



# CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30, 2025 | 10:00am

## First Sunday in Advent

### God Gathers Us

Prelude

Veronika

**Welcome & Announcements** Duty Elder – Ron R

**Call to Worship** (responsive) Rod Thomson

**\*Advent hymn** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus #110*

**Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace**

**Advent Liturgy**

First Sunday in Advent

– Don & Jo

**Song** (seated)

*People in darkness* (v. 2)

#124

### God's Word Transforms Us

Story time

Cathy T

Musical interlude

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 122 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

**\*Psalm**

*I joyed when to the house of God*

(Psalm 122)

#84

**Old Testament reading**

Isaiah 2: 1-5 – Neil V

**New Testament reading**

Romans 13: 11-14

**Gospel reading**

Matthew 24: 36-44 – Jo B

**Message**

**HOPE: Promise & Purpose**

Rod Thomson

**\*Hymn**

*Thy kingdom come – on bended knee*

#784

### We respond, God hears our Prayers

**Offering / Offertory**

**\*Doxology / Prayer**

*Glory be to God the Father* (v. 1)

#298

**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 Freely, freely**

<b>*Advent hymn</b>	<i>Herald! Sound the note of judgement</i>	<b>#117</b>
<b>*Benediction</b>	<i>Amen</i>	<b>#780</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Veronika</i>	

### ***Today at Calvin – Sunday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>***

- **Kid Connect Class** – meet us upstairs after Story Time.
- **Calvin Choir** – practice will begin at 11:20am.

### ***This week at Calvin: Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 6<sup>th</sup>***

Tues	Ladies' Bible Study at Margaret's home @ 9:30am CMA – Beginner Ukulele lessons
Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am
Thurs	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am Bagpipes Lessons CMA – all other music lessons
Sat	The Ring Dingers Handbell Choir rehearsal CMA – Violin beginners Saturday Scrabble Time @ 2:00pm ** Men's Fellowship Breakfast **

### ***Dates to remember***

Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Advent Peace</u> : with Joy Vox Choir
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Advent Joy</u> : with Calvin Choir and Blaak Arts Music
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	<u>Advent Love</u> : with the Ring Dingers Handbell Choir
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Service with St. Paul's Presbyterian



### ***Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!***

Greeter: Beverley A

Coffee Hosts: Mark & Cathie

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by Cathy and Rod in memory of Rosa Alice How.*

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### **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.

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### **OUR MINISTER RETURNS**

It's hard to believe that our minister, the Rev. Thomas Kim's three-month sabbatical is coming to an end. He is due back in office on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to having him back at the pulpit and hearing about his journey and experiences.

### **FLOWERS FOR 2026**

A new Flower Schedule has been prepared for 2026. A reminder that ***"In joy and sadness, flowers are our constant friends"***. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an event or in thanksgiving, you can sign up in the Flower Calendar Book located at the Information Desk. Details on bringing the flowers can be found on the first page of the book or speak with Patti.

### **TODAY DEVOTIONALS**

The November/December edition of the Today Devotional has finally arrived. You can pick up a copy from the Information Table.

### **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. *Thank you.*

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# CALVIN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**“Less Interest = More Mission”**

Join us as we launch our capital campaign to eliminate our mortgage!

The congregation has been faithful with giving to our annual fund; however, we need to bolster repayment of our mortgage. Doing so will eliminate interest payments and support our ministries to further God’s work in Abbotsford and beyond.

You can get involved by giving a gift this advent season or at any time. To kick off our campaign there is a Giving Tree at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please prayerfully consider what additional gift over and above your regular tithing you can make to help eliminate our mortgage. Any gift you make to this campaign will go directly to paying down the mortgage principal.



In turn you can help us dress the Giving Tree for Christmas!

Select the amount you are able to contribute and place it in an envelope or submit online with “Mortgage” in the notes then take an ornament which corresponds to the amount of your gift and place it on the Giving Tree. *Simple as that!*

Your gift will help us achieve our goal of eliminating the mortgage. Then we can celebrate together!

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## FRIENDS & COFFEE SOCIAL

The Friends & Coffee Social is a great way to meet new people while enjoying a coffee, tea and treats! Come join us any Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:00am for good conversations, laughs and encouragement. All are welcome at our *Friends & Coffee Socials*.

The final 2025  
Wednesday  
Social will be on  
December 17<sup>th</sup>.



## REMEMBER TO KEEP RECYCLING!

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.

## JOSHUA HOUSE

A reminder that Joshua House appreciates donations of the following items: **Men's clothing - Blankets & Linens – Men's toiletries**

Please place your donations in the Joshua House Drop Box located in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Richard H.

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### SOUP & TOONIES

*It's as simple as that!*



This month the Food Bank Team encourages you to bring in a **CAN OF SOUP** or drop a **TOONIE** in the Food Bank Tin.

*What a difference it will make.*

Thanks, from your Food Bank Team:

Lois, Joyce and Ken!



### Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.**

*Psalms 24:1*



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**The LIBRARY  
REMEMBER  
NOVEMBER DISPLAY  
rolls on for one  
more week.**

Be sure to stop by the rolling A-Frame and check out the display.

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### DONATION DEADLINE FOR 2025

A reminder: the end of 2025 is fast approaching. Donations can be made via cash, cheque, through PAR or by e-transfer to [CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com](mailto:CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com). Tax receipts will be distributed early in 2026. If you have any questions regarding offerings, please speak with Marilyn Instant.

*The life, work and mission of Calvin is made possible in part by your gifts.  
Thank you.*

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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***Volunteers for next week, December 7<sup>th</sup> Worship:***

Greeter: Miriam F

Coffee Hosts: Margaret H & Jo Ann K



***CHECK US OUT ONLINE!***

*Join us for in-person worship or online.*



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