



**CALVIN
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**March 17, 2024 | 10:00am
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

God Gathers Us

Prelude Veronika K
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship The Rev. Thomas Kim
***Hymn** *God, reveal your presence* #414
Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

God's Word Transforms Us

Lenten liturgy Fifth Sunday in Lent – Ken G
Story time Jonathan S
Musical interlude
Responsive reading Psalm 51: 1-12 (NRSV) – Don Blaak
Psalm (seated) *According to thy steadfast love* #33
Scripture readings Luke 11: 20 – Jo-Ann K
Luke 17: 20-21
Message **The Power of the Kingdom of God**
(*The Story* - Ch. 24: No Ordinary Man)
The Rev. Thomas Kim
***Song** *Be still and know that I am God* #64

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory
***Doxology / Prayer** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
#830

Induction of New Elders

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

*Song	<i>The kingdom of God is justice and joy</i>	#787
*Benediction	<i>Amen</i>	#780
Postlude	Veronika K	

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Mar 17th

- **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. Remember to tidy up after yourselves.

This week at Calvin – Mar 17th to Mar 23rd

Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study at the home of Margaret A @10:00am
Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @10:00am
Thursday	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am

Dates to remember

Mar 29 th	Good Friday Joint Communion Service
Mar 31 st	Easter Sunday Service
Apr 5 th	The Living Table
Apr 15 th	Funeral for Doris H
Apr 13 th	Youth Group - Taco Bar & Games Night (TBC)
Apr 26 th	The Living Table

INDUCTION OF NEW ELDERS

Today, we induct Edward A, Maria B and Marilyn I as Elders. Please keep all Session Members in your regular prayers.

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeters: Jo-Ann K

Coffee Hosts: Lois Lochhead, Helen B & Neil V



The Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Ruth P in celebration of Jim's birthday.

We are sad to announce the passing of **Eileen C** on Thursday, March 14th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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 not attend church. There is no fee for dinner.

(April & May Menus to be determined)

April 5 & 26

May 17, 24 & 31

To reserve a seat at the table email us at

nicedinnerfriends@gmail.com

Need more information: contact Marcus B, Cathy T, or Rev. Thomas.

FOOD BANK

**** Marvellous March - More of Everything ****

Macaroni, marmalade, muesli, marinara sauce or tomato sauce, too! - anything you can bring will be greatly appreciated and lovingly devoured. Thanks, from your Food Bank Team: *Lois, Joyce and Ken!*

MEETING MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from the March 3rd Congregational Meeting were emailed last week. A few hard copies can be found at the Information Desk.

EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY: March 29th, 2024



Calvin, Bradner and St. Paul's will be co-hosting a Good Friday Communion Service at Calvin Church. Please note service begins at 10:30 am.

EASTER SUNDAY: March 31st, 2024

10:00 am Easter Sunday: Join us on March 31st as we rejoice that Jesus is Risen, Risen Indeed. Let us join our hearts together in celebration "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*" John 3:16

YOUTH CONNECT (grades 7 and up)



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

MARCH – Taco Bar and Games Night: moved to April!

APRIL – Taco Bar and Games Night

April 13th (tentatively) 6:00-9:00pm

Build your own taco bar, board games, table games and team games: INVITE A FRIEND

RSVP by Saturday, March 23 with Maria or on Instagram Chat

Event leader: Marcus B.

MAY – Outreach Ministry: Sandwiches for the Unhoused:

Saturday, May 11th

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

Fifth Sunday

One: On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we discover a troubled Jesus in prayer as he contemplates his death on the cross.

All: **We are grateful for the prayers of Jesus and for the times in the gospels when Jesus prayed.**

One: In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, “Remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

All: **And so we pray, as Jesus taught us, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”**

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



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CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



Calvin's Mission & Outreach Committee would like to present "Christianity Explored".

Together, we will gather and share the good news about the man at the heart of the Christian faith.

Do you know anyone who has big questions about life or of our Lord & Saviour?

Christianity Explored is an eight-week course that will journey through the life of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. The course starts on June 7th, 2024 at the home of Rev. Kim.

A sign-up sheet for the course can be found in the Gathering Space but note, space is limited.

★ We are also looking for volunteers to help serve food at the beginning of each class. ★

If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have questions or can help, please contact coordinator, Audra at calvinchurchoutreach@gmail.com

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Abbotsford Christian Leaders Network is sponsoring the 33rd Annual City Prayer Breakfast on April 10th, 2024, beginning at 7:30am. The primary purpose is to pray for our Mayor, City Council, First Responders, School Board, Independent Schools, and agencies that work with our city's most vulnerable people. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for complete details.

CELTIC LITURGY

Come join Andrea Perrett, Pastor of Transform Ministry, St. Andrew's Hall, for an all ages, Celtic themed interactive outdoor Worship Service to be held at Hayward Lake Recreational Area in Mission. During the walk you will learn from the lives of some of the Irish Saints from Saint Patrick's era. There will be a time for discussion, prayer, silence, reflection, and play. Date is March 17th from 2:00-4:00pm. Meet at the red brick building at the end of the parking lot. Need more information contact Andrea at pastor.perrett@gmail.com or 778-872-0849.



GHANA MISSION TRIP 2025

Have you ever considered participating in a Mission Trip? Here is your chance. In late April 2025 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 August 31st, 2024. Minimum number of participants is 10, maximum is 15. Speak with [Edward A.](#), [Katherine A.](#), or [Rev. Thomas Kim](#) for more information on what to expect.

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THE STORY

In preparation for next Sunday, please read:
Chapter 25: Jesus, the Son of God

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