

# Welcome to Calvin Presbyterian Church



those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

*November 26, 2017  
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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

Introit "*Jesus, all for Jesus*"

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Dear God Father, I am in Your presence and I surrender my mind to You.

**People: I choose to live according to the peace that I have with You in Christ.**

Leader: I am here to allow the power of the Gospel to renew my mind to the assurance that I am Your child.

**People: I allow You to transform me through the Holy Spirit by the renewing of my mindsets.**

Leader: I am here to put on my new identity in Christ.

**People: Help me to see and to enjoy who I am in Christ and who I am becoming through Christ as I become like Christ.**

Leader: I believe that Your Word is working in me today.

**People: Change me, reform me from the inside out. Renew and reconstruct my soul. Please renew my mind to my new core identity in Christ. In His name I pray. Amen.**

Golden Verse: "*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.*" (Romans 12:2)

\* Hymn #284 (tune #411) "*Revive Your work, O Lord*" (vv. 1-5)

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

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

Children's Time

Scriptures

- Romans 12:1-21

Congregational Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

\* Hymn #587 "*Called as partners in Christ's service*" (vv. 1-4)

Prayer of Understanding

**Lord, I want to be used by You as a channel of blessing and too often I speak out of turn and do not show the loving compassion that I want to show. Teach me, Lord, today as I am listening to what You say to me, to live by faith, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen**

Golden Verse - Romans 12:2

Sermon "Constant Renewal"

\* Hymn #662 "*Those who wait on the Lord*" (vv. 1-4,6)

Offering

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Generous and gracious God, receive and bless these gifts for Your holy work; and bless everyone who offers them to You. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Golden Verse - Romans 12:2

\* Hymn #651 "*Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer*" (vv. 1-3)

\* Benediction

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

Postlude

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Thanks to:  
scripture readers – Beceada & Sunday Peter  
greeters – Grant Scott and Brad Fairley

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

**NOTICES FOR  
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
November 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.

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: "Be Ready! Jesus is Coming"

<b>CALVIN CALENDAR</b>	
Sun. Nov. 26	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary - PYROS BBQ, 11:30 a.m., Hall
Wed. Nov. 29	- Seniors Exercise Program, 1 p.m., Hall - Calvin Stampers, 7 p.m., Lounge
Thurs. Nov. 30	- Board of Managers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lounge - Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Sat. Dec. 2	- Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon, 9:30 a.m. Hall
Sun. Dec. 3	- Prayer Group, 9:15 a.m., Lounge - Worship Service with Communion, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary

**PYROS Fundraiser BBQ** - TODAY after worship 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The whole congregation is invited to bring your appetite and a freewill offering in support of our youth group's fundraising efforts.

**Calvin Stampers** will meet on Wednesday November 29, 7-9 p.m. in the Lounge 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](mailto:margaretwoods777@rogers.com).

**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 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.

**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.

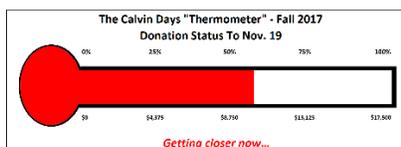
\*\* We also require items for the craft, treasure, and children's tables. Call Betsy Dickie if you need your cookies picked up and for any information 519-744-6633.

**Advent Evening** – All ages gathering in the Narthex on Tuesday Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a time of devotions, Christmas carols, crafts and a snack. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office if you plan to attend so we can purchase supplies.

**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](mailto:frank.thompson@calvinchurch.ca).

**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.

**New Custodian** – The Personnel Committee would like to announce that Daniel (Dan) Steffler will be joining the staff at Calvin. Dan is replacing Jake de Wit who will retire on December 1, 2017. Dan starts his new duties on November 27, 2017 and will work with Jake that week to ensure a smooth hand off of duties. Dan is a member of Bethel Missionary Church, Kitchener but plans to attend some services at Calvin in order to get to know us. Please join us in welcoming Dan to our Calvin family.



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!

### **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.

**Fire Drill** - Thanks to the many volunteers who assisted with the fire drill. Thanks, also, to the members of the congregation who braved the cold and wind. We carry out the fire drills to ensure that we are able to quickly but safely evacuate the building. While the drill was successful, we obviously can do better. The Board of Managers will be reviewing the procedures used for the drill and trying to find ways to improve it. We will be refining our fire drill procedures and reporting back to the congregation before our next drill.  
~ The Board of Managers

### **Menno Singers Concerts**

> Come Emmanuel – Sunday Dec. 3, 3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church (22 Willow St., Waterloo) by Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and Menno Youth Singers. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children/students and \$35 family – available at the door or online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com).

> Messiah Sing-a-Long – Sunday December 17, 3 p.m., with orchestra and soloists at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs). Bring your score and join your voice part, or come and listen to your favourite choruses. Attendance is by donation with tax receipts for over \$20.

**Christmas Luncheon Buffets** at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre on December 5- 8 and December 12-15 at 12 noon. Delicious hot buffet and dessert buffet. Ideal for family, friends or small group gatherings. \$18 per person (HST included) Reservations required! Phone 519-824-7898 [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

**Stewardship Moment** - Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness. - *Dalai Lama XIV, (1935 - ), Buddhist monk*

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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