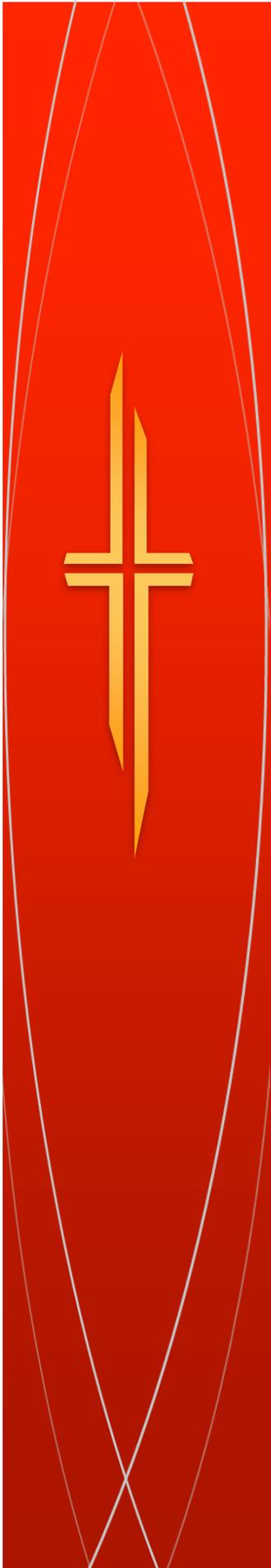


Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

Striving to live the Christian Life in today's world.



July 14th 2019

A very warm welcome to you

We, at Calvin, are very glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Whether you are here for the first time, visiting from away, or one of our regular attendees, we hope that you will feel at home and at peace among us and that you will feel spiritually uplifted as you leave this place.

Following our service, there is a coffee/social time, downstairs in our hall. We do hope you will stay and join us for some fun and friendly conversation.

If you enjoy your visit, we hope you will return, perhaps with a friend, and think of Calvin as a place to find peace, comfort, grow in your faith, a time to be among friends and with God. May He bless you abundantly and always.

If you have difficulty managing stairs and would like to use our elevator lift, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. We will be happy to help you.

If you would like to know more about Calvin Church, please do not hesitate to speak with any of those listed on our 'Who's Who' list (on the back page) or feel free to contact us.

Order of Service

God Calls Us to Worship

*Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.

Prelude

***Entry of the Scriptures**

***Call to Worship:** (adapted from Psalm 25:4-5)

L: Come, that the Lord might show us His ways.

C: *Teach us your paths, O God.*

L: Come, that God might guide us into His truth.

C: *For God alone is our Saviour, in whom our hope rests all day long.*

***Hymn:**

“Hallelujah! sing to Jesus”

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession & the Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’)

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn:**

“My shepherd is the King of Love”

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God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

reader: Bruce Robertson

Isaiah 7:1-17 (NIV)

p. 558 (Pew Bible)

¹ When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

² Now the house of David was told, “Aram has allied itself with Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

³ Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field. ⁴ Say to him, ‘Be careful, keep calm and don’t be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. ⁵ Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah’s son have plotted your ruin, saying, ⁶ “Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it.” ⁷ Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“It will not take place,

it will not happen,
⁸ for the head of Aram is Damascus,
 and the head of Damascus is only Rezin.

Within sixty-five years
 Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.

⁹ The head of Ephraim is Samaria,
 and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son.

If you do not stand firm in your faith,
 you will not stand at all.”

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

Matthew 1:18-23 (NIV)

p. 783 (Pew Bible)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Meditation:

“God with us”

Rev. Dr. ‘Sydney’ McDonald

***Hymn:**

“Speak, Lord, in the stillness”

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We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory/*Doxology: *“Praise God...”*

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

We Go Out to Live in Faith, Hope, and Love

***Hymn:**

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

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***Charge & Benediction**

***Closing Hymn:**

“Send us out”

Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, Lord.
May our lives bring Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to Your name;
Send us out in Your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

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Postlude

Announcements

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Calvin will be hosting a summer VBS during the week of Aug. 12th – 16th, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day (drop off 8:45 a.m.). Please watch for upcoming details regarding registration. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Chelsey Joudrie.

Summer Vacation: Please be aware that Rev. Koslowski will be away on vacation July 1st – Aug. 6th. While away, the Rev. Gwen Roberts (902-835-1978) will be available for pastoral care.

Summer Fellowship: For those interested in helping to provide a time of fellowship following the service throughout the summer months, a sign-up sheet for providing juice and cookies is now available on the table outside the sanctuary.

The Saint Andrew's Society of Pictou County will be holding *The Kirkin O' Th' Tartans Service* at 10 AM , July 21, at the Historic Loch Broom Log Church.

The Service will be lead by Society Chaplain Rev. Charles MacPherson. Special music provided by Accordionist Kenny Rockey and Society Piper Robbie MacInnis. Take a wee piece of your favorite Tartan to be blessed in a replicate log church reminiscent of our ancestor's humble beginnings in New Scotland.

Following the Service , the official closing of *The Festival of the Tartans* will take place along with a light lunch and time of fellowship

Summer Service Times: A reminder that throughout July and August Sunday Worship Services will remain at our regular time of 11:00am

Food Bank Donations: The food bank is requesting donations of Zip Lock bags (26.8cm x 27.3cm) and smaller Zip Lock snack bags. Donations can be deposited in the shopping cart in the Narthex, and will be forwarded onto the Food Bank.

Prayers for Camp Geddie

Please pray for the staff, leaders, counsellors, volunteers, and participants of this week's Intermediate 1 Camp (ages 12-14) running July 14th – 20th. Pray that together their faith might be deepened as they encounter God in new and exciting ways, and are refreshed in His Holy Spirit.

Bulletin Items

Please e-mail bulletin items to the office e-address, by noon on Wednesday.

Prayer Requests & Updates

For prayer requests and updates, please contact Idabell McDonald at 902-443-1204 or e-mail idabellm@gmail.com, or call the office.

Memorials

One way to remember a loved one is to sponsor the weekly bulletin. You can place the details of your memorial, in the book on the table just outside our worship area, or whenever possible, please send it by e-mail to the office

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Who's Who at Calvin

Minister:..... The Rev. Michael Koslowski, B.A., M. Div.
Minister Emeritus:..... Rev. Dr. W. G. S. (Sydney) McDonald, B.A., D.D.
Open Door Ministry Co-ordinator Chelsey Joudrie
Music Director: Faith Daley, B.A., B.Ed.
Clerk of Session:..... Stephanie Bilodeau

Ministry Team Leaders

Worship & Congregational Life..... The Rev. Michael Koslowski
Mission & Outreach: Carol Whitlock/Claire Welychko
Personnel & Ministry Opportunities:..... Allison Power
Finance & Stewardship:..... Pam MacFarlane
Property & Maintenance: Marian Smith
Prayer Chain Contact: Idabell McDonald
Pastoral Care:..... Mary C. MacKinnon

Calvin's Offering Envelopes

If anyone would like to receive envelopes for your offerings to Calvin, or information on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) giving, for 2019, please speak to the greeters at the doors to the sanctuary, or visit our website, or contact the church office.

Please remember that Calvin is a scent-free & peanut-free zone. Thanks.