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**December 3, 2023 | 10:00am**

First Sunday of Advent

**God Gathers Us**

**Prelude**

Joy Vox Community Choir

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Thomas Kim

**Choral Anthem**

*God rest ye* – arr. by David Chase

**Advent liturgy**

First Sunday in Advent: Hope – Akuffo family

**Advent song**

*Hope is a star (v.1)* (seated)

#119

**Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace**

**God's Word Transforms Us**

**Story Time**

Jonathan Stevens

**Musical interlude**

**Responsive reading**

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

**Scripture readings**

Isaiah 64: 1-9 – Malcolm McFee

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37 – Maria Bitter

**Message**

**Advent I - Hope**

The Rev. Thomas Kim

**We respond, God hears our Prayers**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology / Prayer** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

#830

**Invitation to communion**

**\*Hymn**

*O holy Father, God most dear*

#529

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion (responsive)**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**Communion**



**Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession**

followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison) [sins/sin against us]

**God Sends Us**

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| <b>*Song</b>        | <i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i> | #114 |
| <b>*Benediction</b> | <i>Go now in peace</i>    |      |
| <b>Postlude</b>     | Bobbie-Anne McFee         |      |

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

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<b><i>Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup></i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kid Connect</b> – no classes today.</li><li>• <b>Youth Connect</b> (grade 7 and up <b>ONLY!</b>) – You are welcome to hang out in the <i>Youth Zone</i> after worship. <b>Remember</b> to <u>tidy up</u> after yourselves!</li></ul>

***Thank You to our Volunteers this week!***

**Greeter:** Neil

**Coffee Host:** Michele & Miriam



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Irene S in loving memory of her husband, Barry.

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Our condolences to **Veronika K** on the death of Veronika's father late last week. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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<b><i>This week at Calvin – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dec 9<sup>th</sup></i></b>	
Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study at the home of Margaret A @ 10:00am
Wednesday	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am <i>Everyone Welcome!</i>
Thursday	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am <i>Join anytime!</i>
Friday	The Living Table – <i>space is still available!</i>
Saturday	Scrabble in the Fireside Room @ 1:30pm <i>Want to learn? Come give it a try – beginners welcome!</i>
<b><i>Dates to remember</i></b>	
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Living Table #3
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	The Living Table #4   Calvin Coffee House
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Sing Evening Service
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Living Table #5
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00pm
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Joint Presbyterian Elder Led Service @ 10:30am (Bradner, Calvin & St. Paul's)
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Connect – New Year Celebration Event

## **TALKING TURKEY!**

WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD with heart and soul and TOONIES. We raised **\$500** for the Abbotsford Food Bank TURKEY VOUCHERS initiative during November. Many thanks and bless your generous hearts as we celebrate that JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN for all of us on CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING. Your support and encouragement are much appreciated throughout the year.....

*Ken, Lois & Joyce from the Food Bank Team 🙏.*

**MEMORIAL TEAS – a way of serving God:** These events happen on short notice, so your willingness is greatly appreciated if you can contribute bake goods or host at the event. If this is something, you might be able to assist with please contact: Margaret Houtby at 778-880-5326.

## SESSION SEEKING NEW ELDERS

At the end of this year, Joyce T and Edward A terms as Elders are coming to an end. Although Edward has stated he will let his name stand for another term Session would still like to have a few more individuals join the team. Terms are six years in length. If you love Jesus and love the church, you have the basis for eldership. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this ministry – discuss it with others, seek guidance from another Elder and pray.

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## ANGELS ON DISPLAY

As you can see when you enter the Gathering Space you are greeted by a *Host of Angels* but more are always welcomed. Please make sure she has a name and phone number so that she can be returned to her rightful owner. *Large or small we will love them all.* For more information, please speak to Jo B, Michele, Jo-Ann or Joyce.

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## A FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT THE YOUTH ZONE

The area behind the sanctuary has been dedicated for use by Calvin Youth Connect. We kindly ask that you **respect our space** by leaving the space as you found it and avoiding using it as storage space for “extras”. Thank you for your cooperation..... *from your Youth*

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## YOUTH CONNECT (Grades 7 and up)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **December -NEW YEAR CELEBRATION:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WE HAVE A DATE!**

**Thursday, January 4, 2024 | From 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

Event Leaders: Dan M. and Lydia A.



#### **January Outreach Activity:**

Event Leaders – Gideon A., Jolene B., and Marissa B.

*Remember* to get together with your team to plan the activity you have agreed to organize so you can update the group on these events and times.

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## THE LIVING TABLE

"*The Living Table*" 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. Our vision is to build relationships, make connections, share the Gospel with those who would normally do not attend church. There is no fee for dinner.

**FRIDAYS AT 6 PM- 8 PM**

**Jan 12, Jan 19, Jan 26**

(Dec 8, 15 & 22 Fully booked)

To reserve a seat at the table email us at [nicedinnerfriends@gmail.com](mailto:nicedinnerfriends@gmail.com)

Need more information: pickup a **FLYER** from the information desk or contact Marcus B, Cathy T, or Rev. Thomas Kim.

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## GHANA MISSION TRIP 2024

*Have you ever considered participating in a Mission Trip?* Here is your chance. In June 2024 Calvin will be travelling to the continent of Africa to experience God's work in Ghana. Learn and experience cross-cultural mission work supported by the PCC. Build friendships and immerse yourself in Ghanaian culture.



Complete details about the trip can be found at the Information Table.

Deadline for Registration is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Minimum number of participants is 10, maximum is 15. Speak with Edward A. or Rev. Kim for more information on what to expect.

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## INDUCTION SERVICE

Our friends at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Mission will be inducting their new minister, the Rev. Michelle Yoon this afternoon at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited to the service followed with a time of fellowship. Address is 8469 Cedar Street, Mission.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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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