

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Worship - Teaching - Fellowship - Service - Outreach.

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



Lent 2

March 8th 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** (See Lenten Insert)

***Sung Response:** *“Come down, O Love divine” (v.1)*

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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.

Words: Public Domain

*** Song of Praise:** *“You Are My All in All”*

Verse 1 You are my strength
 when I am weak,
 You are the treasure
 that I seek,
 You are my All in All.
 Seeking You as a precious jewel,
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
 You are my All in All.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Worthy is Your name.
 Jesus, Lamb of God,
 Worthy is Your name.

Verse 2 Taking my sin,
 my cross, my shame,
 rising again, I bless Your name.
 You are my All in All.
 When I fall down You pick me up,
 When I am dry You fill my cup.
 You are my All in All.

Prayers of Adoration, Confession

Lilla Tanner

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****Solo:***"The Prayer"*

by: Carole Bayer Sager
& David Foster
Soloist: Barbara Fris

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture Readings**

reader: Lilla Tanner

John 3:1-17 (NIV)*p. 862 (Pew Bible)*

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Meditation: *“The story of Nicodemus”*

***Hymn:** *“Seek ye first”* **625**

We Respond to God

Prayers of the People

Lilla Tanner

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

***Prayers of Dedication**

Announcements

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

***Hymn:** *“Be thou my vision”* **461**

***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

Postlude

In the Sunday School

Leading Sunday School

Caring in the Nursery

This Week

Kaitlyn Power

Nancy Smyth & Mamie Jones

Next Week

Lilla Tanner

Alice Cail & Carol Doman

This Week

- Mon 9th** **Choir Practice:** 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Beavers: 6:30 p.m.
- Tues 10th** **Scouts:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Ladies Fellowship: 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. 11th** **Senior’s Friendship Group:** 1:00 p.m.
Cubs: 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 12th** **Sparks:** 5:45 p.m.
Bible Study: 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 14th** **Breakfast @ Jim’s:** 8:30 a.m.

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Ladies Fellowship: will meet Tues. Mar 10th at 7:00 p.m.. Liam Power from Out of the Cold shelter along with Allison Power from Calvin will speak on the Out of the Cold shelter. All are welcome.

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. 12th with session at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Breakfast @ Jim’s: Join us for breakfast on Sat. Mar. 14th at 8:30 a.m. at Jim’s Restaurant (243 Bedford Highway, Halifax), for some great food and fellowship.

Session meeting: The Session will meet on Mon. Mar. 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-service music: As a Lenten project, and to familiarize us with what's in our hymn book, Faith is going to "play through the hymn book"! Today she will use the first 10 selections in the hymn book as the morning prelude. Next week, she will play #'s 11-20, and so on each Sunday for the season of Lent. You are invited to follow along in your hymn book and see how some of these unfamiliar psalms sound!

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.

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 8 (International Women's Day) We pray for the determination to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions and celebrate women's achievements.

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.