



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN C H U R C H

December 22, 2024 | 10:00am

Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Music Service

God Gathers Us

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| Prelude | Liisa N | |
| Welcome & Announcements | | |
| Call to Worship | The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| *Advent carol | <i>Long ago, prophets knew</i> | #121 |
| Advent reading | The Fourth Sunday in Advent: LOVE – Marilyn I | |
| Advent song (seated) | <i>Hope is a star (v. 4)</i> | #119 |
| Musical interlude | Ben & Liisa | |
| Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace | | |

God's Word Transforms Us

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| Story time | Miriam F | |
| Musical interlude | Veronika K | |
| Responsive reading | Psalm 84: 1-5 (NRSV) – Don B | |
| New testament reading | Hebrews 10: 5-10 – Malcolm | |
| First gospel reading | Luke 1: 39-45 | |
| *Carol | <i>'Twas in the moon of wintertime</i> | #144 |
| Second gospel reading | Luke 2: 8-20 | |
| Musical interlude | Rod & Veronika | |
| Message | Advent 4: LOVE The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| *Carol | <i>In the bleak mid-winter</i> | #145 |

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Baptism & Reception of new members

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| Offering / Offertory | Jo Blaak | |
| *Doxology / Prayer | <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i> | #830 |

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.



WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

The Season of Advent

God Sends Us

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| *Christmas song | <i>Go, tell it on the mountain</i> | #133 |
| *Benediction | <i>Amen</i> | #780 |
| Postlude | Ben & Liisa | |

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 22nd

- **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 23rd – Dec 28th

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| Tue | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00pm |
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Dates to remember

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| Dec 29 th | Joint Service with St. Paul's Presbyterian |
| Jan 7 th | Ladies Morning Bible Study begins |
| Jan 8 th | Friends & Coffee Social begins |
| Jan 9 th | Thursday Morning Bible Study begins |
| Jan 9 th | Calvin Music Academy Opens |
| Jan 10 th | Calvin Coffee House |
| Jan 17 th | The Living Table |
| Jan 24 th | The Living Table |
| Jan 31 st | The Living Table |

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Neil V

Coffee Hosts: Julia H & Margaret W

Please note: *Over the next week the church office will be open with limited hours. If you need to come to the office, please email or call first.*



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.

BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Today, we welcome by baptism: Lorne B and George M; and as a professing member: Edmund N. *Welcome to the family!*

POP-UP CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to be a part of group? If so, now is your chance. As part of our year-end service on December 29th we will have an anthem choir. Anyone of any age can join for this one-time performance. Practice will be held after worship today. Come give it a try!

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.*

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

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.

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
604-309-7976

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new website at:
CALVINMUSIC.CA



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.*

THE BIG BLUE BIN

Joshua House's big blue bin is always available in the Gathering Space to accept donations of men's clothing, toiletries, blankets and linens for men struggling with addiction. Have questions? Contact Richard H.

THE RED WAGON

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*

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.

TODAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Copies of the January/February 2025 Devotional Guide are now available. You can pick up a copy from the Information Desk. Large prints are also available.



A NEW YEAR – A NEW LIVING TABLE

The Living Table happens on Friday evenings at the home of Thomas Kim. There is no fee to attend but we do ask you to reserve a seat.

The next seating for dinner is:

- January 17th (Ukrainian Christmas Menu)
- January 24th
- January 31st

Book your seat by emailing: NiceDinnerFriends@gmail.com

Invite a friend or two.

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Volunteers for next week, December 29th Worship:

Greeters: Julia & Beverley
Coffee Hosts: Jo-Ann & Andy



From our family to yours - wishing you God's peace and joy
this Christmas season and all year long.

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



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