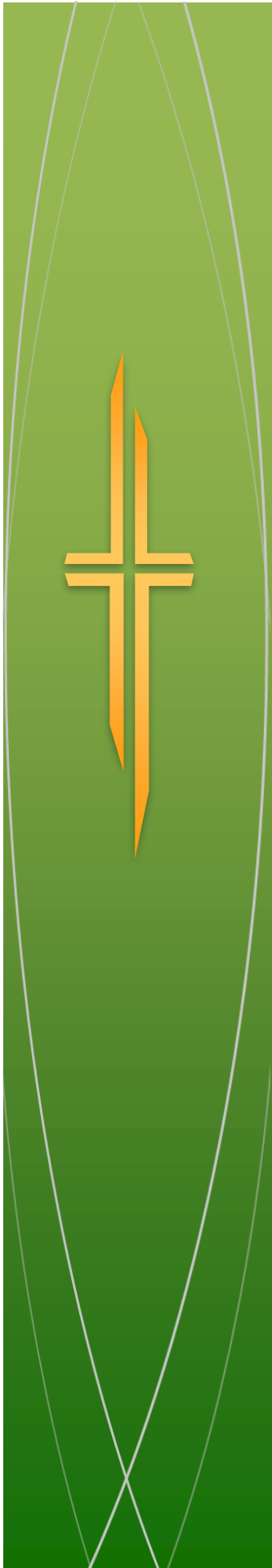


Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

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



September 1st 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 9:1-2)

L: Come, and let us give thanks to the Lord, with all our heart;

C: *Let us tell of all God's wonderful deeds.*

L: Let us be glad and rejoice in the Lord;

C: *We will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.*

***Song of Praise:**

"I Will Praise Him Still"

When the morning falls
On the farthest hill
I will sing His name
I will praise Him still
When the dark trials come
And my heart is filled
With the weight of doubt
I will praise Him still
For the Lord our God
He is strong to save
From the arms of death
From the deepest grave
And He gave us life
In His perfect will
And by His good grace
I will praise Him still.

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

Sung response:

"Spirit of the living God"

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Assurance of Pardon

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

reader: Jemma MacKay

Proverbs 25:6-7 (NIV)*p. 533 (Pew Bible)*

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

Luke 14:1,7-14 (NIV)*p. 847 (Pew Bible)*

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Meditation: *"Oh, the places we'll seat...and the state of our hearts"*

***Hymn:** *"Help us accept each other"*

632**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:** *“Lord, whose love”* **722**

***Charge & Benediction**

***Closing Hymn:** *“May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you”* **553**

May the Lord bless you,
May the Lord keep you;
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

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Postlude

Announcements

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!

Worship & Congregational Life Team: will meet on Mon. Sept. 9th @ 7:30 p.m. at the church, as we look forward to planning another year of life and activities together.

Do you like to sing? Musical training is always an asset, but not necessary! No auditions! Church choir rehearsals will start on Mon., Sept. 16th, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We would love to have some new members, you will enjoy it, both the music and the fellowship. Take a risk!

Mission & Outreach Team: Our first meeting will be on Sun. Sept. 15th after church. Please bring a light lunch for yourselves.

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 Idabell McDonald at 902-443-1204 or by e-mail at 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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Rev. Mike can be reached via the office at 902-455-7435.

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.