



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN C H U R C H

December 1, 2024 | 10:00am
First Sunday of Advent

God Gathers Us

Prelude	Joy Vox Community Choir	
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship	The Rev. Thomas Kim	
*Advent hymn	<i>Oh come, oh come Emmanuel (vv. 1, 7)</i>	#122
Prayers of confession & assurance of God's grace		
Advent reading	The First Sunday in Advent: HOPE – Cathy T	
Advent song (seated)	<i>Hope is a star (v. 1)</i>	#119
Choral anthem	<i>Love came down at Christmas</i>	

God's Word Transforms Us

Story time	Jonathan Stevens	
Musical interlude		
Responsive reading	Psalm 25: 1-10 (NRSV) – Don B	
Old Testament reading	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 – Cathy T	
New Testament reading	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 – Jo-Ann K	
Gospel reading	Luke 21: 25-36 – Rod T	
Message	HOPE (First Sunday of Advent) The Rev. Thomas Kim	

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering		
*Doxology / Prayer	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	#830
Invitation to Communion		
*Song	<i>Here is bread: here is wine</i>	#546
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]		



WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

The Season of Advent

God Sends Us

*Advent song

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

#114

*Benediction

Go now in peace

Postlude

Veronika K

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 1st

- **Kid Connect** – children will remain in the sanctuary.
- **Young Adult Connect & Youth Connect** (grade 7 and up) – ***A guest this morning?*** Join fellow young people in the Youth Zone behind the sanctuary with your refreshment after the service . ALL ARE WELCOME.

This week at Calvin: Dec 2nd – Dec 7th

Tues	Ladies Morning Bible Study at @ 9:30am (offsite)
Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am
Thurs	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am
Fri	The Living Table (Full)
Sat	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:00am (offsite) Calvin Clappers – Handbell Choir @ 10:30am

Dates to remember

Dec 8 th	<u>Advent Peace</u> : Christmas in Asia
Dec 13 th	The Living Table (<i>spots available</i>)
Dec 15 th	<u>Advent Joy</u> : Christmas in Africa
Dec 22 nd	<u>Advent Love</u> : Christmas Music
Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 29 th	Joint Service with St. Paul’s Presbyterian

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Neil V

Coffee Hosts: Cathy & Rod



ARE YOU VISITING OR NEW TO CALVIN?

If today is your first visit to Calvin or if you are new and want to learn more about Christianity or about church activities, please fill out the **BLUE CARD** found in the PEW RACK. Calvin is here to help you on your faith journey – we are a place where Jesus is WORSHIPPED, LIVED and SHARED and we are so glad you have come.

JOY VOX COMMUNITY CHOIR

We thank the *Joy Vox Community Choir* for participating in our worship service this morning! This choir rehearses in our sanctuary each Monday evening and will be performing an evening concert here at Calvin Church on Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available online (see the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space), or at the door. Come out for a great evening of choral and brass music to launch the Advent season!

THE LIVING TABLE

The Living Table happens on Fridays at the home of Thomas Kim!

The **FINAL** seating for dinner in 2024 is:

December 13th: *Spots still available*



Be sure to invite a friend. There is no fee for dinner.

To reserve your seat at the table email us at

NiceDinnerFriends@gmail.com

LAST SUNDAY FOR TWOONIES FOR TURKEYS

CHRISTMAS is coming and it's TURKEY time again.

So, we're collecting TWOONIES in the FOOD BANK Tin.

If you cannot spare a TWOONIE, a LOONIE will do, and if you haven't got a Loonie, then GOD BLESS YOU!



Many thanks from your Food Bank Team – Lois, Joyce and Ken

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship is December 7th at 8:00am. Reminder - we are back at the Roseland Restaurant.

FRIENDS & COFFEE SOCIAL EVENTS LIST

Fun things are happening at the Wednesday morning Friends & Coffee Social during the month of December. Come enjoy good conversation, laughter and encouragement beginning at 10:00am.

December 4th: Paperback Book Swap

December 11th: Quiz Time

December 18th: Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

December 18th will be the final social until the New Year!



QUIET BAGS FOR CHILDREN

Just a reminder to parents that Quiet Bags and Clipboards with colouring pages are available as there is no Kid Connect Class today. Bags can be retrieved from the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the box at the end of the service. *Thank you.*

RETURN-IT EXPRESS - Recycling is easy and another way you can support our ministries. Pick up a label from the display in the Gathering Space.

WEEKLY EMAIL LIST

The church office sends out the Weekly Bulletin each Friday. If you are not on this email list and would like to be, please contact Pearl at officecalvinchurch@gmail.com and she'll make it happen.



*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by
Cathy & Rod in loving memory of
Rod's mom, Rosa.*

PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

Pastoral care had been quietly happening during and after Covid. In April 2024 we put together a team of dedicated volunteers to visit Care Homes, Hospitals, and home residences.

Our Calvin team meets monthly to review and assign a Visitation List. We partner with a team member and choose an individual to visit. Our team members have enjoyed these visits! If you, a family member, or a friend would like to have a visit, please let one of our team members know.

We have a "Grief Share" program that we would like to implement in the future once we have sufficient volunteers and participant interest.

Our team is open to having a couple of new volunteers. If you feel your gifts align with this ministry, we would love to hear from you.

Team members are as follow: Rev. Kim, Richard and Philippa, Margaret H, Jo-Ann K, Helen B, Cathy T, and Marilyn . For more information, you can talk to one of our team members or contact Marilyn.

JOSHUA HOUSE

Reminder that Joshua House is looking for the following items:

Men's clothing - Blankets & Linens – Men's toiletries



Please place your donations in the Joshua House Drop Box located in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Richard H.



The 2024 **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FLYER** is now available. Be sure to pick up an extra copy and invite a neighbour or friend.

Calvin Presbyterian Church
invites you to...



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE

December 1st, 2024 – 10:00 am

Communion Service | Musical Guests: Joy Vox Choir

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT: PEACE

December 8th, 2024 – 10:00 am

Christmas in Asia

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: JOY

December 15th, 2024 – 10:00 am

Christmas in Africa | Musical Guests: Blaak Arts Music

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT: LOVE

December 22nd, 2024 – 10:00 am

Christmas Music

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th, 2024 – 7:00pm

We invite you to join us as we open our hearts to hear the familiar story surrounded by familiar hymns and carols in our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



END OF THE YEAR SERVICE

December 29th, 2024 – 10:00 am

A joint service with our friends from
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

33911 Hazelwood Ave, Abbotsford, BC

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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.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you

ALL: **and also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts,

ALL: **we lift them to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

ALL: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.

**(ALL) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
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
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 unity 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.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.



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Volunteers for next week, December 8th Worship:

Greeter: Joyce T

Coffee Hosts: Cathie & Mark



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Join us for in-person worship or online.



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