

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

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



August 25th 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 103:1,2,4,8)

L: Praise the Lord, my soul;

C: Let all my inmost being praise his holy name.

L: Praise the Lord, my soul –

*C: who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.*

L: Praise the Lord, my soul,

*C: For the Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

***Song of Praise:** “10,000 Reasons”

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Prayers of Adoration, Confession & the Lord's Prayer ('debts')
Assurance of Pardon

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Readings

reader: Jemma MacKay

Isaiah 55:3,6-9 (NIV) (*responsive*)

p. 602 (Pew Bible)

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

*I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.*

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

*Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the Lord.

⁹ *"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Luke 13:1-9 (NIV)

p. 847 (Pew Bible)

¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

⁸ "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Meditation: *“Why ask why?”*

***Hymn:** *“When voices are confusing”* **636**

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Offering/Offertory/*Doxology: *“Praise God...”* **830**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

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

***Hymn:** *“Lead on, O King eternal”* **742**

***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

After Service Luncheon: Following the service today you are invited to downstairs for fellowship and for a special send-off luncheon for Rev. Dr. Bruce and Dorothy Robertson, who will be relocating to Wolfville later this week.

Session Meeting: A reminder to Session members that the Session meets tomorrow night (Mon. Aug. 26th) @ 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Worship & Congregational Life Team: will meet on Mon. Sept. 2nd @ 7:30 p.m. at the church, as we look forward to planning another year of life and activities together.

Sunday School resumes: A reminder that our regular Sunday School & nursery programs resume Sun. Sept. 8th during worship. We look forward to another exciting year of learning together with our children!

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 on to the Food Bank.

Calvin Alarm System: For those people with Calvin keys please note the following changes: **When leaving you must enter your 4 digit code and PRESS "ARM" (top row) before leaving the building. Failure to do this will NOT set alarm.** No other changes (i.e. entering Calvin) Any questions please see Jim MacLean, 902-477-6087.

Nursery Volunteer Needed: We're are currently looking for 1 more individual to join our nursery team on a rotational basis. If interested, please contact Karen Emmons.

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 Margaret Craig at 902-477-6949 or by e-mail at davemargcraig@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
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Ministry Team Leaders

Worship & Congregational Life..... The Rev. Michael Koslowski
Mission & Outreach: Carol Whitlock/Claire Welychko
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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.