



**CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**February 18, 2024 | 10:00am
First Sunday in Lent**

God Gathers Us

Prelude Veronika K

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship The Rev. Thomas Kim

***Hymn** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* #407

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

God's Word Transforms Us

Lenten liturgy First Sunday in Lent – Mark K

Story time Jonathan S

Musical interlude

Responsive reading Psalm 25: 1-10 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

Scripture readings Esther 4: 15-16 – Jo-Ann K

Mark 1: 9-15

Message

If I perish, I perish

(The Story Chapter 20 - The Queen of Beauty and Courage)

The Rev. Thomas Kim

***Hymn**

In the bulb there is a flower #674

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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



WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

The Season of Lent



God Sends Us

*Hymn

Fight the good fight

#690

*Benediction

Amen

Postlude

Veronika K

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Feb 18th

- **New Members Class** – the final session will begin following Worship today.
- **Kid Connect** – come with us upstairs after Story Time
- **Youth Connect** (grade 7 and up) – You are welcome to hang out in the *Youth Zone* after worship.

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeters: Lois L

Coffee Hosts: Michele M & Miriam F



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Julia H in loving memory of her brother, Geoffrey.

Rev. Thomas Kim will be away from the office on Study Leave from February 19-25 exclusively. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact any elder.

ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

Ballots for the Election of new Elders were distributed last week. Nominees are Edward Akuffo, Maria Bitter and Marilyn Instant. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Thomas or any elder. Ballots are due back to the office by **February 25th**.

This week at Calvin – Feb 18th to Feb 24th

Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study at the home of Jean B @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>

Dates to remember

Feb 18 th	First Sunday of Lent
Feb 25 th	<u>Ballots</u> for new Elders are due back
Mar 1 st	The Living Table
Mar 3 rd	Annual Congregational Meeting
Mar 8 th	Calvin Jazz Vespers
Mar 15 th	The Living Table

FISH FOR FEBRUARY

This month the Food Bank Team encourages you to help FILL UP THOSE EMPTY SHELVES with your FAVOURITE FOODS – **Tuna to Sardines, Mackerel or Pilchards** will feed the pangs of hunger. We make a difference when we do it TOGETHER! Many thanks from your Food Bank Team... *Lois, Ken and Joyce.* ❤️



NOTE TO PARENTS

of Preschool and
Elementary Children



Your children are enjoying the Youth Zone after the church service along with our youth and young adults. We are asking that you help us with ensuring that your young children **tidy up after themselves** when they have finished their refreshments

rather than leaving glasses, napkins, and unfinished food around the room. Also, please **remind them** that when playing with our game tables and equipment they must treat equipment respectfully, so they do not get broken and return equipment to where it was found.

Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday, March 3rd** following the worship service.

The ACM is a time where we communicate and make decisions collectively. It is a time to rejoice about what we have accomplished and to vision what might be in 2024. *Please make every effort to attend.*

Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available for pick up from the Information Desk.

CALVIN JAZZ VESPERS

Join us on Friday, **March 8th** at 7:30 pm at Calvin Church for an evening of Jazz music, readings and reflection.

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.

Menu for March: "J.F. Jambalaya"

(a Creole and Cajun dish of meat and vegetables mixed with rice)
prepared by Thomas Kim, inspired by John Fleming

March 1
March 15
March 22

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

Need more information:

contact Marcus B, Cathy T, or Rev. Thomas Kim.

YOUTH CONNECT (grades 7 and up)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 14th at 5:30 pm:

Make your own Pizza and Games Night

Event Leaders: Marcus, Marissa, and Lydia

Sunday, April 16th: Short meeting after the service for Team Leaders to update on upcoming events

May: Community Service Activity – Gideon, Jolene – Leaders

June: Community Activity – Jubilee, Keith, and Dan – Leaders

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 as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **CALLING ALL CAMPERS!!!**

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Are you someone who enjoys camping, hiking, kayaking, canoeing? Would you consider spending some quality time with our youth on a weekend campout this coming summer in August?

Want more information?

Chat with or contact Maria B.



GHANA MISSION TRIP 2025

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? April 22- May 8, 2025

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: August 31, 2024

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 (Cape Coast & Elmina)
- Experience authentic Ghanaian living, food and music!!
- And many more!!

*For more information or questions,
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Katherine A



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THE STORY

In preparation for next Sunday, please read:

Chapter 21: Rebuilding the Walls

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



Website: www.CalvinLife.ca



Facebook: Calvin Presbyterian Church Abbotsford



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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



LENTEN REFLECTION:

Last Wednesday was the first day in Lent – also known as Ash Wednesday. Have you wondered – why ashes?

In Genesis, it says that humans were created from ‘*the dust of the earth*’ and when the fall of Adam happened the bible also says, “*to dust we shall return*”. The ashes (or dust) symbolize our mortality and our total dependence on God for our salvation. It is spread on our foreheads in the shape of a cross to remind us, in God’s great mercy how Jesus came and died so that we could live eternally with him. *Thanks be to God.*