



CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 21, 2025 | 10:00am
Fourth Sunday of Advent

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Carol of the bells (arr. Kerry Boyce)
– The Ring Dingers

Welcome & Announcements Duty elder – Edward

Call to Worship (see insert) Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE
– David & Pearl

***Advent song** *People in darkness* (v.1) #124

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

The Ring Dingers *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
(arr. Cathy Moglebust)

God's Word Transforms Us

Kid Connect

There was a little baby
C'mon, ring those bells!

Musical interlude

Responsive reading

Psalm 121: 1-8 (NRSV) – Don Blaak

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 7: 10-16

***Advent song**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel #114

New Testament reading

Romans 1: 1-7 – Michele

Gospel reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Message

Advent IV: LOVE

The Rev. Thomas Kim

***Advent song**

Hope is a star #119

We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
(arr. Valerie Stephenson)

***Doxology / Prayer**

Now thank we all our God (v. 1) #457

The Ring Dingers

Go, Tell it on the Mountain
(arr. Susan E. Geschke)

WORSHIP LIVE SHARE

The Season
of Advent

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

God Sends Us

*Carol	<i>Angels, we have heard on high</i>	#147
*Benediction	<i>Amen</i>	#780
Postlude	<i>Veronika</i>	

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Dec 21st

- **Kid Connect Class**– meet us upstairs after the presentation

This week at Calvin: Dec 22nd – Dec 27th

Mon/Tues	Church Office open
Wed	<u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</u> @ 7:00pm

Dates to remember

Dec 28 th	Joint Service with St. Paul's Presbyterian
Jan 6 th	Ladies Morning Bible Study begins
	Calvin Music Academy starts a new term
Jan 7 th	Friends & Coffee Social begins
Jan 8 th	Thursday Morning Bible Study begins
Jan 9 th	Calvin Coffee House
Jan 10 th	Men's Fellowship Breakfast * note date *
	Scrabble Time begins
Jan 16 & 30 th	The Living Table

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Margaret W

Coffee Hosts: Marilyn & Miriam

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.



*The flower in the sanctuary is placed by Vanj.
Even when life feels like a desert, flowers still bloom.
Let this blossoming Amaryllis remind us to strengthen weak hands
and encourage fearful hearts to be strong*.*

**Isaiah 35:1-10*

TODAY'S MUSICAL GUESTS

We thank the members of the Ring Dingers Handbell Choir and the members of our Kid Connect program for their participation in our worship service this morning.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open on Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd and closed the remainder of the week. It will be open again on Monday, December 29th and possibly Tuesday, December 30th. It will return to the regular Wednesday and Friday schedule on January 7th.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th, 2025 – 7:00pm

We invite you to join us as we open our hearts to hear the familiar story surrounded by familiar hymns and carols in our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

END OF THE YEAR SERVICE

December 28th, 2025 – 10:00am

A joint service with our friends from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Please stay following the service for a light lunch. All are welcome.

A NEW YEAR - A NEW LIVING TABLE

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



January 16th

January 30th

Menu: TBD

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

JOINT YEAR END SERVICE – December 28th

RSVP requested: We would appreciate it if you could let us know if you are coming as this will help with planning. Sign up sheet can be found in the Gathering Space. Also, if you have any leftover holiday baking you want to share, you're welcome to bring it.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at the Roseland Restaurant Saturday, January 10th. Next month it will return to the first Saturday of the month. All men are invited and bring a friend. Fellowship begins at 8:00am.

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.



FOOD BANK - Let's HAM it up for December.

We have collected 10 Cans!

Our goal is 31 cans.

Keep them coming!

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

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!

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

A still life photograph featuring a white wooden surface. On the left is a green pine branch. In the center is a light brown card with a quote. To the right is a brown pinecone. In the background, there are several brown paper-wrapped gifts tied with twine. A spool of twine is in the bottom right corner.

**Time cannot be packaged
and ribboned and left
under trees for Christmas
morning. Time can't be
given. But it can be shared.**

Cecelia Ahern, novelist



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DEADLINE FOR 2025

A reminder, if you wish to top up your givings for 2025 the year is ending quickly. 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. *The life, work and mission of Calvin is made possible in part by your gifts. Thank you.*

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2026 Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup. If you have not received your box, please check your mail slot in the credenza located in the Gathering Space by the sanctuary doors. If you don't have a set and would like one, please speak to Marilyn.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAIL SLOT RECENTLY?

Christmas and the new year are almost here – be sure to check your mail slot for updated lists (i.e. Counting Schedule), notes or Christmas cards from friends or as mentioned above – your 2026 Offering Envelope box.

DIRECTORY UPDATES!

Have you moved, changed your email or your phone number? The church office would like to know – contact Pearl at 604-859-6902 or at officecalvinchurch@gmail.com.

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.

TODAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Copies of the **JANUARY/FEBRUARY** Guide are now available. You can pick up a copy from the Information Desk. Large prints are also available.



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.

CALVIN MUSIC ACADEMY

(Calvin Presbyterian Church, 33911 Hazelwood Ave, Abbotsford, BC)

Is offering group classes for children and adults:

Violin: Child beginner @ 3:30pm Thursdays
Child Intermediate @ 5:00pm Thursdays
Adult @ 10:00am Saturdays

Ukulele: Beginner @ 1:30pm Tuesdays
Intermediate @ 1:30pm Thursdays

Guitar: Beginner @ 7:00pm Thursdays
Intermediate @ 8:00pm Thursdays

Handbells: 10:15am – 12:30pm Saturdays

Bagpipes: 6:15pm - 7:45pm Thursdays

Students are expected to bring their own instruments.
(except handbell members)



Classes
begin the
week of
January 4th

For complete information, check out our
website at: calvinmusic.ca

Or contact Jo at
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Volunteers for next week, December 28th Worship:

Greeter: Neil
Coffee Hosts: Margaret W, Maria & son JC



From our family to yours - wishing you God's peace and joy
this Christmas season and all year long.

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

Join us for in-person worship or online.



Website: www.CalvinLife.ca



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