

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

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



February 23rd 2020

“In grateful appreciation of all those working behind the scenes at Calvin.”

~ A.K.L

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 119: 1,2,7,33)

L: Blessed are those who seek the Lord with all their heart!

C: Blessed are those who walk in God's ways

L: With upright hearts, let us fix our eyes on God's righteousness,

C: And learning the ways of the Lord, may we follow in them to the end.

L: Indeed, let us worship the One who leads us in the ways of life!

C: Together, let us worship God!

***Song of Praise:** "*Sing To God With Joy And Gladness*"

Chorus: Sing to God, with joy and gladness,
Hymns and psalms of gratitude;
With the voice of praise discover
that to worship God is good.

Verse 1: God unites His scatter'd people,
Gathers those who wander'd far,
heals the hurt and broken spirits,
tending ev'ry wound and scar.

Verse 2: Such is God's great pow'r and wisdom
None can calculate or tell;
Keen is God to ground the wicked
And with humble folk to dwell.

Verse 3: God with clouds, the sky has curtain'd,
Thus ensuring rain shall fall;
Earth responding, grows to order
Food for creatures great and small.

Verse 4: God's discernment never favours
Strength or speed to lift or move;
God delights in those who fear Him,
Trusting in His steadfast love.

Prayers of Adoration, Confession

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

*Hymn: *"Holy Spirit, come, confirm us"*

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

reader: Jemma MacKay

Matthew 5:21-47 (NIV)

p. 786 (Pew Bible)

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your

oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Meditation: *“Beyond the letter of the law”*

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

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

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

***Prayers of Dedication**

Announcements

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

***Hymn:** *“Take my life and let it be consecrated”* **637**

***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 Stephanie Bilodeau

Angela Meagher & Brenda Billard

Next Week Chelsey Joudrie

Murdena Dupont & Tracy Koslowski

This Week

Mon 24th **Choir Practice:** 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Beavers: 6:30 p.m.

Tues 25th **Scouts:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Wed. 26th **Senior’s Friendship Group:** 1:00 p.m.
Cubs: 6:30 p.m.

Thurs 27th **Sparks:** 5:45 p.m.
Bible Study: 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sun. 1st **Hymn Sing:** 10:45 a.m.
Mission & Outreach Team: 1:00 p.m.

Announcements

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!

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

Celebrating on 1st Sundays: Just a reminder that you’re invited to join us prior to worship on the 1st Sunday of the month for celebrate in song with a congregational hymn sing. You’re also invited to bring food items to share during our time of congregational fellowship following the service.

Calvin’s 3-D Worship: Our next night of dinner, discussions, and discipleship will be held next Sat., Mar. 7th at 5:00 p.m.! Join us as we continue our look at “The Mistakes People Made...& What God Did With Them.”

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.

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 23 (Transfiguration Sunday) We pray for St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Creston, BC, as they welcome their new minister and embark on a new phase of ministry.

Our Contact Information

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Our Office Hours

Minister: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Wednesdays - hospital visiting.
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.