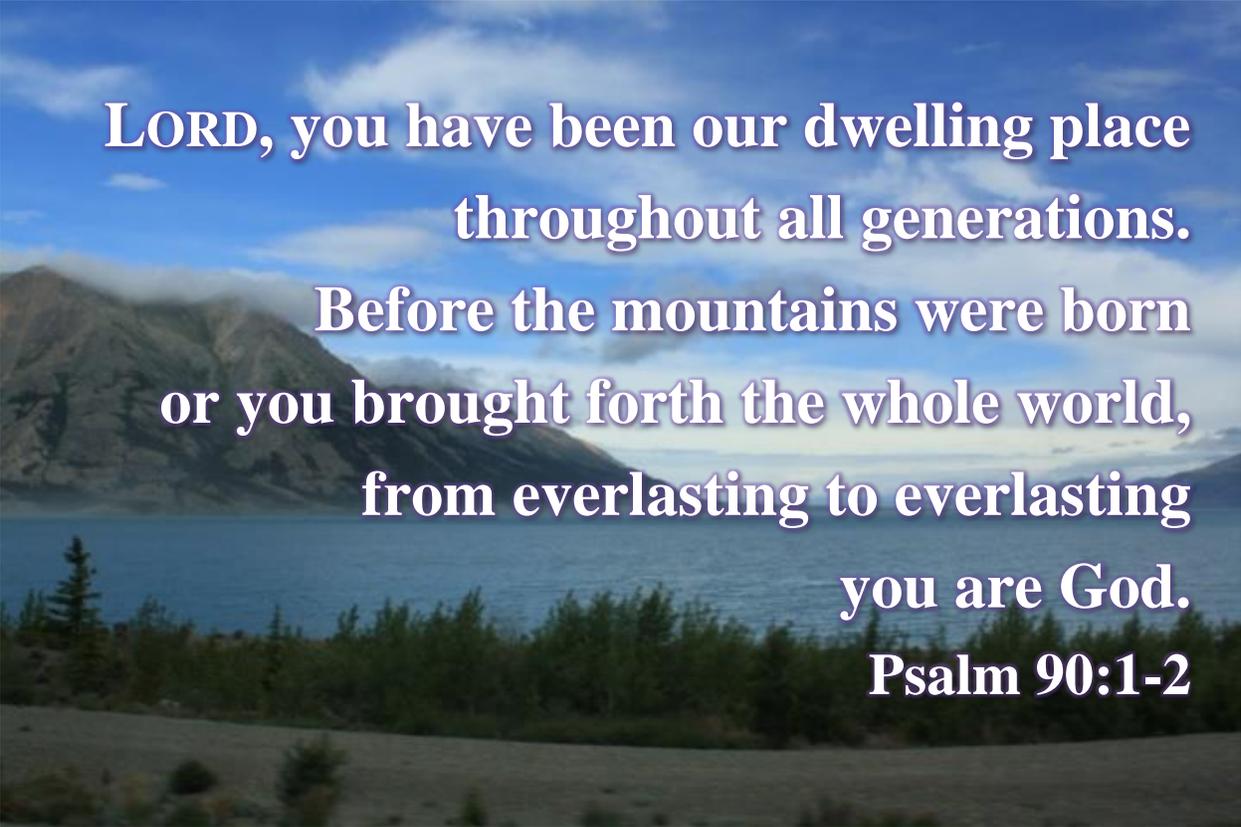


Welcome to
Calvin Presbyterian Church
"Renew, Rebuild & Reach Out"



**LORD, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.
Psalm 90:1-2**

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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 – Selections by the All Ages Praise Chorus

Chorus "*The power of the cross*" (vv. 1-4)

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

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

Reader: During this season of Lent, let us repair the breach, and protect the powerless.

Unison: Let us speak for those without a voice, like a chorus that crescendos with power and strength, joined together in songs for justice.

Reader: We are called to repair the breach, to leave no one behind.

All: So let us work in the power of the Holy Spirit so that the prisoner is set free, the enslaved released and the oppressed unburdened. Let us worship God.

Written by the Rev. Janet Ryu-Chan

Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

Golden Verse: "The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels." (Revelation 3:5)

* Hymn #205 "*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*" (vv. 1,3-5)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, we thank you for your steadfast love and mercy on us. Father, we believe that every word in the Bible was breathed out by you, and we believe your promise that you will bless us when we are obedient to your Word. And so, without hesitation, we gladly give to you what is yours. Bless these tithes and offerings, Father. We love you, Lord! Amen

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

* Hymn "*Rain down*" (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time

Anthem "*Take up the tambourine*"

Lloyd Larson

Scriptures

- Malachi 3:13-18
- Revelation 3:1-6

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #211 "*Take up your cross*" (vv. 1-5)

Prayer of Understanding

Soften our hearts, O God, as we listen to the words of scripture, so that our hearts may be fertile soil in which you plant your living Word. Amen

Golden Verse - Revelation 3:5

Sermon "God Knows You"

* Hymn #699 "*All the way my Saviour leads me*" (vv. 1)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Revelation 3:5

* Hymn #349 "*My hope is built*" (vv. 1-4)

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: #196 "*Throughout these Lenten days and nights*" (v. 4)

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Chudier Yien
greeters – Sheena Curwood and Aileen Isaac
coffee hour hosts – Ena and Joachim Wuest

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

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 31, 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. All are welcome to Coffee Hour in Calvin Hall following the service.

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: "Jesus Opened the Door"

CALVIN CALENDAR

Sunday Mar. 31	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - All Ages Praise Chorus, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday Apr. 2	- ALPHA Program, 12 p.m., Lounge - Lent Evening, 7 p.m., Narthex
Wednesday Apr. 3	- Session & Board of Managers Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge
Thursday Apr. 4	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Friday Apr. 5	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sunday Apr. 7	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - All Ages Praise Chorus, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Lent Evening – All ages gathering in the Narthex on Tuesday April 2 and 9 at 7 p.m. for a time of devotions, singing, and snack.

Ecumenical Lent Evening – Join us in the Sanctuary on Tuesday April 16 at 7 p.m. for a Lent hymn sing.

Easter Hunt - All children are invited to a party after worship on Sunday April 14 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Included will be a hotdog lunch, Easter egg hunt and craft.

Spring Garage Sale – Start saving your treasures now! Board of Managers will hold their annual spring garage sale on Friday April 26 6-8 p.m. and Saturday April 27 8-11:30 a.m. Drop off items at the church starting April 21.

Social Butterflies! Check out the bulletin board beside the kitchen for the highlights of Monday lunches in April at Laurentian Zehrs. These are delicious, demonstration meals. Also, check out the details of the day trip to Port Dover in August. Please note that there

are many stairs at the castle. Bring a friend. Everyone welcome!! Questions? See Wendy Hart 226-868-0329

ALPHA Program – 12-1:30 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 is 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.

Ross and Evelyn Witmer give thanks to Calvin's Holy Priesthood for all the prayers and caring during our time of recuperation since November 2018. We think of you as a Holy Priesthood ... "Being a priest involves an individual calling and a corporate calling. Each believer is a priest, and together we are all priests. Any body of believers must strive to act as priests who are holy to God. The apostle Paul calls us to be living sacrifices; this is our spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1) We may be tempted to step back and shy away from being called a priest. But the Bible calls us to step forward and embrace this role. Following Jesus' example of praying for and caring for others, how can you serve as a priest today?" <https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/a-holy-priesthood>

Volunteers needed to host Coffee Hour and read scriptures. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Hearing Concerns / Issues - Based on a previously raised issue, the Board of Managers has been working to identify, understand and remedy any hearing concerns among the congregation during our Church services. There are a number of possible solutions, but we require a better understanding of the underlying concerns. Therefore, we would ask anyone who has hearing issues during our services to advise David Duncan in person, via email: dunc5@rogers.com or phone (519) 747-8027. Thank you in advance for any assistance on this matter.

The Spring 2019 issue of **Presbyterian Connection** has arrived! Presbyterian Connection newspaper is a Christian publication from The Presbyterian Church in Canada that aims to connect Presbyterians from across the country. The Connection shares stories, news and information in an easy-to-read format. Content includes photos of our churches in action, stories of renewal, interviews, mission and ministry updates, and more. You can pick up a copy on the Narthex table or subscribe for free home delivery at presbyterian.ca/connection.

Local Concerts

Spiritus Ensemble – "J. S. Bach: St. Mark Passion" – Sunday March 31, 4 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church (23 Water St. N., Kitchener). Tickets: \$30 adults, \$25 senior (65+), \$10 student, \$5 high school and under 13 – available at the door.

Menno Singers – "Lamentation: Prayers, Songs and Hymns of Lament" – Saturday April 6, 7:30 p.m. at Rockway Mennonite (47 Onward Ave., Kitchener) and Sunday April 7, 3 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church (51 Church St., Elora). Admission by donation.

Ontario Christian Gleaners Fundraising Dinner – Friday April 12 at Waterloo Region Police Association (1128 Rife Rd., Cambridge). Doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 each – [order by April 1](#) at ontariogleaners.org (click on What's Happening) or 519-624-8245. As ticket prices cover the cost of the dinner, an opportunity will be given to donate financially to The Gleaners.

Mission Moment

Flooding in Malawi - Recent extensive flooding in Malawi has led to widespread damage and destruction in southern Malawi. Dozens of people have died and hundreds have been injured. Many homes have been damaged or destroyed forcing thousands of people to be displaced. Water sources have been contaminated and water-borne diseases, as well as cholera and malaria outbreaks, are posing serious health risks. The PCC's mission staff in Malawi, the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand, report that: "Close to half a million people live in compromised housing, many with contaminated water and without adequate food. The population of Malawi is incredibly young: 46% of the population is under 15, so that half a million includes about 200,000 children." Food security, nutrition, psychosocial support, water and sanitation are the priority areas of need. The PCC is accepting donations through Presbyterian World Service & Development to help our partners and victims of the flooding recover from this emergency situation. Donate today and designate your gift "[Malawi Flood Relief](#)", and please keep the victims of the flooding in your prayers.

Providing Clean Water in Yemen - Ongoing conflict also creates situations where families have to live without a reliable water supply. Already a water-scarce country, Yemen is in its fourth year of civil war. Bombing campaigns and fighting have impacted the availability of water supplies and caused prices to skyrocket. A lack of clean water has also led to the world's worst cholera outbreak. In response to the crisis, PWS&D is helping to support the rehabilitation of existing water sources, provide solar pumps and train committees to care for rehabilitated water sources. This support will help build the resilience of impacted communities, prevent the spread of disease and save lives. About 24 million people in Yemen are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance. Respond with PWS&D to ensure that citizens caught in this crisis are not left behind from life-giving water and can access other forms of critical aid – mark your envelope "[Yemen Crisis](#)".

Stewardship Moment

*A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.
~ Proverbs 11:25*

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.

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