



**CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN
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December 10, 2023 | 10:00am

Second Sunday in Advent

God Gathers Us

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| Prelude | Lorraine Kandal | |
| Welcome & Announcements | | |
| Call to Worship | The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| *Advent hymn | <i>On Jordan's bank</i> | #126 |
| Advent liturgy | Second Sunday in Advent: Peace – Jeff & Audra Lewis | |
| Advent song | <i>Hope is a star (v.2) (seated)</i> | #119 |
| Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace | | |

God's Word Transforms Us

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| Kid Connect Choir | <i>There was a little baby C'mon, ring those bells</i> | |
| Musical interlude | | |
| Responsive reading | Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (NRSV) – Don Blaak | |
| Scripture readings | Isaiah 40: 1-11 – Lorne Bartlett 2 Peter 3: 8-15a – Margaret Murray Mark 1: 1-8 – Bobbie-Anne McFee | |
| Message | Advent 2: PEACE The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| *Advent hymn | <i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i> | #110 |

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory

***Doxology / Prayer** *All creatures of our God and King*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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



WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

God Sends Us

***Hymn**

Dona nobis pacem

#737

***Benediction**

Peace be yours

Postlude

Lorraine Kandal

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 10th

- **Kid Connect** – come with us upstairs following Story Time.
- **Youth Connect** (grade 7 and up **ONLY!**) – You are welcome to hang out in the *Youth Zone* after worship. **Remember** to tidy up after yourselves!

Thank You to our Volunteers this week!

Greeter: Lois Lochhead

Coffee Hosts: Marilyn Instant & Jo-Ann Kiss



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Audra & Jeff Lewis in celebration of Millie's Birthday.

We are sad to announce the passing of another dear member of Calvin, **Doris Hudson**. Doris moved to Prince George to be closer to her family about 5 years ago and passed away on Sunday, December 3rd. Please keep the family in your prayers. A funeral will take place at Calvin when warmer weather returns in April 2024.

This week at Calvin – Dec 10th to Dec 16th

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| Tuesday | Ladies Bible Study at the home of Margaret Allan @ 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> Calvin Coffee House @ 7:00pm |

Dates to remember

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| Dec 15 th | The Living Table #4 Calvin Coffee House |
| Dec 17 th | Christmas Music Worship Service @ 10:00am |
| Dec 22 nd | The Living Table #5 |
| Dec 24 th | Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00pm |
| Dec 31 st | Joint Presbyterian Elder Led Service @ 10:30am (Bradner, Calvin & St. Paul's) |
| Jan 4 th | Youth Connect – New Year Celebration Event |

SESSION SEEKING NEW ELDERS

At the end of this year, Joyce Tiessen and Edward Akuffo 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.

FOOD BANK – Talking Turkey

In case you didn't hear – we raised **\$500** in our Let's Talk Toonies for Turkey campaign. Well done and thank you! Remember our red wagon is still out and able to receive non-perishable food items at any time. The need is great – give as you are able.

SCRABBLE GROUP

The meeting of Scrabble enthusiasts has ended for December and will resume in January.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The committee wants to inform the congregation that the church will purchase Christmas gifts for Youssef and his family using money from the Go Fund Me account. The gifts will include gift cards and some presents for the girls. After discussions with Youssef, we all agreed that we do not want the girls to be overwhelmed with too many presents. If you have any questions, please talk to Lorne Bartlett or anyone else on the committee.

CALVIN COFFEE HOUSE

Get in the Christmas spirit with THISTLE DEW this coming Friday night, December 15th. Enjoy Christmas and solstice melodies both familiar and new, woven with soaring harmonies and cheeky ukulele & guitar. Doors open at 7:00pm. Free Admission with a paid concession. A great opportunity for Christmas fun while supporting local talent.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, December 17, 2023, we will be holding a special Christmas Music Worship Service during our regular 10:00am worship service time. Joining us for this service are the *Valley Brass Quintet* and the *Blaak Arts Violin Ensemble*. Please invite your friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, through carol singing, scripture readings and instrumental music of the Christmas season.

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 start planning for a team meeting soon.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE SOCIAL

Come join us for a special Christmas Coffee & Tea Social on Wednesday, December 20th at the regular time of 10:00am. This is a great opportunity to invite a neighbour or friend.

ANGELS ON DISPLAY

New Angels always welcome! 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.

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 19, Jan 26

(Dec 8, 15 & 22 Fully booked)

To reserve a seat at the table email us at nicedinnerfriends@gmail.com

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

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 31st. 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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CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

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



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