



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2024 | 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent

God Gathers Us

Prelude Bobbie-Anne M

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Rod Thomson

*Hymn *We praise you, O God* #425

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

God's Word Transforms Us

Lenten liturgy Second Sunday in Lent – Don Blaak

*Hymn *Brother, sister, let me serve you (vv. 1-4)*
#635

Story time Rod Thomson

Musical interlude

Responsive reading Psalm 22: 23-31 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

Scripture readings Nehemiah 8: 1-9 – Malcolm M

Mark 8: 31-38 – Neil V

Message **Rebuilding the walls** (*The Story* - Ch. 21)

Rod Thomson

*Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer* #651

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory

*Doxology / Prayer *Give thanks*

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 *Precious Lord, take my hand* #675
*Benediction *May the God of hope go with us every day* #726
Postlude Bobbie-Anne M

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Feb 25th

- **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: Cathie, Mark & Cameron

Coffee Hosts: Andy & Jo-Ann



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed in thanksgiving to God for his redeeming love.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place next **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 and Financial are available for pick up from the Information Desk. One per family, please.

This week at Calvin – Feb 25th to Mar 2nd

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 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
Mar 29 th	Good Friday Service @ 10:00 am
Mar 31 st	Easter Sunday Service

ELECTION OF NEW ELDERS

Ballots for the Election of new Elders are due back **today**, Sunday, February 25th. Please be sure to complete the ballot as instructed, signing the outside of the envelope, and placing it in the Ballot Box. *Thank you!*

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.* ❤️



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.

TODAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

VROOM, VROOM!!--- Be sure to mark your calendars and attend the next meeting of the Men's Fellowship on March 2nd. Mark C is the guest speaker, and his topic is "*Classic British Car Club Projects*". Roseland Restaurant at 8:00 am. All men are welcome.

YOUTH CONNECT (grades 7 and up)



**CHECK YOUR CALENDARS
LET'S MAKE SOME PLANS FOR SPRING
UPCOMING EVENTS**

FEBRUARY – Bowling/Pizza Event: Feb 24th

MARCH – Games afternoon/evening at the church:

Weekend of March 29th/30th.

Looking for Event leaders – interested? Contact Maria

APRIL – Community Event: Weekend of April 12th

Looking for Event leaders – interested? Contact Maria

MAY – Outreach Ministry: Sandwiches for Unhoused:

Saturday, May 11th

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

CAMP DOUGLAS SUMMER CAMP

Book before Feb 29th and save money on camp fees.

Just a reminder that the 2024 Camping Season is approaching. If you have a child or a grandchild interested in attending camp this summer, you'll save money by booking before February 29th. Flyers are available from the table in the entrance way or check out their website at campdouglas.ca.

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.

Stewardship Moment



Jesus knew that the place of money in our lives is a spiritual issue far more than it is an economic issue.

Canon Harold Percy
(Anglican Rector)

GALLERY 7 THEATRE *presents the Sound of Music*

The hills are alive with the sound of music! Gallery 7 Theatre proudly presents *The Sound of Music*. The beloved family musical runs March 15th & 16th, 19th – 23rd at 7:30 pm with matinees on March 16, 23 & 24 at 2:00 PM at the Abbotsford Arts Centre. Suitable for ages 8 & up. Tickets and info: www.gallery7theatre.com or call 604-504-5940. Group rates available!

Second Sunday in Lent

One: On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus teaching about the suffering and rejection that he would endure on his way to the cross.

All: **Like Peter, we resist this teaching. We prefer an easier way without struggle and suffering.**

One: But Jesus does not hold back. He tells us that to become his followers we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

All: **May God help us as we learn more of what it means to be friends and followers of Jesus.**

Written by the Rev. John Bannerman
(PWS&D Committee Co-Convener)



Presbyterian World Service
& Development

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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THE STORY

In preparation for next Sunday, please read:

Chapter 22: The Birth of the King

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



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