



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7, 2025 | 10:00am
Second Sunday of Advent

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Joy Vox Community Choir

Welcome & Announcements Duty elder – Edward

Call to Worship (see insert) Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE
– Edward & Alexandra

***Advent song** *People in darkness (vv. 2, 3)* #124

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

Joy Vox Community Choir *Away in a manger* – arr. M. Ramsay

God's Word Transforms Us

Story time

The Rev. Thomas Kim

Musical interlude

Responsive reading

Psalm 72: 1-7 (NRSV) – Don

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 11: 1-10 – Beverley

New Testament reading

Romans 15: 4-13 – Miriam

Gospel reading

Matthew 3: 1-12 – Don

Message

Advent II: PEACE

The Rev. Thomas Kim

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory

Christmastide – by Eleanor Daley

- Joy Vox Community Choir

***Doxology / Prayer**

*Praise God from whom all blessings
flow* #830

Invitation to Communion

***Song**

One bread, one body #540

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***The Apostles' Creed**

Communion

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

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

God Sends Us

*Hymn

Dona nobis pacem

#737

*Benediction

Go now in peace

Postlude

Veronika

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 7th

- **No Kid Connect Class today** – children will remain in the sanctuary.
- **Calvin Choir** – practice will begin at 11:20am.

This week at Calvin: Dec 8th – Dec 13th

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

Dates to remember

Dec 12 th	The Living Table
Dec 14 th	<u>Advent Joy</u> : with Calvin Choir and Blaak Arts Music
Dec 19 th	The Living Table
Dec 21 st	<u>Advent Love</u> : with the Ring Dingers Handbell Choir
Dec 24 th	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 28 th	Joint Service with St. Paul's Presbyterian



Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Miriam

Coffee Hosts: Margaret H & Jo Ann

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by
Irene to the Glory of God!*

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.

JOY VOX COMMUNITY CHOIR

We thank the *Joy Vox Community Choir* for participating in our worship service this morning! This choir rehearses in our sanctuary each Monday evening and will be performing an afternoon concert here at Calvin Church on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available online (see the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space), or at the door.

THE LIVING TABLE

The Living Table is back at the home of Rev. Kim for two evenings!



December 12th and December 19th

Menu: Korean BBQ

Be sure to invite a friend. There is no fee for dinner.

To reserve your seat at the table email us at

NiceDinnerFriends@gmail.com

FRIENDS & COFFEE SOCIAL

The final Wednesday Social for 2025 will be on December 17th. Come join us from 10:00-11:00am for good conversations, laughs and encouragement. All are welcome at our *Friends & Coffee Socials*.

JOINT YEAR END SERVICE

Be sure to join us for the final Worship Service of 2025 as our friends from St. Paul's Presbyterian in Mission will be joining us. We hope you will stay following the service for a light lunch. If you have any leftover holiday baking you want to share, you're welcome to bring it.

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!

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.



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.

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.*



FOOD BANK

Let's **HAM** it up for December.

Our goal is 31 cans!

Thanks, from your Food Bank Team:
Lois, Joyce and Ken!



Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity

Gratitude is the
antidote to pride,
that life is not
our achievement
but a gift.

*Walter Bruggeman, theologian,
Old Testament scholar*



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LIBRARY UPDATE

**FIND A NOOK AND
CHOOSE A BOOK!**

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



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. Tax receipts will be distributed early in 2026. If you have any questions regarding offerings, please speak with Marilyn.

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

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Volunteers for next week, December 14th Worship:

Greeter: Joyce T
Coffee Hosts: Patti & Alan & Bill I



The 2025 **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FLYER** is out.
Be sure to pick up an extra copy from
the Information Desk
and invite a neighbour or friend.

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



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