



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN C H U R C H

December 15, 2024 | 10:00am
Third Sunday of Advent

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Veronika Klassen

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas Kim

Advent reading

The Third Sunday in Advent: JOY
– Angel-Gabriel Akuffo

***Advent Hymn (seated)**

Hope is a star (v. 3)

#119

Prayers of confession & assurance of God's grace

Praise & Worship

Mabel Acheampong & Team Africa

God's Word Transforms Us

Story time

Lydia Akuffo & Naa Norley Osekre

Musical interlude

Responsive reading

Isaiah 12: 2-5

Old Testament reading

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

New Testament reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel reading

Luke 3: 7-18

Message

JOY (Third Sunday of Advent)
The Rev. Thomas Kim

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering

***Doxology / Prayer**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

#830

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

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

My Christmas Story

Edward Akuffo

Musical Presentation

Mabel Acheampong & Team Africa

*Please stand in body or in spirit.



WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

The Season of Advent

God Sends Us

*Hymn

Joy to the world

#153

*Benediction

Rev. Thomas Kim

Postlude

Veronika Klassen

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 15th

- **“Christmas in Africa”** Sunday – we are honoured to have our African families lead us in Worship.
- **Kid Connect** – Classes have finished and will restart in January.
- **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 16th – Dec 21st

Wed

Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am

Sat

Calvin Clappers – Handbell Choir @ 10:30am

Dates to remember

Dec 22nd

Advent Love: Christmas Music

Dec 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 29th

Joint Service with St. Paul’s Presbyterian

Jan 7th

Ladies Morning Bible Study

Jan 8th

Friends & Coffee Social

Jan 9th

Thursday Morning Bible Study



Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Michele Martin

Coffee Hosts: Alexandra & Edward Akuffo

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Margaret Ward in loving memory of her husband, Joe.



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.

FOOD BANK 'TWOONIE FOR TURKEYS' UPDATE

A **HUGE** thank you to all those that participated in the Twoonie Drive for the Food Bank this past month. A total of \$373.60 was collected and will be forwarded to the Food Bank.



Remember the red wagon is always in place to take non-perishable food items so we encourage you to continue to bring in supplies as you are able. The need is great, especially this time of year.

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

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 18th: *Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest*

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The theme this year is “**Keep the Home Fires Burning**”. In these difficult financial times, we are fortunate to have a building to freely worship and praise God: a church open to all. These funds will honour our dedication to maintain our worship space; to keep it WARM and BRIGHT. This is one way we honour God’s gifts to us – in being a good steward. *Give as you are able.*



DONATION DEADLINE FOR 2024

A reminder, if you wish to top up your givings for 2024 the year is ending quickly. Donations can be made via cash, cheque, through PAR or by e-transfer to CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com.

*The life, work and mission of Calvin is made possible in part by your gifts.
Thank you.*

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 Hay: 604-615-8051

QUIET BAGS FOR CHILDREN

Just a reminder to parents that Quiet Bags and Clipboards with colouring pages are available when there is no Kid Connect Class or if your child prefers to stay in the sanctuary. Bags can be retrieved from the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the box at the end of the service.

NOTE: Kid Connect Classes have finished for the year and will resume in January.

CARIBOO HOUSE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

The Christmas/New Year edition of the Northern Light Newsletter has been emailed to the congregation as well as posted on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

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.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES FLYER
from the Information Desk and invite a neighbour
or friend.

Calvin Music Academy

(Calvin Presbyterian Church 33911 Hazelwood Avenue, Abbotsford, BC)

is offering beginner group classes for adults
for the following instruments:

Violin: Thursday evenings starting
January 9, 2025
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bagpipes: Thursday evenings starting
January 9, 2025
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ukulele: Tuesday afternoons starting
January 14, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Guitar: Thursday evenings starting
January 16, 2025
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Each class includes eight weekly lessons for \$80!
(Students are expected to bring their own instruments).

For more information check out our website at:

calvinmusic.ca

or contact Jo Blaak at

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Volunteers for next week, December 22nd Worship:

Greeter: Neil Visser

Coffee Hosts: Julia Happer & Margaret Ward



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