

Welcome to Calvin Presbyterian Church



*November 19, 2017
Stewardship 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

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Delight! Children of God, delight!

People: We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

Leader: We gather in worship to celebrate this community at Calvin, our second family.

People: We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.

Leader: We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

People: We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.

Leader: We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

People: We are here! We are delighted! We are united!

Leader: Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

People: Let us worship God!

Golden Verse: *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."* (2 Corinthians 9:6)

* Hymn #585 *"Christ, You call us to service"* (vv. 1-3)

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

Choir Anthem

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

Children's Time

Scriptures

- Mark 12:41-44
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #637 (tune #680) *"Take my life, and let it be consecrated"* (vv. 1-6)

Prayer of Understanding

Help me, O God; guide me; strengthen me; open my understanding of Your mind, will, and way. In return, I promise to serve You more faithfully and effectively. Please help me, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Golden Verse - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Sermon "God is Gracious! Rejoice"

* Hymn #661 *"We give Thee but Thine own"* (vv. 1-5)

Offering

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Amen

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - 2 Corinthians 9:6

* Hymn #778 *"Lord, You give the great commission"* (vv. 1-2, 5)

* Benediction

* Song of Blessing: *"May the Lord, mighty Lord"*

Postlude

Thanks to:
scripture reader – Sheena Curwood
greeters –Rob Johnston & David Mitchell

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

**NOTICES FOR
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 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.

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: "Semper Reformandi – Constant Renewal"

CALVIN CALENDAR	
Sun. Nov. 19	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary ** CLARION articles due!
Tues. Nov. 21	- Noon Encounter, 12 p.m., Lounge - Evening Encounter, 7 p.m., Lounge
Wed. Nov. 22	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall
Thurs. Nov. 23	- Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Fri. Nov. 24	- Badminton, 7 p.m., Hall
Sun. Nov. 26	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - PYROS BBQ, 11:30 a.m., Hall

Calvin CLARION Newsletter – Please submit all articles for the December-February issue by TODAY to Margaret Woods – email margaret@calvinchurch.ca. Rob McCuaig has resigned from the position of newsletter editor. Thanks, Rob, for all your work on the Clarion over the past 3 years!!

Fall Encounter concludes on Tuesday Nov. 21 with Revelation 3:14-22 – "The message to Laodicea". Join us in January for a new Bible study.

Calvin Stampers will meet on Wednesday November 29, 7-9 p.m. in the Sunday school classroom to make Christmas Cards. 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 by Monday November 27 to Margaret Woods at margaretwoods777@rogers.com.



Ladies' Fellowship Group Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon will be on Saturday Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

** We need special shortbread cookies by Wednesday Nov. 29 (packaging starts at 2 p.m.) and all other baking on Friday Dec. 1.

** We also require items for the craft, treasure, and children's tables.

Call Betsy Dickie if you need your cookies picked up and for any information 519-744-6633.

Christmas Pageant 2017



Hello Sunday School families: there's a new baby on the way. He will be here soon - the baby Jesus! This means great joy! And also some preparation. Here are the dates to mark in your calendar:

>> Sunday November 19: Practice during Sunday School; receiving our roles for the pageant, scripts for readers and music

>> Sunday November 26: Rehearsal during Sunday School and after church in the sanctuary from 12-1 p.m. (Hot dog lunch will be provided at the Youth BBQ)

>> Monday November 27: 7-8 p.m. Rehearsal for readers and speaking parts only in the Sunday School classroom

>> Sunday December 3: During Sunday School and after church in the sanctuary from 12:15-1:15 p.m. (Lunch provided after worship in Calvin Hall)

>> Monday December 4: 7-8 p.m. Rehearsal for readers and speaking parts only in the sanctuary.

>> Sunday December 10: Pageant Day! Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. for costumes and warmup. Potluck lunch for the congregation will follow the service.

BUDGET REQUESTS – It is that time of year when we ask all committees to prepare your budget requests for next year. Please submit all requests to Frank Thompson as soon as possible – in writing or by email to frank.thompson@calvinchurch.ca.

Our traditional **Calvin Days** financial drive is currently underway to let us bolster Calvin's financial resilience, and to ensure our capability to deliver on our church's vision and mission is not diminished. Our goal this year is to raise \$17,500, which we hope to use to eliminate our accumulated debt. This is a small increase over what we successfully raised last year, and would finally free us from the lingering burden of the debt gathered over the past several years. If you are able, please consider contributing a little extra during our Calvin Days drive to keep Calvin the stable home that we all rely on. Every little bit helps! Special "Calvin Days" donation envelopes can be found on the table in the

Narthex just outside of the doors to the Sanctuary or in your envelope box for November 26. As of November 5, \$8,150 had been contributed.

Stewardship Moment - Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

- Augustine (354-430 AD), Christian theologian and philosopher

Jake de Wit's Retirement - After almost 7 years of loyal service as the custodian at Calvin Church, Jake de Wit has decided to retire. His last day will be Friday, December 1, 2017. Those of us who have worked with Jake appreciate his thoroughness and attention to detail. Jake has used his experience with service people and knowledge of our property to help guide us to cost-effective solutions to our various maintenance needs. Our facilities have been very well kept under Jake's tenure. We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU and BEST WISHES to Jake. In recognition of his significant contribution to Calvin, we will be providing Jake with a gift card. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the gift card can mark it "Jake's Retirement" and place it in the offering plate.

Christmas Concerts at Calvin Church

- K-W Singers – Friday December 1 and Saturday December 2 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets - \$10
- Cambridge Male Chorus & Addison Women's Choir – Sunday December 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets - \$15.
- Grand River Voices – Wednesday December 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets - \$15.

Growing Healthy Two-gether Prenatal Nutrition Program will have a holiday luncheon at Calvin Church on December 12. As in other years, we ask for your support in gifts for the women and the babies who attend this party. Suggested items include: *sleepers, baby outfits, undershirts, receiving blankets, baby sweaters, extra large t-shirts for women, night gowns, and slippers for women.* Thank you for your thoughtfulness and assistance, and your ongoing commitment to pregnant women and their families. We will be accepting gifts in the Narthex until Dec. 10.

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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