

# March 2, 2025 | 10:00am Transfiguration Sunday

#### **God Gathers Us**

Prelude Laura L

Welcome & Announcements – Rod, Duty Elder Call to Worship The Rev. Thomas Kim

\*Hymn We have come at Christ's own bidding

[Tune: HYFRYDOL] #422

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

# **God's Word Transforms Us**

Story time Jonathan S

Musical interlude

**Responsive reading** Psalm 100 (NRSV) – Don Blaak **Gospel reading** John 15: 4-5, 10-11 – Cathy T

New Testament reading 1 John 4: 7-12 – Rod T

Message Abide in God's Love

The Rev. Thomas Kim

## We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering

\*Doxology / Prayer Praise God from whom all blessings flow

#830

Invitation to communion

\*Song Let us break bread together #548

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]

\*Please stand in body or in spirit



#### **God Sends Us**

\*Song This is my commandment #694 \*Benediction Amen #780

Postlude Laura L

#### Today at Calvin – Sunday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

- We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Annual Congregational Meeting following worship
- Kid Connect will return next Sunday.
- 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: Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues	Ladies Morning Bible Study at @ 9:30am (offsite)
	CMA - Ukulele Classes @ 1:00pm
Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am
	** Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00pm **
Thurs	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am
	CMA – Violin, Guitar, Bagpipes Classes (evening)
Fri	The Living Table
Sat	Calvin Clappers – Handbell Choir @ 10:30am
Dates to remember	
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Living Table (spots available)
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Classes start
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Living Table (spots available)
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Living Table (spots available)
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday



#### 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.

# Today, following Worship, we are holding our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

Please stay and be take part in the discussions.

Note there will be no Coffee Time today.



# Thank You to our Volunteers this morning! Greeters: Francis M & Ken G

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Cathy and Rod in memory of Douglas Fynn.



#### THE LIVING TABLE - Dinner with Friends!

The Living Table happens on Friday evenings at the home of Thomas Kim. A wonderful way to meet new people in a caring and warm atmosphere. There is no fee to attend but we do ask you to reserve a seat.

The next seating for dinner is:

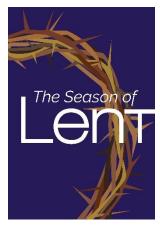
March 7<sup>th</sup>

March 21st

March 28th

Book your seat by emailing: <u>NiceDinnerFriends@gmail.com</u>
Invite a friend or two.

**REMINDER: NEW MEMBERS' CLASSES** start next Sunday. Need more info, speak to Thomas.



#### THE SEASON OF LENT

begins March 5th

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Valley Cross Way Church will be having an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. An invitation has been extended to all Calvin members. A very moving and poignant service - a wonderful way to begin the Lenten Season. If you've never been – you should come!

#### ST. ANDREW'S HALL 2025 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Are you looking for a daily devotional to help you connect to God during the season of Lent? Well, the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart together with students, staff, professors, and associates from St. Andrew's Hall have assembled another wonderful resource to help you. The resource can be downloaded here: 2025 SAH Lenten Devotional Guide

#### CALVIN COFFEE HOUSE - March 14th

Our guest musicians are <u>Michael Jantzen</u> and <u>Solomon Janzen</u>. Michael carves out his own space between folk and country. With his nuanced baritone and delicate guitar playing, he creates a distinct and inviting brand of roots music infused with personal stories, faith and West Coast imagery. His knack for weaving introspection into poetic narrative and stick-in-your head melodies has a way of getting listeners humming along, musing the meaning of their own journeys. Michael is joined by Solomon Janzen, one of the Fraser Valley's best and most versatile guitarists.

Whether he's adding grit on slide guitar, the perfect melodic touches to a ballad, or beautifully understated vocal harmonies, Solomon's musical instincts are uncanny. He somehow always creates exactly what each song needs to shine.



Doors open at 7:00pm with an open mic beginning at 7:30pm and our featured guests at around 8:30pm. Admission is FREE and a paid concession is available. *Join us for some good times and great music!* 

#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SESSION – February 2025

The Session's monthly meeting begins with prayer, occasionally followed by the singing of a hymn. We then discuss the assigned readings from Equipping Elders; last month, the focus was on the role of the Session and Missions. Reports are shared from various church teams, including Greeters, Worship, Pastoral Care, Fellowship and Hospitality, Men's Breakfast, Facilities and Finance, as well as updates from the Clerk, the Minister, and others. We also pray for individuals whose names are brought forward for special care.

Some of the key discussions at the past two meetings include:

- Received three new members by Profession of Faith (December 2024) and two members by Transfer (January 2025).
- Approved minister's study leave (Ghana mission trip)
- Sent reports to Presbytery on the impact of our use of Dr. Dale Woods, the Presbyter for Mission and Visioning and a submission for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our grant for the Living Table ministry.
- Received report to Leading with Care from Day Care of a significant breach of security. Please do your part to ensure the building is secure from strangers.
- Finalized the agenda for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Introduced the Duty Elder's role for Sunday service. Each month, a Duty Elder will supervise all Sunday morning activities and make announcements at the beginning of the worship service.

If you have a concern, please speak to your elder to bring it to the next Session meeting on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Beverley A, Clerk of Session



#### Heads Up!

Next <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 8<sup>th</sup></u> remember to move your clock 1 hour ahead otherwise you'll be late for church the next day.



# 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

\* with a small "c", "catholic Church", refers to the universal Christian Church - all believers in Jesus Christ.

#### 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 thinks 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 <u>next week</u>, March 9th Worship:

Greeters: Margaret A & David K Coffee Hosts: Jo-Ann K & Helen B



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