



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN C H U R C H

March 9, 2025 | 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent

God Gathers Us

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| Prelude | Veronika Klassen | |
| Welcome & Announcements | Rod Thomson – Duty Elder | |
| Call to Worship | The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| *Hymn | <i>There is a Redeemer</i> | #358 |
| Lenten liturgy | First Sunday in Lent - Lydia Akuffo | |
| Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace | | |

God's Word Transforms Us

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| Story time | The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| Musical interlude | | |
| Responsive reading | Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 – Don Blaak | |
| Gospel reading | Luke 4: 1-13 – Michele Martin | |
| New Testament reading | 1 John 5: 13, 18-21 | |
| Message | Lent 1: the Son of God | |
| | The Rev. Thomas Kim | |
| *Hymn | <i>Come, ye disconsolate</i> | #195 |

We respond, God hears our Prayers

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| Offering / Offertory | | |
| *Doxology / Prayer | <i>Glory be to God the Father (v. 1)</i> | #298 |

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

God Sends Us

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| *Hymn | <i>To God be the glory</i> | #350 |
| *Benediction | <i>Father, make us one</i> | |
| Postlude | Veronika Klassen | |

*Please stand in body or in spirit



WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

The Season of Lent



Today at Calvin – Sunday, Mar 9th

- **Kid Connect** – meet upstairs after Story Time
- **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.
- **Membership Classes** begin after worship today
- **Calvin Choir** – practice follows worship

This week at Calvin: Mar 9th – Mar 15th

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| Tues | Ladies Morning Bible Study at @ 9:30am (offsite) CMA - Ukulele Classes @ 1:00pm |
| Wed | Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am |
| Thurs | Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am CMA – Violin, Guitar, Bagpipes Classes (evening) |
| Fri | Calvin Coffee House |
| Sat | Calvin Clappers – Handbell Choir @ 10:30am |

Dates to remember

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| Mar 21 st | The Living Table (spots available) |
| Mar 28 th | The Living Table (spots available) |
| Apr 18 th | Good Friday |
| Apr 20 th | Easter Sunday |

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeters: Margaret Allan & David Klassen

Coffee Hosts: Jo-Ann & Andy Kiss



The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Patti and Alan Hougen with hope & prayers for world peace.

Welcome
to Calvin

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.



Our **MEDIA MINISTRY** is looking for a few new volunteers for help with the multimedia services for worship. This includes running livestream, sound and PowerPoint on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary, and full training will be provided. Curious and want to know more, contact Gideon at gidrocks2017@gmail.com.

CALVIN COFFEE HOUSE – March 14th

Our guest musicians are [Michael Jantzen](#) and [Solomon Janzen](#). Michael carves out his own space between folk and country and is joined by Solomon Janzen, one of the Fraser Valley's best and most versatile guitarists.

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!*



CALVIN CHOIR – join when you are able!

The choir will sing at a service once a month with practices being held the two Sundays before the service. Check the dates below. If you are interested or need more information, please speak with Don Blaak.

- March 9th & 16th for March 23rd Worship
- April 6th & 13th for April 20th Easter Worship
- June 8th & 15th for June 22nd Worship



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 21st

March 28th

Book your seat by emailing: NiceDinnerFriends@gmail.com

Invite a friend or two.

FOOD BANK

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

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

WHATCHA DOING WEDNESDAY?

If your answer is 'nothing' – then why not come join us at 10:00am in the Fireside Room. We can turn a 'nothing special' day into a 'extraordinary mid-week whoop-it-up day'. *Every day is special when you are with friends! Come enjoy some refreshments and snacks – together!*

RETURN-IT EXPRESS – IT IS WORTH IT!

Don't forget to recycle your bottles, cans and drink containers to your nearest Return-It Express Depot. Its an easy and effective way to support the ministries of Calvin. Pick up a label from the table in the Gathering Space.



Want to support the ministries of Calvin online through e-transfer?

Use the email CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com

Be sure to include your NAME or envelope number if you have one.

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 2nd 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 12th at 7:00pm.

Beverley Albon, Clerk of Session

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.

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Volunteers for next week, March 16th Worship:

Greeters: Phillipa & Richard Hay

Coffee Hosts: Miriam Fleming & Marilyn Instant



***The Season
of Lent begins.***

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



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