

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

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



February 16th 2020

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 63:1-4)

Stephanie Bilodeau

L: Come, and earnestly let us seek our God.

C: Even here in this sanctuary, may we behold God's power and glory.

L: May our whole being long for God, whose love is better than life.

C: And with lips that give glory to you O God, may we praise you as long as we live!

***Song of Praise:**

"Cry of My Heart"

Chorus: It is the cry of my heart
To follow You.
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to You.
It is the cry of my heart
To follow,
All of the days of my life.

Verse 1: Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You

Verse 2 Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession

Debbie Lyver

The Lord's Prayer (in unison, as follows)

"...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

God Speaks to Us

Conversation with our Children

Karen Emmons

Choir Anthem:

“Ancient Words”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

reader: Karen Emmons

Mark 6:1-6 (NIV)

p. 816 (Pew Bible)

¹ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?” ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Meditation:

“Just visiting”

Pastor Greg Drummond

***Hymn:**

“I heard the voice of Jesus say”

671

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Jean Dunn

Sung response:

“Lord, listen to your children praying”

449

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

830

***Prayers of Dedication**

Announcements

Stephanie Bilodeau

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

***Hymn:**

“To God be the glory” (original words) 350

***Charge & Benediction**

***Closing Chorus:**

“Go now in peace”

(see front of hymn book)

Postlude

In the Sunday School

Leading Sunday School

Caring in the Nursery

This Week

Lilla Tanner

Alice Cail & Carol Doman

Next Week

Stephanie Bilodeau

Angela Meagher & Brenda Billard

This Week

- Mon 17th** **Choir Practice:** 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Beavers: 6:30 p.m.
- Tues 18th** **Scouts:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Wed. 19th** **Senior's Friendship Group:** 1:00 p.m.
Cubs: 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 20th** **Sparks:** 5:45 p.m.
Fundraising Committee: 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

A Special Welcome: to Pastor Greg Dummond, from Bayers Rd. Baptist Church, as he joins us in leading worship this morning. It is a joy to have him with us, and we pray God's blessing upon him as we listen for God speaking to us through his message this day!

Choir Rehearsal: The Choir will practice Mon. afternoon from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to sing in the Good Friday Cantata is still welcome to join us!

Out of the Cold: We continue to provide sandwiches on Sun. nights for the 20 guests – which are given to them on Mon. morning when they leave the shelter. If you would like to help prepare these sandwiches, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the entryway of the Church.

Looking for Knitters – the Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank provides hats and mitts during the yearly Turkey Hamper Day. We are looking for knitters that can provide hat and mitt sets for all ages for next year. If you are able to assist, please see Allison Power for more information.

Easter Sunday Breakfast: the Mission and Outreach Team will be sponsoring a breakfast for PWS&D. If you would be interested in helping with making the breakfast, please see George Roberts.



The phrase, “The Good News of the Gospel,” is a common expression in the church, but what exactly is the Gospel? What’s it really all about? And why is it Good News not just for the world, but for you? Join us, as we explore these questions in our next 6-part Bible Study Series, “*Getting to know the Gospel*”, which begins on Thurs. Feb. 27th with session at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Feb. 27th

Session 1: “The Gospel – The Good News that comes to us”

What is the Gospel? How is it connected to Jesus...and to what the church calls the ‘incarnation’?

Thurs. Mar. 5th

Session 2: “The Gospel – A Graphic depiction of God’s Love”

What does the Gospel tell us about the nature of God, and why might that matter?

Thurs. Mar. 12th

Session 3: “The Gospel – The Separation Solution ”

What does the Gospel have to do with what the bible calls ‘sin’?

Thurs. Mar. 19th

Session 4: “The Gospel – A Guide to living Life Off the Map”

What does the Gospel teach us about the nature of God’s kingdom and our place in it?

Thurs. Mar. 26th

Session 5: “The Gospel – a Requiem for Religion”

What might it mean to think of the Gospel as the end of ‘religion’?

Thurs. Apr. 2nd

Session 5: “The Gospel – Life Together (again)”

How does the Gospel bring us together with each other, and God?

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

PCC Prayer Partnership

Sunday, February 16 (Heritage Sunday) We pray for God's blessing and safety for those serving at home and abroad in Canada's Armed Forces. Ask God to give them courage and a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

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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 2020, 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.