CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026 | 10:00am
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God Gathers Us

Prelude	Tina	
Welcome & Announcements	Duty elder: Ron R	
Call to Worship	The Rev. April Yamasaki	
***Hymn**	*We praise you, O God*	*#425*
Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace		

God's Word Transforms Us

Story time	The Rev. April Yamasaki	
Remembrance	(moment of silence)	
***Anthem**	*O Canada (v. 1)*	*#800*
Old Testament reading	Amos 5: 21-24 – Maria	
Gospel reading	Matthew 35: 1-13	
Responsive reading	Psalm 34: 8-14 (NRSV) – Don Blaak	
Message	**Seek Peace and Pursue It** The Rev. April Yamasaki	
***Hymn**	*For the healing of the nations (vv. 1, 2, 4)*	*#736*

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**	*God of grace and God of glory (vv. 1-3)*	*#490*
***Benediction**	*Peace be yours*	
Postlude	Tina	

*Please stand in body or in spirit



Today, we welcome the Rev. April Yamasaki to lead us in Worship.



Rev. Yamasaki served as lead pastor for twenty-five years at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Abbotsford, B.C. Then she felt God's call to focus on the writing side of her ministry, and she currently serves as editor of Rejoice! Daily devotional magazine and resident author with Valley Cross Way Church. Please give her a warm welcome.

Today at Calvin – Sunday, Nov 8th
• **Kid Connect** – Meet us upstairs after Story Time. • **Cariboo House Churches Toy Campaign** – Donations due today.

This week at Calvin: Nov 9th – Nov 14th	
Tues	Ladies' Morning Bible Study at @ 9:30am (offsite)
	Ring Dingers Handbell Choir @ 6:30pm
Thu	Calvin Music Academy Lessons
	Calvin Choir @ 7:00pm
Fri	** Calvin Coffee House **
Sat	Calvin Music Academy Lessons

Dates to remember	
Nov 18th	Session Meeting
Nov 22nd	Migrant Workers Gathering
Nov 25th	Friends & Coffee Social
	Congregational Meeting
Nov 29th	Season of Advent begins



Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeters: Kate & Josh

Coffee Hosts: Jane & Lorne

The flowers in the sanctuary this week are in memory of those who gave their lives for peace and justice.

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.



In Flanders Fields
by John McCrae



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



REMEMBRANCE DAY – Why wear a poppy?

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

CARIBOO HOUSE CHURCHES CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Today is the final day to make a monetary donation to the toy drive for Indigenous youth in the Cariboo region of BC. Need more info, speak with Cathy or Marilyn.

CALVIN CHURCH CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Choir practices began last week but it's not too late to join. If you love singing Christmas music, we encourage you to join us **each Thursday evening at 7:00 pm**. Our special choral music will be presented at the December 13th Sunday service. 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!

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 beginning at 6:00pm. For more information contact, Joshua at jbleick5@gmail.com.



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!

A WAY OF SERVING

Want to take an active part in Worship? Consider volunteering as a Scripture Reader. Speak to Don Blaak for more information or you can sign-up on the list located on the Information Desk.

KEEP OUR MINISTER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Calvin received an email from Rev. Kim that he arrived safely in Thailand and will be participating in a short-term ministry to the Karen people there starting November 3rd. His message also included a link to a video from last year that summarizes the project he will be involved in. The link for that video can be found below or on our website.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAzvxFAFcI0

Please keep him and this ministry in your prayers.

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/



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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Due to the observance of Remembrance Day,
the church office will be closed November 11th.
The office will be open Thursday and Friday this week.

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Volunteers for next week, November 15th Worship:

Greeter: Neil
Coffee Hosts: Margaret H & Jo-Ann



SUPPORTING CALVIN

Want to support the ministries of Calvin? Consider doing it online via **e-transfer.** Use the email CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com.
Be sure to include your name or envelope number

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