



January 7, 2024 | 10:00am

Baptism of the Lord / First Sunday after the Epiphany

God Gathers Us

Prelude Lorraine K

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship The Rev. Thomas Kim

***Hymn** *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning* #175

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

God's Word Transforms Us

Story Time Jonathan S

Musical interlude

Responsive reading Psalm 29: 1-11 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

Scripture readings 1 Kings 12: 1-11, 25-30 – Margaret W
John 14: 5-7

Message **What is your choice?**
The Story 14 – A Kingdom Torn in Two
The Rev. Thomas Kim

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering

***Doxology / Prayer** *All praise and thanks to God*

Sharing George M

Invitation to Communion

***Song** *Worship the Lord (vv 1, 3-5)* #555

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

*Song	<i>We are marching</i>	#639
*Benediction	<i>Go now in peace</i>	
Postlude	Veronika K	

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Jan 7th

- **The Sacrament of Communion** – *This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome!*
- **Kid Connect** – classes will resume on January 14th
- **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 morning!

Greeter: Miriam F

Coffee Hosts: Cathy & Rod



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Ruth P in loving memory of her husband Jim.

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

This week at Calvin – Jan 7th to Jan 13th

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	Calvin Coffee House @ 7:00pm
Saturday	Men's Breakfast at Roseland Restaurant @ 8:00am

Dates to remember

Jan 19 th	The Living Table
Jan 26 th	The Living Table
Feb 14 th	Ash Wednesday
Feb 18 th	First Sunday of Lent

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Happy New Year! The first meeting of 2024 will be January 13th at 8:00am at the Roseland Restaurant in our usual spot in the back room. Our guest speaker will be Ken G and his topic will be *"Life as a Paramedic"*. All Calvin men and male guests are welcome.



FOOD BANK

Let's start the new year off special by making it a **SOUPER JANUARY!** That's right – the red wagon is a little empty and we are encouraging you to fill it with your favourite SOUP. Even if you bring in one can – you'll be a SOUPER-STAR! Thanks for your SOUP-PORT from the Food Bank Team: *Lois, Joyce, and Ken!*

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

A heads up for those individuals who are responsible for reporting on their group's activities for 2023 – the reports are due into the church office by January 31st. *Thank you!*

CALVIN COFFEE HOUSE

The next scheduled Coffee House is Friday, January 12th with musical guest, Corey Primus. Come enjoy a mix of folk, pop, and country hits. Doors open at 7:00pm.

ANGEL DISPLAY

Thank you to all the folks that shared their beautiful ANGELS with us over the month of December. The display was inspiring. If you donated and have not picked up your angel, please check out the box near the mailboxes. *Thank you!*

CALVIN CONNECT NEWSLETTER

The 3rd 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.

CAMP DOUGLAS

Registration for the 2024 Summer Camp Season is now open. Register before February 28th for best pricing. Don't forget – Camp Douglas is also hiring Summer Staff – check out all the details at www.campdouglas.ca



MAILBOXES

If you haven't checked your mailbox recently, please do so. The 2024 Counting Schedule as well as the Coffee Schedule has been distributed. Some folders have cards!

M'CHEYNE'S BIBLE READING PLAN 2024

Copies of the reading plan for 2024 will be handed out on Sunday morning. If you miss getting a copy you can pick up one from the Information Desk.

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.

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

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



THE STORY

In preparation for next Sunday, please read:

Chapter 15: God’s Messengers



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**please stand in body or in spirit*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended
to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

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ALL: **and also with you**

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Leader:

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. You call your people to repentance, to renew their covenant with you and to prepare for the joyful victory feast of the Lord. Therefore, with all your faithful people we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

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God of Power and Might,
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
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Leader:

We praise you, most holy God,
for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us.
He took up his cross and died that we might live.
We praise you that he overcame death and is risen.

Remembering our Lord's command to take and eat,
we ponder the mystery of his promise
that in this meal we are joined to him,
and to one another as a holy people.
Today we gather at his invitation to break bread and share the cup and
to proclaim the mystery of our faith:

(ALL)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader:

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and
wine, that we, and all who share this feast, may be one with Christ and
he with us. Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to you.

Through Christ, in Christ in the unit of the Holy Spirit, all glory and
honour is yours, almighty God forever and ever. **Amen.**

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
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