

Welcome to  
Calvin Presbyterian Church



*May 13, 2018*  
*Christian Family 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 "Rain down"

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

\* Call to Worship

Leader: We remember Sarai who was taunted by others in the household because of her inability to have children.

**People: All-encompassing God, we pray for those who feel excluded when we emphasize one kind of family as normal.**

Leader: We remember Esther, who was adopted and raised by her cousin.

**People: God who embraces us all, we pray for those who cannot be raised by their parents, for a short time or permanently.**

Leader: We remember the mother of Moses, who placed him into a raft on the river.

**People: Saving God, we pray for parents who struggle to raise their children in oppressive circumstances.**

Leader: We remember Hannah, who loved her child so much she handed him over to another to raise.

**People: Loving God, we pray for parents who have placed their child in another family.**

Leader: We remember Naomi, who grieved the death of her sons.

**People: God, who grieves with us, we pray for parents who mourn the death of a child.**

Leader: We remember Ruth, who gave up her family to be family to another.

**People: Inclusive God, we pray for those who choose to be family to those isolated by culture or language or distance.**

Leader: We remember Elizabeth, who had a child in old age and we remember Mary, who had a child as a teenager.

**People: Ageless God, we pray that, as a community, we accept people of varying life stages and responsibilities and relationships.**

Leader: We remember Rachel, crying for her children.

**People: God of justice and hope, we pray for those whose children are killed, and look to a time when children can live safely in their communities.**

Leader: We remember Lois and Eunice, who taught Timothy faith by example.

**People: Faithful God, we pray for those who teach us faith by their lives. May we remember that we also teach about You in the way we live.**

Leader: We remember other people, not named in the Scriptures, like the mother of the prodigal son.

**People: Companion God, we pray for those who wait for a phone call or a visit, cut off from family and friends by distance and disagreement.**

**All: Nurturing God, we give thanks for those who enrich our lives by their presence, who teach us about your abundant love, and who encourage us to journey in faith.**

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Golden Verse: "Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:19)

\* Hymn #299 "*Holy, holy, holy*" (vv. 1-4)

Offering

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**We dedicate our lives and this money, Lord, for the work of the church. Bless us with generosity, with the certain knowledge that it is more blessed to give than to receive. 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 #376 "*Lord, the light of your love is shining*" (vv. 1-3)

Children's Time

Anthem "*Sing them over again to me*" Philip Bliss

Moms in the Bible Activity

Scriptures

- Psalm 127
- Luke 2:41-52

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

\* Hymn #476 "*Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord*" (vv. 1-2)

Prayer of Understanding

**Lord Jesus Christ, we are here to hear Your voice. Speak to us again. Send Your spirit among us, that we might hear Your voice, and in Your word find eternal life. Amen**

Golden Verse - Exodus 20:19

Sermon "Mothers"

\* Hymn "*Faith of our mothers*" (vv. 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Exodus 20:19

\* Hymn #689 "*Simply trusting every day*" (vv. 1-4)

\* Benediction

\* Song of Blessing: #260 "*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord*" (vv. 1-4)

Postlude

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Thanks to:

scripture reader – Marilyn McCuaig  
greeters – Kevin Kingsley & Betsy Dickie  
coffee hour hosts – Rob Johnston & Kim Moore

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

**NOTICES FOR  
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
May 13, 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: Pentecost Sunday – “When the Spirit Falls”

**CALVIN CALENDAR**

Sun. May 13	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Intergenerational Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - Jr. Choir Practice, 11:15 a.m., Classroom 1
Tues. May 15	- CE Meeting, 7 p.m., Lounge
Wed. May 16	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall
Thurs. May 17	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. May 18	- No badminton this week
Sun. May 20	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

**Join us in Calvin Hall following the service.** There will be cake to celebrate Rev. Frank’s graduation (PhD from Knox College).

**CLARION Newsletter** – Announcing Mary Hetherington as our new Clarion editor! Do you have something you want to see published in the next Clarion? The deadline is TODAY! Please send all articles to [clarion@calvinchurch.ca](mailto:clarion@calvinchurch.ca).

**The office will be closed** on May 14-16 while Margaret is attending the Church Administrators Conference at Crieff.

**YOUTH EVENTS**

**PYPS May Camp weekend retreat** is coming up on May 18-21 at Camp Kintail. If you would like to attend, please register online at [www.swopyps.ca/events](http://www.swopyps.ca/events) - cost \$105. When you register, please let Michael Turman and Ray Tomchick know if you need help to arrange rides or if you can offer a ride to others.

Mark your calendars: our next **youth fundraising BBQ** will be on May 27.

Attention all young people 14-25: Have you ever gathered with Presbyterian youth from all over Canada to worship and praise together? **Canada Youth 2018 (CY2018)** is coming to St. Catharines July 2-9. "Stirred not shaken" is this year's theme. Join hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique expressions of faith in both large and small groups, unconventional keynotes and workshops, dynamic faith exploration and joyful celebration. If you are interested in attending this event that comes only every 2 years, register online at [presbyterian.ca/canada-youth-2018](http://presbyterian.ca/canada-youth-2018). Support to attend this conference is available from the congregation; please speak to Michael Turman or Catherine Jepson, chair of Christian Education, if you want to go.

**Calvin Stampers** will meet on Wednesday May 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](mailto:margaretwoods777@rogers.com) by Monday May 21.

**Calvin's Annual Clean Up/Fix-Up Day** is Saturday May 26 starting at 9:00 a.m. We need volunteers to do our annual spring cleaning at Calvin. There are a number of jobs that need to be done both inside and outside of our building. We are grateful for any help that you can give us, even if it's just for a couple of hours.

**"An Evening of Light Piano Music" performed by Michel Allard** – Saturday May 26, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary (postponed from April 14). The hour long programme will include selections from: Ragtime, Jazz, Broadway, Folk and Popular Song. All proceeds from a freewill donation will go to The Working Centre, a non-profit organization in Waterloo Region. The Working Centre gives people access to tools to create their own work combined with continuous ways of learning and co-operating.

The following letter was received after Nosoon Park's visit to the **Moron Church in Cuba** this February. He will be returning to Cuba on May 25.

*Peace and blessing of our God Almighty be over your lives.*

*Through this letter, I would like to express our sincere thanks to you for being the channel God used to bring an offering to our church sent by the church in Canada; such offering was given in public and videotaped as a proof it was given to us. Please express our gratitude to each and every one of our brothers and sisters that helped us. We placed a request to God and, through you, He made it possible. We are committed to pray for your lives.*

*Also, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how we are going to be using those funds. \$2700.00 Canadian dollars were given to us, converted to Cuban currency is 1800.00 CUC. Our church priority is to praise and worship but we lack musical instruments so we will use this offering to buy a professional piano. Since we still have other audio needs, a laptop and microphones are still needed but we know that it would*

*be very expensive to buy them. I will send you another e-mail with the pictures of what we want to buy and their prices so you can show it to our brothers and sisters in Canada.*

*Please also express our gratitude to the Pastor of your congregation.*

*I give faith.*

*Reverend Eberto Fajardo Castellón*

**Ray of Hope Community Meal** - Thursday May 31. We have the exciting opportunity to prepare and serve a meal at the Ray of Hope community kitchen, sharing with members of the downtown community. For this, we require both cooks and servers. Please see information board in the Narthex if you are interested in this initiative supported by Mission & Stewardship.

**A big thank you** to everyone who helped in any way to make our dinner/dance, silent auction event such a success. Calvin Hall was filled with food, music and dancing, etc. and so many wonderful comments – and wanting us to DO IT AGAIN. We made a little over three thousand dollars to support our church, and we can't put a dollar value on the fellowship. Thank you everyone!

*Betsy, on behalf of The Ladies Fellowship Group*

**PS. Ladies Fellowship:** Please Note, next meeting at the church 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in May (May 21 - yes long weekend) at 9:45 am.

Attention families of Calvin! Are you interested in **sending your kids to camp this summer**? Camperships are available to attend one of our Presbyterian Camps: Camp Kintail or Camp Cairn. Please see the brochure rack for information about camp sessions and registration; talk to Michael Turman for more information about applying for camperships.

**Coffee Hour Hosts and Scripture Readers Needed!** - Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Vacation Bible School 2018 Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus** - August 20-24, 9 to 11:45 a.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Vacation Bible School registration is now open online for church members at <https://goo.gl/forms/k1NyYbu2rVVg1zPp1>

Do you have an **electric piano** available? Roda Gany is looking to buy a small electric piano for \$100-\$150. If you have one available or know someone who does, please give her a call at 226-336-3069.

**Grocery Card Program** – Calvin Church earns 5% on the Sobeys and Zehrs grocery cards that are sold. Sobeys cards can also be used at FreshCo while Zehrs cards are also good at The Superstore and No-Frills. Grocery cards are available to purchase after services.

**Rockway Entertainers** present "Happiness Is..." Thursday May 17 at 2 p.m. at Rockway Centre (1405 King St. E., Kitchener). Get your \$7 tickets from a chorus member, Rockway Centre (519-741-2507) or online at [www.kitchener.ca/activenet](http://www.kitchener.ca/activenet).

Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre welcomes you to join us Thursday, May 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Topic for this **Manna Day** is "Faith, Technology and Responsible Automation: Faith and Work in an Age of Intelligent Machines." Guest speaker is Dr. Derek Schuurman, professor of computer science at Calvin College, Michigan. Please call ahead to register 1-800-884-1525. Cost for the day is \$25 (includes lunch). [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

**The Schneider Male Chorus** presents MC and The Men in Black featuring Mary-Catherine Pazzano, Don Buchanan & Pat Collins. Sunday May 27, 3 p.m., First United Church (16 William St. W., Waterloo). Tickets: \$20, students \$15, ages 12 and under free.

**Worship and Music Conference** "Toward (Un)Common Ground: Music, Worship and Reconciliation" at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre on Friday June 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Bruce Weaver, Scott Knarr, Gerard Yun & Chris Fischer. Cost: \$55 (includes lunch). Call to register 1-800-884-1525 or see [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com) for more details.

**Discovery: A Comic Lament**, is a play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justified seizure of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It offers both comic and challenging glimpses into our colonial history, and nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. There will be 4 performances in our Region: May 31 - Rockway Mennonite Collegiate; June 1 - Conrad Grebel College; June 2 - St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener; and June 3 - Steinmann Mennonite Church, Baden. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets now: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students - <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discovery-comic-lament>. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

**Affirm! Empowering Inclusive Congregations** – Saturday, June 2 at Knox Waterloo. Celebrate with us to proclaim that God's love includes everyone! LGBTQI+ and Allies come share, sing and worship together.

>> 2-4 p.m. – Sharing Our Stories: Performances, speakers and worship

>> 4-6 p.m. – Making Connections: Fellowship, conversation, music and refreshments including cash bar

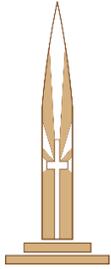
Register online at [KnoxWaterloo.ca](http://KnoxWaterloo.ca). Complimentary admission (freewill offering welcome). This event is a partnership of local Presbyterian churches: Knox Waterloo, Calvin Kitchener, Gale Elmira, and St. Andrew's Kitchener.

### **Mission Moment: International Day of Families (May 15)**

When families are able to form safe and nurturing relationships, meet their basic needs and lift each other up, it can have a significant impact on a country's well-being and development. On the International Day of Families, we reflect on the importance of responding to families facing hunger, poverty and injustice across the globe. The compassionate youth at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Beaconsfield, QC know how important it is to empower vulnerable families to achieve their full potential. The group filled a piggy bank with \$144 for PWS&D's Farming for the Future Sunday School Challenge, which equips rural families in Guatemala with seeds, tools and training to

improve their food security and nutrition. *PWS&D connects Canadians to the needs of families across the globe*

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## **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.

**Motto:** “Renew, Rebuild & Reach Out”

## **Our Values**

- ♦ 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.

Please notify the office by phone, 519-744-4061 or email [calvin@calvinchurch.ca](mailto: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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