



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN C H U R C H

November 12, 2023 | 10:00am
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God Gathers Us

Prelude	Bobbie-Anne M	
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship	The Rev. Dennis Howard	
*Hymn	<i>Be thou my vision</i>	#461
Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace		

God's Word Transforms Us

Story Time	Jonathan Stevens	
Musical interlude		
Responsive reading	Psalm 78: 1-7 (NRSV) – Don Blaak	
*Psalm	<i>We will tell each generation</i> <i>(Psalm 78)</i>	#46
Scripture readings	Ruth 1: 1-7; 4: 18-22	
Message	<i>The Story 9 – Family Stories</i> The Rev. Dennis Howard	
*Hymn	<i>Word of God, across the ages</i>	#497

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory		
*Doxology / Prayer	<i>Now thank we all our God (v. 1)</i>	#457
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison) [sins/sin against us]		

God Sends Us

*Hymn	<i>O God of Bethel, by whose hand</i>	#654
*Benediction	<i>Amen</i>	#780
Postlude	Bobbie-Anne M	

*Please stand in body or in spirit



This morning we welcome **The Rev. Dennis Howard** to the pulpit.

Answering a call to ministry Dennis left a thirty-plus year business career behind to attend the Vancouver School of Theology in preparation for a call in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After graduating from VST he was called to be the teaching elder at Langley Presbyterian Church. After a seven-year ministry there he retired in 2020. Dennis now serves at his home church of Haney Presbyterian as an elder and Minister in Association.

Please give Rev. Howard a warm and loving welcome.

<i>This week at Calvin</i>	
Sun Nov 12 th	Kid Connect – meets us upstairs following the Story Time Youth Connect (grade 7 and up) following worship in the Youth Zone
Tue Nov 14 th	Ladies Bible Study at the home of Margaret A @ 10:00am
Wed Nov 15 th	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am <i>Everyone Welcome!</i>
Thur Nov 16 th	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am <i>Join anytime!</i>
Sat Nov 18 th	Scrabble in the Fireside Room @ 1:30pm <i>Want to learn? Come give it a try – beginners welcome!</i>
<i>Dates to remember</i>	
Nov 22 nd	Congregational Meeting @ 7:00pm
Nov 24 th	The Living Table
Nov 25 th	Session Meeting @ 9am
Dec 3 rd	The Season of Advent begins
Dec 15 th	Calvin Coffee House

Thank You to our Volunteers this week!

Greeters: Jo-Ann & Andy Kiss

Coffee Host: Julia H & Margaret W



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by
Ron & Marilyn in loving memory of
Ron's parents and Marilyn's father.



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our fourth annual ***Lest We Forget*** display last Sunday. Every year has brought old and new items to the table with heartwarming stories and connections to each other. Your encouragement and appreciation is boundless and makes it all worthwhile. We are truly GRATEFUL for helping us to REMEMBER those who have kept us GLORIOUS AND FREE and may GOD'S BLESSINGS be upon us all at CALVIN CHURCH. *Jo-Ann and Joyce*

ABBOTSFORD FOOD BANK FOR NOVEMBER Let's TALK TURKEY!!

We are Collecting TOONIES FOR TURKEYS this month and you will find the special TURKEY TIN on the FOOD BANK TABLE in the Gathering Space. The money collected will be counted on November 30th and sent to the Abbotsford Food Bank in time for their Christmas Hamper Distribution. EVERY TOONIE collected will make a difference to needy families. THANK YOU for your generosity and loving hearts.

JOYCE, KEN & LOIS....the FOOD BANK TEAM...



KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

Youssef is still looking for the following furniture items: an office table, a bookcase, a sofa, shelves for the girls' room. If you can help, please speak with Lorne.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars as there will be a Congregation Meeting Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm in the multi use hall to consider the 2023 financial results and the 2024 budget.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is hoping you will join them in helping keep our neighbours warm this winter.

WHAT WE NEED:

Sweaters - Coats - Jackets - Socks
Gloves - Scarves - Blankets - Boots

Doesn't have to be new, but in good, clean condition. Bring your items to the Gathering Space before November 18th.

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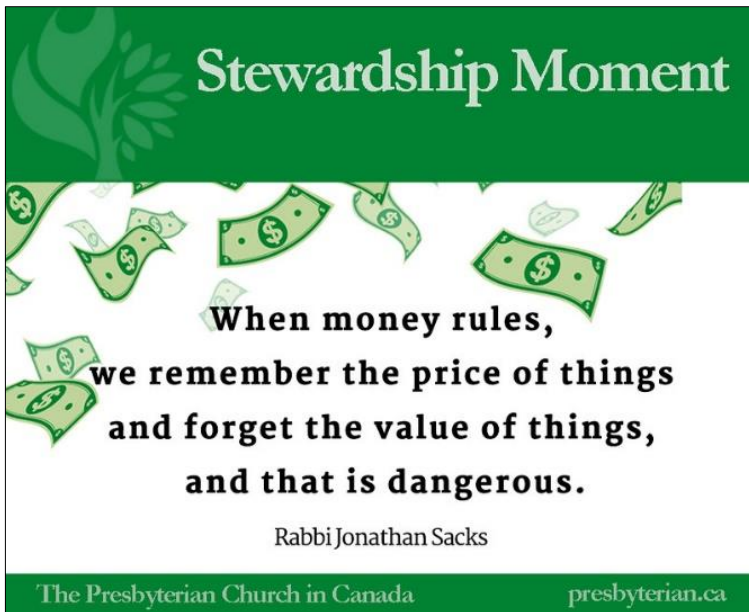
Rev. Thomas Kim will be away from the office from November 6-20 exclusively. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact any elder. Please keep Rev. Kim in your prayers asking God to keep him safe and that he may be refreshed and renewed.

THE STORY:

In preparation for next Sunday, please read:
Chapter 10: Standing Tall, Falling Hard

MAIL SLOTS

Please remember to check your mail slots in the Gathering Space from time to time, as there might be something important for you to pick up. Thank you.



Stewardship Moment

**When money rules,
we remember the price of things
and forget the value of things,
and that is dangerous.**

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

The Presbyterian Church in Canada presbyterian.ca



THE LIVING TABLE

“Dinner” (*The Living Table*) invites you and your family, friends, or neighbors to dinner at Thomas Kim’s home.

FRIDAYS AT 6 PM- 8 PM

Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22

*Main feature menu for December: Korean Beef BBQ on the Table

We encourage you to invite family members, friends, or neighbours who do not go to church.

Maximum seating capacity is 14 people.

Please reserve your seats by emailing us at

nicedinnerfriends@gmail.com

“*The Living Table*” is a dinner ministry of Calvin Presbyterian Church.

It is a meal gathering with missional purpose where people gather around a dinner table, enjoy a warm meal and conversation around everyday life and God.

When people gather for a home-cooked meal they get to share openly and get to know one another better than a formal Sunday morning service at a church building. Eating together has been central to the church from the beginning. In the early church, believers with strangers and neighbours gathered around tables to eat together and talk about life and Jesus Christ. During these times, many people came to know the Lord.

Our vision is to build relationships, make connections, share the Gospel, and cultivate faith through gathering at the dinner table.

Our team is looking for more volunteers. If you would like to be a part of the planning team, just let us know.

The Living Table at Calvin

(Marcus B, Cathy T and Thomas Kim)

GHANA MISSION TRIP 2024

Purpose:

- To experience God's work in Ghana
- To learn and experience cross-cultural mission work supported by the PCC
- To build friendships with Ghanaian Christians
- To experience different cultures in Ghana

When? June 1-16, 2024

How much it will cost?

Estimated Cost: \$4000/ person (includes air and ground travel, lodging, food)

What size group?

10-15 people (*Minimum number of the group: 10)

Registration deadline: December 31, 2023

What we will be doing?

- Visit the Presbyterian Church of Ghana Headquarters, Accra
- Visit presbyteries in the southern region of Ghana
- Visit local churches and worship with them in Koforidua and Kumasi
- Visit different palaces and the Slave castles
- Experience authentic Ghanaian living, food and music!!
- And many more!!

*For more information or questions,
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CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

*Reminder that Sunday Morning Worship will continue
to be in-person and on-line.*



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