



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

3782 Russell Road, Ottawa - www.calvarycrc.ca

November 27, 2022 - 1st Sunday of Advent- Preacher Yanick Baudequin

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer for Worship

Singing: Wait for the Lord

LUYH 480

THE HOPE CANDLE

Reading based on Psalm 25:1-10

Reader 1: Lord, to you we lift our souls as we eagerly await your coming.

Reader 2: In you, God, we put our trust as we are filled with hope for your arrival.

Reader 1: While we wait for you, do not let us be put to shame.

Reader 2: While we wait for you, do not remember the sins of our youth.

Reader 1: Lead us in your truth and teach us,

Reader 2: for you are the God of our salvation, and for you we wait all day long.

Reader 1: We light the candle of hope this week because we know the Lord's mercy and steadfast love has been from old. All of the Lord's works displays God's faithfulness, so we know we have a hope for the future.

Reader 2: We can wait with hopeful expectation because the Lord is good and upright. Surely the Lord will come and lead us in what is right.

People of God:

**God of Hope,
as we wait for you,
please send your Spirit
to renew our longing for the days
when all will be made right in our relationships
with you, one another, and your creation.
As we wait for those days,
give us eyes to see your faithfulness
and ears to hear of your goodness
so that our hearts may be humbled
and filled with hope for
Christ's coming kingdom.
In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

**Call to Worship*

**And God said, "Let there be light,"
And there was light.**

You, Lord, keep our lamp burning.

Our God turns our darkness into light

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world."

Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Amen. —from Genesis 1:3, Psalm 18:28, John 8:12 NIV (WS p 658)

God's Blessing

Grace to you and peace from him who is
and who was and who is to come — Revelation 1:4, NRSV

Amen

***Singing: O Gladsome Light, O Grace**

LUYH 393

Children's Time

Message: Advent is a time of Hope

Song: Advent is a time to wait

(Children ages 4-7 leave for Church School)



Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness
Prayer of Confession

Lord, we know our transgressions, and our shortfall is always before us.

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.

We forget to obey your will. We estrange ourselves from you and we look away.

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

based on Psalm 32 and 51, NRSV

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

**God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—
by grace you have been saved—
and raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the ages to come he might show
the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

In Christ, by God's grace, we are saved.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! — based on Ephesians 2:4-7, NRSV

Singing: As Moses Raised the Serpent Up

LUYH 674

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture: Job 1:8-22 (19:25-27)

***Singing: Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak**

LUYH 754

Message: ***Job, the black pearl***

Thanksgiving

***Singing: Come, Light, Light of God**

LUYH 107

(Children ages 8-11 leave for Church School)

Prayer

Offerings: First:

Second: Calvary Church (our ministry)

**Sending*

***Confession of Faith:**

Dear sisters, dear brothers, how does the resurrection of the body comfort you?

**Not only my soul
Will be taken immediately after this life**

**To Christ its head,
But even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ,
Will be reunited with my soul**

And make like Christ's glorious body. – Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A. 57

***Singing: Gather Us In**

LUYH 529, 2 and 4

(Children ages 12-14 leave for Church School)

***God's Parting Blessing:**

May the Lord of light shine upon you,
May the Lord of Heaven turn his face toward you
May Jesus His Son live in you
May the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart.

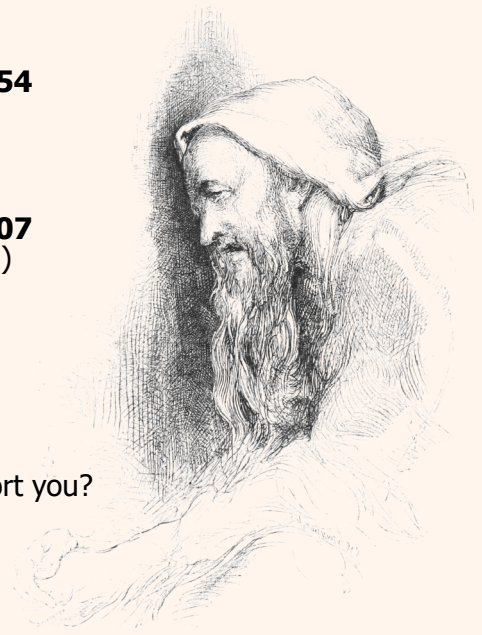
Amen.

LUYH= Lift Up Your Hearts (red hymnal)
PH = Psalter Hymnal (grey hymnal)
MP = Maranatha Praise (red book)
WS = Worship Sourcebook
RW = Reformed Worship Magazine

We warmly welcome **Preacher Yanick Baudequin** to our pulpit this week.

Our Church Family: Eric DeK. remains in the General Hospital undergoing some tests. He is in good spirits. Please hold him in your prayers. We also continue to pray for **Cole J., Trudy H.** and others in our midst who are dealing with various health issues.

Bruce S., is still in the Montfort Hospital. No visitation is allowed because of Covid on his floor. Please encourage Bruce with a card, he would certainly appreciate that. *His address is in the printed bulletin.*



OUR OFFERINGS:

Today - Ministry Shares - Ministry Shares are collected monthly to assist the work of the many ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. Ministries we support within our Eastern Canada Classis include GEMS Leadership, Safe Church Team, Youth Ministry Team, New Church Development, Campus Ministries in Halifax and Ottawa, Missions Scholarship Fund, Home Missions Fund plus the Seafarers Ministry in Montreal. Ministries we support in both Canada and the US include Calvin College and Seminary, Back to God, Home and World Missions, The Banner, Disability Concerns, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Pastor-Church Relations and many more. We thank you for contributing according to the gifts you have been given.

December 04 - Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy

The Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy creates hospitable spaces for students, faculty and staff to explore Christian faith and to practice justice and mercy in God's world.



We hope to create spaces that you can call home, spaces where you can explore, discover and flourish in ways that maybe you didn't even realize were possible. Home should never be a space where you are alone. Whether it's a connection to friends and/or a connection to God, we want your time on campus to be one in which you're developing rich relationships that help you engage with Christ, with community and with culture. Learn more about the OCRCC at their website: <https://ottawacampuschaplaincy.org/>

December 11 - Calvary C.R.C. Budget

December 18 - Ministry Shares - Instead of setting a specific amount per member, each congregation will prayerfully consider how much it can contribute towards our shared ministry efforts.

Ministry shares are an amazingly efficient and stewardly way for us to accomplish ministry together. Over the years, as Synod decided to start new programs, we've used ministry shares as a way of enabling all our congregations to contribute towards the costs. In this way, every initiative is truly part of our shared ministry.

What happens if my church doesn't give?

Currently, churches are contributing less than 60% of the requested amount for ministry. This means fewer funds are available for: • Supporting new church plants • Producing new resources for children's ministry • Training new pastors and supporting those already in ministry • Resourcing chaplains as they serve populations in crisis • Producing resources to revitalize worship in congregations • Equipping churches in abuse prevention, disability awareness, and racial reconciliation • Sharing the gospel in new ministry fields. With the new system proposed by Synod in 2019, ministry budgets will be set based on what is pledged from churches. If this amount is less than what is currently received, important ministry will need to be cut.

Please check the location of your mail-slots carefully as we've updated and added our active members. It does go by alphabetical order and your slot is above your name.

If your name doesn't appear and you would like a mail slot, please contact **Jess** or **Grace**. Thank you for your patience.



Please Contact your District Elder with News: With the retirement of **Pastor Piet**, so too went our main source of news on the well-being of our members. Please let your district elder know of any concerns you would like shared in the bulletin and with the congregation so we can continue to strengthen our church family through prayer for one another. It is also good to rejoice together. We are happy to share good news and celebrations, as well.

Greeters Required: Do you like the idea of volunteering but hate the thought of meetings? Being a greeter may be just the job for you! Council would like to reinstate greeters on Sunday mornings to say hello/bonjour/goeie moarn/buenos dias, offer a bulletin to those who would like one, and give a special welcome to visitors -- show them where the washrooms are and encourage them to stay for coffee afterwards. Don't worry, handshaking is not a requirement; in fact, it's still discouraged. If you would like to be on a rotation of greeters, please let **Jake** or **Marianne V.** know (jakemved@gmail.com) 613-445-5341.

Make A Difference The Church Website Needs Your Help!



Our website, www.calvarycrc.ca has been undergoing changes and a redesign over the past few months. Now we need your help to keep things up to date! We need a small write-up from each church group leader as well as contact information for those running each group.

Please check out the website to see if your group is listed or if your group is no longer active, please let us know. Photos are great too, but just remember, any pictures showing someone's face will require a release form to be signed. We also need some volunteers to help with maintaining the website. 3 or 4 additional people helping with this will mean a commitment of 1 hour a week or less.

Lastly, if you are browsing the website and notice that a link is not working, a mistake (it happens happens!) is found, you have an awesome idea to incorporate, or you need an event/announcement posted, send a message to webmaster@calvarycrc.ca. In your message, please include everything you want posted (text, pictures, contact info etc.) and the duration you want it on the website.

Any questions, ask **Kyle Hoople** (on behalf of the Communications Committee).

Please pray for God's blessings: Athens C.R.C., Pastor Dan Zylstra.

Advent: Our Great Hope - **Check out the kids' devotion** at www.kidscorner.net. We know God always loves us and is kind to us and that he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. This is our great hope! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Christmas parcels for seafarers very last drop-off day this coming Wednesday, November 30!

Thanks to all of those who have already brought in parcels! Our pile has been growing. We hope everyone else remembered to bring them in today. The Ministry to Seafarers campaign's goal is to collect 1,500 parcels this year, so that EVERY seafarer who comes through the port of Montreal between now and early January will receive a tangible expression of God's love for them.

The Deacons will be picking these up from the church on **Wednesday, November 30th**. If you forgot today, you have a couple of days left to get them to the church.

**We are also happy to do some last-minute shopping with your money!
Send \$25 to (info in printed bulletin), and she'll fill a bag for you.
Let's beat last year's total of 69 bags!**



Guidelines for Filling a SEAFARER'S Bag

Parcel contents DO's:

Do enclose **new items in their original packaging** from these four categories:

TOILETRIES: Ex. toothbrush/toothpaste, razor/shaving cream, soap/shampoo, cologne/ aftershave, hand sanitizer, face cloth (not white)

WARM CLOTHING: Ex. toque, gloves, socks, scarf

SNACKS: Ex. candy, chocolate, nuts, cookies

PLAY/LEISURE/GIFT: Ex. calendar, "Bicycle" playing cards, Canada souvenir such as a magnet or key chain, Sudoku, headlamp or flashlight, compass

Parcel contents DON'Ts: Don't include heavily scented items such as Irish Spring soap, office supplies, cleaning supplies/products, used items or unpackaged items such as a toothbrush, loose candy or home baking. Please don't make a bag for female seafarers. There are very few of them, and M2S has a budget to create parcels specifically for them.

The Deacons

ABBA's Daughters': Monday, November 28 from 1—3 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If interested to join us please call **Beth** or **Grace** or just drop by on the 28th.

CADETS AND GEMS: will meet **Monday @ 6:30PM.**

HANDS ON: Wednesday at 9:30-12:00. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Jessica J..**

YOUTH GROUP will meet **Thursday at 7:30 PM.**

YOUTH EVENT! - All teens (13+) are invited to Williamsburg C.R.C. on Sunday December 4, from 3-8pm for a good time with friends enjoying some games, dinner and a worship service. If you have any questions or to RSVP, contact Pastor Joe (613-295-0888 or josephgroeneveld@gmail.com).



“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes – and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



CALVARY CALENDAR		
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP		10:00 AM
ABBA'S DAUGHTERS	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28	1:00—3:00 PM
GEMS & CADETS	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28	6:30 PM
HANDS ON	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30	9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
MEN'S BOWLING	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 01	9:30-11:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 01	7:30 PM

2022/10:00 AM	NOVEMBER 27	DECEMBER 04	DECEMBER 11
WORSHIP LEADER	YANICK BAUDEQUIN	RYAN FARRELL	PASTOR HAROLD KOUWENBERG
OFFIC./ ELDER	KRISTY	BART	BETH
DEACON	HARRY	SYLVIA	GLENDEEN
OFFERING	MINISTRY SHARES	OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY	CALVARY C.R.C. BUDGET
2ND OFFERING	CALVARY C.R.C.	CALVARY C.R.C.	
NURSERY	LISA/ALEX	MEGAN/TIM & ABBY	KATHRYN/CHLOE
COFFEE CLEANUP	SHELDON & EDDA L.	DON & ANITA H.	JOHN & SARAH C. – BEN F.

Announcements are due Wednesdays by 6PM. Send to: bulletin@calvarycrc.ca

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