

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

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



Lent 1

March 1st 2020

“In loving memory of
the Rev. Dr. A.O., Eva & Elizabeth MacLean
and Logan, Beryl, Kevin & Gary Webb.”
~ Jim, Pat & Family

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.

Hymn Sing

***Entry of the Scriptures**

***Processional Entrance of the 44th Halifax Groups**

***Special Music:** *"Our God"*

Chelsey Joudrie
& Brittany Power

***Call to Worship** (See Lenten Insert)

***Sung Response:** *"Come down, O Love divine" (v.1)* 386

Come down, O Love divine; seek now this soul of mine,
And visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it,
Your holy flame bestowing.

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***Hymn:** *"Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord"* 476

Prayers of Adoration, Confession (*responsive*)

L: Holy God, as our Lenten journey begins you call us again to search with you the depths of our souls.

C: *And so, with often hesitant steps and uncertain motives, we come seeking to clean out those corners of our lives where wrong has accumulated, that we might uncover the ways we have strayed from You and Your truth.*

L: Expose those places in our lives where we refuse to make room for you to enter.

C: *Reveal our half-hearted efforts where we have been indifferent to the hurts of others, and let so much good go undone.*

L: Confessing our struggles, forgive us and nurture the faint stirrings of new life, where your Spirit has begun to bring growth within us.

C: *And may your healing Spirit transform us into the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ, for You alone can bring new life and make us whole.*

L: And we ask these things in Jesus' name, who once taught his followers to pray together saying...

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

readers: Dan Campbell, Karen Emmons,
& Alicia Bezanson

Matthew 4: 1-11 (NIV)

p. 785 (Pew Bible)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,

and they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Hebrews 4: 14-16 (NIV)

p. 970 (Pew Bible)

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

***Special Music:**

“Even Then”

Chelsey Joudrie
& Brittany Power

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

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

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***Prayers of Dedication**

Announcements

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

***Hymn:**

“God bless your church with strength”

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***Charge & Benediction**

***Closing Chorus:**

“Benediction”

Verse 1 May the peace of God our heav'nly Father
 And the grace of Christ the risen Son
 And the fellowship of God the Spirit
 Keep our hearts and minds within His love

Chorus And to Him be praise for His glorious reign
 From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n
 We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
 Christ eternal the King of kings

Verse 2 May this peace which passes understanding
 And this grace which makes us what we are
 And this fellowship of His communion
 Make us one in spirit and in heart

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Postlude

In the Sunday School

Leading Sunday School

Caring in the Nursery

This Week

Chelsey Joudrie

Murdena Dupont & Tracy Koslowski

Next Week

Kaitlyn Power

Nancy Smyth & Mamie Jones

This Week

- Mon 2nd** **Choir Practice:** 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Beavers: 6:30 p.m.
- Tues 3rd** **Scouts:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Wed. 4th** **Senior’s Friendship Group:** 1:00 p.m.
Cubs: 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 5th** **Sparks:** 5:45 p.m.
Bible Study: 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 7th** **3D Worship:** 5:00 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: “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 continues this Thurs., Mar. 5th with session at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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.” This month’s focus: The 12 Disciples.

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.

Saving Stamps?: Clair Wylechko will be pleased to receive your used stamps again, as a dealer has been found in Dartmouth will help to resell them, with proceeds going toward the life and mission 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, and/or in need of yarn, 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.

Congratulations!: to Scouter Jim MacLean who has been awarded the ‘Silver Acorn’ for “Especially Distinguished Service to Scouting.” Jim just completed his 59th year of Scouting at Calvin – 25 years as Cub “Akela” and the remaining years as Group Committee Chair. He still attends and oversees the Beaver, Cub, and Scout programs on a weekly basis.

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, March 1 Pray for János Antal, Ecumenical Officer of the Reformed Church in Romania, who, with PCC-support, is completing his Ph.D. in Christian Ethics.

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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 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.