CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026 | 10:00am
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost / All Saints Day

<u>God Gathers Us</u>

Prelude	Veronika
Welcome & Announcements	Duty Elder – Ron
Call to Worship (responsive)	The Rev. Ron Tiessen
***Hymn**	*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #321*

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

<u>God's Word Transforms Us</u>

Story time	The Rev. Ron Tiessen
Musical interlude	
Responsive reading	Psalm 34: 1-3 – Don Blaak
New Testament reading	Revelation 7: 9-17
Gospel reading	Matthew 5: 1-12 – Heather
Message	**A Vision Of Heaven** The Rev. Ron Tiessen
Hymn	*O God, our help in ages past #330*

Offering

***Doxology / Prayer**	*Praise God from whom all blessings flow #830*

Invitation to Communion

***Hymn**	*Break now the bread of life #507*

***The Apostles' Creed**
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)
Communion
Prayer after Communion

*Please stand in body or in spirit



God Sends Us

***Song**	*Make me a channel of your peace*	*#740*
***Benediction**	*Go now in peace*	
Postlude	Veronika	

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Nov 1st
• **Kid Connect**– There is no Kid Connect today.

This week at Calvin: Nov 2nd – Nov 7th	
Tues	Ladies' Morning Bible Study at @ 9:30am (offsite)
	Ring Dingers Handbell Choir @ 6:30pm
Thu	Calvin Music Academy Lessons
Fri	** Jazz Vespers **
Sat	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	Calvin Music Academy Lessons

Dates to remember	
Nov 8th	Christmas Toy Campaign ends
Nov 13th	Calvin Coffee House
Nov 18th	Session Meeting
Nov 22nd	Migrant Workers Gathering
Nov 25th	Congregational Meeting
Nov 29th	Season of Advent begins

Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Jonathan

Coffee Hosts: Alexandra & Edward

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

The church office will be open on Tuesday and Friday this week.

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next gathering of the Men's Fellowship will be *November 7th* at *8:00am* at the Roseland Restaurant. Guest speaker will be Ross Craddock from the Royal Canadian Legion speaking about Remembrance Day and the work of the Legion. *Sign up sheet* is available on the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. All men invited and bring a friend.

CALVIN CHURCH CHOIR

Beginning ***Thursday, November 5th,*** we will be holding weekly Thursday evening rehearsals at Calvin Church to prepare some special choral music for our Sunday, December 13th worship service. If you love singing Christmas music, we encourage you to join us each Thursday evening at **7:00 pm** from November 5th to December 10th. All are welcome to join; whether you are a member or a friend of our Calvin Church family, we'd love to sing together with you!



JAZZ VESPERS

On *Friday, November 6th,* a Jazz Vespers service will be held at Calvin Church at *7:30pm.* The service will explore the themes of **"Struggle"** and **"Hope"** with scripture readings, reflections and music of the "war years" performed by the *Moonliters Big Band.* All are invited to join the service as we remember the ongoing struggles of our world and to find hope in God's promise of peace.

Following the concert, we will be holding a reception in the Gathering Space. If a member of the congregation would like to donate any baked goods for this event, please let Jo know.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting will take place on *Wednesday, November 25th* to consider the **2026 financial results** and the **2027 budget**. To make it more convenient for people to attend, the meeting will be held in the *afternoon beginning at 2:00pm.* Please join us.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

If you are between the ages of 18 -39 years you are invited to our Young Adult Bible Study. For more information contact, Joshua.



CALVIN COFFEE HOUSE

Our next Calvin Coffee House is taking place *Friday, November 13th,* and features **Thistle Dew.**

Thistle Dew is a three-part female vocal group based in the Fraser Valley, featuring local musicians Laura Wheeler, Laurel Paracy, and Julia Ziegler. Blending warmth and versatility, the trio performs a mix of timeless covers and original songs. Their rich three-part harmonies paired with a rotating lineup of guitars, ukuleles, and merlins, creating a sound that is deeply rooted in folk tradition while staying fresh and engaging—folky funky fun, and full of charm.

Doors open at 7:00pm with an open mic beginning at 7:30pm followed by our featured guests. Admission is free with a paid concession. Please join us for an evening of great local music!



CHRISTMAS TOY CAMPAIGN

This year we are raising funds to support the *Cariboo House Churches Toy Drive*, which provides gifts for Indigenous children and youth in the Cariboo region of BC.

WE ARE MORE THAN HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL OF REACHING 50 CHILDREN WITH ONLY 1 MORE WEEK LEFT TO DONATE.

We hope you will consider making a donation of $20 towards this campaign. Cariboo House Churches will use our financial gifts to buy age-appropriate supplies. They will bundle these with clothing and toiletries they already have in stock and then distribute them at their Christmas community services.

How to Participate

1. Grab an offering envelope.
2. Write your **name** on it.
3. Label it: **"Cariboo House Toy Drive"**.
4. Submit your donation by **November 8th**.

Thank you for your generous support for these families this Christmas!

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION – Celebrates 100 years



The **2026 Poppy Campaign** has begun. Poppies are worn as a visual pledge to honour Canada's Veterans and remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. The Poppy Campaign is one of the Royal Canadian Legion's most important programs. The money raised from donations provides direct assistance for Veterans in financial distress, as well as funding for medical equipment, medical research, home services, long term care facilities and many other purposes.

POPPIES are available today in the Gathering Space.
Please support our veterans and donate as you are able.



FOOD BANK - It is getting cold outside!
Let's help share God's love by stuffing our RED WAGON: *Canned soups & stews, oatmeal packs or canned meats for casseroles* – all good and wonderful items are appreciated by those in need. Thank you, from your Food Bank Team – *Lois, Mark, Cathie & Cameron*

JOSHUA HOUSE – Big Grey Bin

A reminder: Joshua House's big GREY bin is always available to accept toiletries, blankets, linens and gently used fall & winter clothing items. Please help as you are able.

They also invite you to their ***Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives Annual Gala*** on November 15th. Speak to Richard H for more information.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING THE NATIONAL CHURCH?

The Presbyterian Church in Canada invites enthusiastic and dedicated members to serve on national committees.

Scan the QR Code or click the link below for more information on the committees and the nomination process. If you wish to be nominated, speak to Beverley or the church office.

Or you can click the link below:
https://presbyterian.ca/gao/committee-to-nominate/

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

please stand in body or in spirit

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

* with a small "c", "catholic Church", refers to the universal Christian Church - all believers in Jesus Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you
ALL: and also with you
Leader: Lift up your hearts,
ALL: **we lift them to the Lord**
Leader: Let us give thinks to the Lord our God
ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is our calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth. You spoke, and all things came into being: the sun, moon and stars, the earth, sky and waters, and everything they contain. Your Spirit swept over creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of the formless void. From the elements of earth, you created humankind in your image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you. But we turned away, seeking to live in our own way. Yet you have never turned from us. Through the law and the prophets, you called us back to you. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus, born of a mother's flesh, to reveal your grace and love.

Again and again, you welcome us back to your side with the open arms of a loving father. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

(ALL) **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,**
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

Leader:
Holy is your son, Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, offering healing and teaching to all who sought him, he revealed your kingdom at work in your world. Among his friends, on the night he was betrayed, he took bread, broke it and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup and offered it to his friends, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins. Drink from it, all of you." Every time we eat this bread and share this cup in Jesus' name, we recall the mystery of faith:

(ALL): **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader:
O God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they be for us the body and life blood of our Lord Jesus, healing, renewing and making us whole. Unite us in worship and witness with your Church throughout the world so that together we will bring honour and glory to your name through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Volunteers for next week, November 8th Worship:

Greeters: Kate & Josh
Coffee Hosts: Jane & Lorne



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