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**December 24, 2023 | 10:00am**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

**God Gathers Us**

**Prelude** Bobbie-Anne

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship** The Rev. Thomas Kim

**\*Advent carol** *People, look east (vv. 1, 4, 5)* #125

**Advent liturgy** Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love  
– Ron & Joyce

**Advent song (seated)** *Hope is a star (v.4)*

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

**God's Word Transforms Us**

**Story time** Razzberry

**Musical interlude**

**Responsive reading** Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

**Scripture readings** Romans 16: 25-27 – Neil V

Luke 1: 26-38

**Message** **Advent IV: LOVE**

The Rev. Thomas Kim

**\*Hymn** *More love to thee* #707

**We respond, God hears our Prayers**

**Offering / Offertory**

**\*Doxology / Prayer** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* #79

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

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

**God Sends Us**

**\*Christmas Carol** *In the bleak mid-winter* #145

**\*Benediction** *Father, make us one*

**Postlude** Bobbie-Anne

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

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**WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE**

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***Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>***

- **Kid Connect** – classes will resume on January 14<sup>th</sup>
- **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!



**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Join us this evening for our special  
Christmas Eve service beginning at  
7:00pm.

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

**Greeter:** Jo-Ann K

**Coffee Hosts:** Cathie & Mark



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by  
Margaret W in loving remembrance ---  
*from the Family*

New sign-up sheets for Scripture Readers and Flower Donations for 2024  
are now available at the Information Desk.

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**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

The Special Christmas Offering will be designated to *“The Bright Lights of Christmas at Calvin Church”*. In these difficult times we are fortunate to have a building to freely worship and praise God. A church open to all. These funds will honour our dedication to maintain our worship space; to keep it heated and to keep it BRIGHT. This is one way we honour God’s gifts to us – in being a good steward. Give as you are able.

### ***This week at Calvin – Dec 24<sup>th</sup> to Dec 30<sup>th</sup>***

Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study will resume January 9 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	Friends & Coffee Social will resume on January 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Thursday	Bible Study will resume on January 11 <sup>th</sup>

### ***Dates to remember***

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
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting @ 9:30am

## **CALVIN CONNECT NEWSLETTER**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Issue of the Calvin Connect Newsletter is out and has been emailed and posted on our website. If you would like a hard copy, you can pick one up from the Information Desk.

## **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.

## **YOUTH SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITY**

Know any youth that might want employment or volunteer hours next summer? Camp Douglas is now accepting applications for the 2024 Summer Team. Check them out at [www.campdouglas.ca](http://www.campdouglas.ca)



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December 31<sup>st</sup> we will join with our sister churches for a  
Special End of the Year Service right here at Calvin.



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## YOUTH CONNECT (Grades 7 and up)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **New Year Celebration**

Thursday, January 4, 2024 | 5-10 pm

Event Leaders: Dan M. and Lydia A.

***Fun, Laughter, Sharing:***

*Dinner, Games and Activities, Gifts, and a Movie*



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

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

*Remember to start planning for a team meeting soon.*

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## TODAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Copies of the January/February Guide are now available. You can pick up a copy from the Information Desk. Large prints are also available.

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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 19, Jan 26**

**MENU: TBD – but will be a Marcus Bitter's Special**

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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**Please note:** The Church Office hours maybe reduced this coming week. If you need to come into the office when Pearl is there, please call before arriving.

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*Join us for in-person worship or online.*



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