

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A mainstream church with an evangelical heart

2597 Bourquin Crescent East, Abbotsford B.C. V2S 1Y6

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2009 at 6 p.m.

"What's Missing?"

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| Prelude | Geoff Brown | |
| Welcome | Pastor Hans | |
| Carol | O come, all ye faithful (vv. 1-4) | #159 |
| The Christ candle | The Mallam family | |
| Carols | <i>Hope is a star</i> | #119 |
| | <i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel (twice)</i> | #114 |
| Nativity set story | Sarah Smith | |
| Carol | <i>O little town of Bethlehem</i> | #165 |
| Scripture readings | Luke 2: 1-20 (NRSV) ~ Cathie Collet | |
| Carol | <i>Away in a manger (vv. 1-2)</i> | #149 |
| Korean Youth Dance Team | The Christmas Story The Supernatural King | |
| Symbols of Christmas | Pastor Hans | |
| Scripture reading | Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV) ~ Marg Smith | |
| Symbols of Christmas | Pastor Hans | |
| Carol | <i>What child is this?</i> | #161 |
| Offering - Prayer | Pastor Hans | |
| A Christmas Creed (in unison) | | |
| Carol | <i>Silent night</i> | #154 |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | | |

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the
gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit
brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.
I believe in the One for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I
confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ
from my life today.

I believe in the One who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could
never understand; whose life was among common people,
whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the One who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

I believe in the One whose cradle was a mother's arms,
whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth,
who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them,
who by love brought sinners back to purity,
and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God:

The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed,
the need of new life for empty souls,
the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.

I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night,
for me and for the world.



Thanks to all who participated in tonight's service!

Pastor Hans and Colleen, the staff, all the elders,
and Ministry Team Leaders,
wish you and yours a Blessed and Happy Christmas
and pray God's blessing upon you
and those whom you love, in the New Year.