

# May 25, 2025 | 10:00am Sixth Sunday of Easter

# **God Gathers Us**

Prelude Tina Wang

Welcome & Announcements Duty Elder – Ron Richardson

Call to Worship (responsive) Chris Clements

\*Hymn God, reveal your presence #414

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace (in unison)

**Assurance of Pardon** 

## **God's Word Transforms Us**

Story time Chris Clements

Musical interlude

**Responsive reading** Psalm 65: 1-8 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

Gospel reading John 3: 1-10

New Testament reading Acts 8: 26-40; Romans 5: 5

- Michele Martin

Message Hope in Jesus' Kingdom

**Chris Clements** 

\*Hymn My hope is built on nothing less

(Tune: SOLID ROCK) #349

# We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory

\*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]

# **God Sends Us**

\*Hymn O Breath of life, come sweeping

through us (vv. 1-3)

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\*Benediction May the peace of God Postlude Tina Wang

# Today at Calvin - Sunday, May 25th

- Kid Connect Meet us upstairs after Storytime.
- Young Adult Connect & Youth Connect (grade 7 and up) A guest this morning? Join fellow young people in the Youth Zone behind the sanctuary after the service. ALL ARE WELCOME.

This week at Calvin: May 26 <sup>th</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Tues	Ladies Morning Bible Study at @ 9:30am (offsite)
	Ukulele Classes @1:30 pm
Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am
Thurs	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am
	Guitar Classes & Bagpipes Classes (evening)
Fri	Jazz Vespers @7:30pm
Sat	Calvin Clappers – Handbell Choir @ 10:30am

Dates to remember	
Jun 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	2025 General Assembly
Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christianity Explored Study begins
Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Anniversary Sunday
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pop Up Choir Rehearsal following worship
Jun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Calvin Coffee House
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Sunday
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting
July 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Music Exploration Camp

## TODAY, CHRIS CLEMENTS LEADS US IN WORSHIP



Chris Clements lives in Abbotsford with his wife Nyssa and two children. Chris teaches at Columbia Bible College and previously served as pastor of youth and discipleship with a Presbyterian congregation in Ontario. Chris and family enjoy Abbotsford's local hikes and paddling its waterways.

#### 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.

#### **JAZZ VESPERS**

A Jazz Vespers service will be held at Calvin Church at 7:30 pm on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we explore the theme of **"Time"** through scriptures, reflections and music performed by *The Moonlighters Big Band*. All are welcome and we encourage you to invite friends, especially those with a love of music from the big band era.



#### MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at the Roseland Restaurant Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. All men are invited and bring a friend. Fellowship begins at 8:00am.

**CALVIN CHOIR** – The next set of practices for our pop-up choir are June 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> following worship. Performance date is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

**Greeter:** Margaret Ward

Coffee Hosts: Jane & Lorne Bartlett

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Julia Happer in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

#### **GRADUATES 2025**

This is the time of year when some of our youth may be graduating from elementary school, junior high school, high school, college, or university, and we wish to acknowledge and applaud their achievements. If you are graduating, or would like to recognize someone who is, please contact the church office. In your email, please include the name of the graduate, a photo of them, and a brief write up (what grade they are in, where they are graduating from, future plans, and interests, etc.) Submission of biographies are due by Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Graduation Sunday will be Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED! WHO IS JESUS?

This is a casual and open meeting over dinner and discussion about Christianity. "Christianity Explored" will meet at the home of Rev. Kim every Friday evening from June 6<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>. Session begins with Soup and Buns at 6:00pm. Let us know you're coming by signing up on the clipboard found at the Information Desk.

#### WEDNESDAY FRIENDS & COFFEE SOCIAL

Want to meet some new people while enjoying a coffee, tea and treats? Come join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00am for good conversation, laughs and encouragement. All are welcome.

#### **FOOD BANK**

**Keep if coming –** there is nothing more heartwarming to see than a <u>FULL</u> RED WAGON! Thanks, from your Food Bank Team: Lois, Joyce and Ken!

#### THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN

Be sure to check out the items on the rolling A-Frame cart – these books have been graciously donated and free to take, share with others or return for others to view.

#### **JOSHUA HOUSE**

The 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 Hay.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

The Return-it Recycle Program is a simple and effortless way to support the ministries at Calvin. Need a label? Pick

one up from the table in the Gathering Space. Remember only 12 Glass Bottles per bag.

#### PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER



We are community that cares for each other. We encourage you this week to spend time in prayer with our beloved Lord whose love is never ending. Pray for:

- Our Community and our World
- Our Church Family (our Minister, Elders, Program leaders, children, youth and young adults as well as congregational members near and far)
- Those with Personal Challenges: those needing healing and recovery, those facing financial difficulties, those facing challenges in their workplace or school.
- Pray specially for Ken B, Ron B, Maria B., Sharize and our minister Rev. Kim.

Always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

# Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity



Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.

Brian Tracy (1944 – ), motivational speaker & author

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Use the email <u>CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com</u>
Be sure to include your <u>NAME</u> <u>or</u> envelope number if you have one.

# Discover the Joy of Music at Music Exploration Camp!



Join us this summer for a fun-filled week of creativity, curiosity, community-based hands-on music making - all within a Christ-centered environment that welcomes everyone! **Calvin Music Academy** invites young musicians to take part the **Music Exploration Camp**, where we'll explore the gift of music while building creativity, confidence, and connection – no prior experience required.

Each day campers will rotate through four exciting areas of music: Choir, Ukulele, Handbells and Percussion. Along the way, they'll learn foundational music skills, build friendships, and experience how music can be a joyful, expressive part of life.

At the end of the week, families are invited to join us for a special performance, where campers will share the music, they have learned and created throughout their time at camp!

While the camp includes Christian themes and values, **all children are welcome**, regardless of faith background. Our focus is on creating a positive, inclusive space where every child feels encouraged and inspired.

Dates: July 7 - 11

Cost: \$200 per camper (includes all materials and instruments)

Open to students ages 8-12.

Location: Calvin Presbyterian Church | 33911 Hazelwood Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7V2

Spaces are limited - sign up today and let the music begin!

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# Volunteers for next week, June 1st Worship:

Greeter: Jonathan Stevens Coffee Hosts: Jane & Lorne Bartlett



Our hope is grounded in God's love which we experience though the Holy Spirit.

# **CHECK US OUT ONLINE!**

Join us for in-person worship or online.



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