



August 10, 2025 | 10:00am
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

God Gathers Us

Prelude Tina Wang
Welcome & Announcements Duty Elder – Margaret Allan
Call to Worship The Rev. Thomas Kim
***Song** *Father, we love you* #300
Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

God's Word Transforms Us

Story time Thomas Kim
Musical interlude
Responsive reading Psalm 33: 12-22 (NRSV)
– Jonathan Stevens
New Testament reading 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:3
– Maria Bitter
Gospel reading Matthew 7: 21-23
Message **The most excellent way - LOVE**
The Rev. Thomas Kim
***Hymn** *Holy, holy, holy* #303

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory
***Doxology / Prayer** *Praise God from whom all blessings*
flow #79

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

God Sends Us

***Hymn** *Take my life and let it be consecrated* #637
***Benediction** *Amen* #780
Postlude Tina Wang

*Please stand in body or in spirit

WORSHIP - LIVE - SHARE

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



This week at Calvin: Aug 11th – Aug 16th

Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am
Thurs	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am Bagpipes Lessons (evening)
Friday	The Living Table (spaces available)

Dates to remember

Aug 15 th	The Living Table (spaces available)
Aug 24 th	Temporary Foreign Workers Gathering
Aug 29 th	The Living Table (spaces available)
Aug 31 st	Potluck Picnic following Worship
Sep 5 th	The Living Table (spaces available)
Sep 6 th	Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Sep 12 th	BBQ for Daycare Staff & Families
Sep 12 th	Calvin Coffee House



Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Julia Happer & Jonathan Stevens

Coffee Hosts: Rod & Cathy Thomson

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Ron & Marilyn Richardson in memory of Ron's brother, Gordon.

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.

A Delightful Evening Awaits

Come join us at the Living Table.

A time to be together to enjoy good food and engage in wonderful conversation. There is no cost for this event.



To reserve your seat
please email:

NiceDinnerFriends@gmail.com

DINNER DATES ARE:

August 15: Seafood Boil at the home of the Kim's

August 29: Bulgogi Grilled Beef at the home of the Kim's

Sept 5: Turkey Burgers & Salads at the home of Lorne & Jane

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS SUMMER GATHERING

On August 24th from 3:00-6:00pm we will be hosting an event for those individuals who do the hard work of labouring in our local fields. We invite you to come join us in the parking lot and show your support for these amazing people. Stop by anytime.



LITTLE WONDERS DAYCARE BARBECUE

hosted by Calvin Church on Friday, September 12th from 4:00-6:00pm. **Mark your calendars and plan to attend.**

Together, let's demonstrate our hospitality to staff and families from Little Wonders. All are welcome to attend. For planning purposes, please **RSVP to the church office by Friday, September 5th** or use the Sign-Up sheet located at the Information desk.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PERSONS

Youth Connect & Young Adult Kick Off Event



Who? Youth age: Grade 7 – 12

College and Career Age: 17 years & up

What? Korean Barbecue

Where? Pastor Thomas's home

When? Sunday, August 24th
from 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Let's catch up, enjoy good company, and laugh together while making plans for the upcoming season.

WEDNESDAYS ARE WONDERFUL

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 conversations, laughs and encouragement. All are welcome at our *Friends & Coffee Social*.

JOSHUA HOUSE

Summer is a great time to clean your closets - don't forget 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. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK

Keep it coming –

There is nothing more heartwarming to see than a FULL RED WAGON!
Thanks, from your Food Bank Team: *Lois, Joyce and Ken!*

CHURCH OFFICE

Please note the church office will be closed on Wednesday, August 13th. Pearl will be back in the office on Friday, August 15th. Our worship leader, Don will also be out of the office returning August 17th.



CALVIN MUSIC ACADEMY

Calvin Music Academy is dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of music in students of all ages. Our experienced instructors provide instruction encouraging creativity musicality and having fun playing in a group setting.

The academy offers a diverse range of programs from beginner and intermediate **VIOLIN** classes for children 8-12 years to intermediate classes for children 9-15 years.

There is also beginner **GUITAR** and **UKULELE** classes for adults as well as drop guitar and ukulele sessions for those who just want to play songs with a group. No music reading is necessary.

The lessons are an hour in length and run for 12 weeks. The beginner lessons will feed into the next level of lessons which will begin in January 2026. The cost is \$120.00 for 12 classes; *that's \$10.00 per class!!*

The **HANDBELL CHOIR** is also looking for new members to join either their beginner choir or if you've had some experience, to join the intermediate choir.



For more information check out the
CALVIN MUSIC ACADEMY website at calvinmusic.ca

or contact Jo Blaak at joblaak@gmail.com or 604-309-7976.

SUMMER 2025 NOTES FROM SESSION

Session meets regularly at least once a month. We try to be pro-active but when you have a concern, please speak to a member of Session to have it addressed. Long-time elder Lois L. is at present on leave from Session. Currently, we are updating required Police Checks and Covenant of Care forms from elders, Sunday School teachers and others who meet with the vulnerable.

The church directory has been updated (June 2025) and is available in the office.

The **Living Table** continues most Fridays, and we hope you'll take the opportunity to bring friends and family to share in this informal gathering.



We need volunteers to help with Sunday morning coffee and organizing funeral and memorial teas. If you could help with this, please give your name to the office, or speak with an elder.

Calvin received a grant from Presbytery to create a **Summer Music Camp for Children and Youth**. The team continues to work on promoting this opportunity. Reverend Kim and our representative elder attend regular **Presbytery** meetings so we can keep up to date on current church events and keep informed of available grants. Calvin will host Presbytery's annual dinner meeting 2026 next June. Recently we were able to secure support for our hosting of the **Temporary Foreign Workers** gathering and will welcome them again on August 24th and October 26th. You're welcome to come to meet them so check the Bulletin for times. Thanks to Jonathan S. for his help with this Outreach mission.

The **Ghana Mission Team** reported their successful trip, and we continue to keep in touch with the church there, hoping to be able to help them get a keyboard for their Sunday services.

In the past few months, we've had a couple of **non-budget expenses** with the needed replacement of the window in the "steeple", the water pipe breakage in the Montessori School area (of which their prompt attention and reporting helped Andy K. to curtail further damage), and the

breakdown of the commercial freezer in the kitchen. It's always something, even with God watching over us!

Reverend Kim has been appointed as **Interim Moderator** to St. John's Presbyterian Church in White Rock. As well, he will be on **Sabbatical** from September through November and has arranged for a variety of visiting ministers and elders to lead us in worship on Sundays.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with our church maintenance and activities.

Blessings,
Beverley Albon, Clerk of Session



POTLUCK PICNIC

**for the last of Summer Fun on
Sunday August 31st following Worship**

There will be games, skill-testing questions and prizes!

Everyone Welcome!

Cold foods only please. Crockery, cutlery and beverages provided.
Sign-Up sheet can be found in the Gathering Space. Let us know you're coming today!



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.

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Volunteers for next week, August 17th Worship:

Greeters: TBC

Coffee Hosts: Jo-Ann Kiss & Helen Bell



LIBRARY NEWS

Still time to take a **LOOK** and borrow a **BOOK**
Check out updated local spots on the Library A-Frame.

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



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