

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2011 9:15 a.m.

Prelude Lorraine Kandal
Welcome Sharing the congregational life



Call to Worship Advent reading - **The Candle of Peace**
~ The Akuffo Family

*Song *People in darkness* (v. 3) #124
*Prayers of adoration and confession

*Songs *Sanctuary*
Glory be to God

Story time **Pastor Blair**

Musical interlude Kid Connect and Youth Connect (Preschool to Grade 12)

Responsive Reading Isaiah 40: 1-11 (NRSV) p. 667 (p. 1010 large print)
~ Harold Swanson

*Song *Everlasting God*

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 1-12 (NRSV) p. 34 (p. 48 large print)

Message **Into the Wild**
Pastor Blair Bertrand

*Hymn *On Jordan's bank* (vv. 1, 2, 5) #126
Offering - *Give thanks - Prayer

THE COMMUNION OF OUR LORD

The invitation and our response - (seated) *Here, O my Lord, I see thee* (vv. 1, 2) #543

*The Apostles' Creed [back of "The Book of Praise"]

The prayer of thanksgiving

concluded by the Lord's Prayer (in unison) [sins/ sin against us]

The breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup

Prayers after communion

*Benediction *Peace is a ribbon*

*Postlude Lorraine Kandal

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Large print available at the back.

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2011 11 a.m.

Prelude Veronika Klassen
Welcome Sharing the congregational life



WE WORSHIP GOD IN PRAISE

Call to Worship Advent reading - **The Candle of Peace**
~ Joyce Harrison and Ethel Krause

*Song *People in darkness* (v. 3) #124

*Prayers of adoration and confession

Choir *Awaken us, O Lord* - by Mark Hayes & John Parker
(from the Cantata "Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!")

WE WORSHIP GOD IN LISTENING

Story time **Pastor Blair**
*Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* #115

Responsive Reading Isaiah 40: 1-11 (NRSV) p. 667 (p. 1010 large print)
~ Jean Grant

*Hymn *Prepare the way, O Zion* #129

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 1-12 (NRSV) p. 34 (p. 48 large print)

Message **Into the Wild**
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WE WORSHIP GOD IN RESPONSE

*Hymn *On Jordan's bank* (vv. 1, 2, 5) #126
Offering - *Doxology (#830) - Prayer

THE COMMUNION OF OUR LORD

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Prayers after communion

*Benediction *Go now in peace*

*Postlude Veronika Klassen

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Wanted for the chapel at Matsqui Institution:

- Unused 2012 calendars and Greeting cards – Christmas, Mother’s Day, birthday, get well, blank

The Rev. Bruce Cairnie would be very grateful to receive the above items. Please bring them to the church office.

The Women’s Resource Society of the Fraser Valley (WRSFV) could use any warm clothes such as coats, gloves and toques that you may have. Pamphlets with more information about the WRSFV are available in the front entrance. Contact Julia Gully (604) 746-9495 to donate or for more information.



Participation in Communion

For some time now the PCC has stated that “baptized children, being within the covenant, are ‘covenant members’ of the church and may be admitted to the Lord’s Table at the discretion of the Session and with their parent(s) consent. It is [still] their responsibility and privilege, when they reach an appropriate age, to profess their faith publically and be received by the Session as ‘professing members’”. (Book of Forms section 140.1)

The elders want to remind parents of their responsibility to talk with their children about the meaning of communion before allowing their children to partake. Our Sunday School also gives instruction.

GO NOW IN PEACE
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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WELCOME

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who are new and want fellowship;
to all who come,
Calvin Church opens wide its doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are a visitor, or would like a visit, please let us know of your presence or any request on a blue welcome card, and place it on the offering plate as your gift to us. *Thank you.*

PRAYER in preparation for the services held in Pastor Blair’s office at 9:00 am.

The **GREETERS** at the 9:15 service are **Bob and Nancy Bolton** and **Jeremy and Mary Hindle** at the 11 am service. Thank you to **Ron Smith** and **Art Vanden Eykel** for taking care of our building security.

The flowers today are provided by
Beth and Dan Cruikshank
in loving memory of Beth’s sister,
Frances Coleman,
who passed away December 25, 2010.



HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADSETS are available in the entry hall. For assistance, please see a greeter.



We invite **EVERYONE** to gather downstairs between the services for **REFRESHMENTS** prepared by **Cathie and Mark Collet**.

TODAY

We thank **Rod and Cathy Thomson** for coordinating the preparation of our **COMMUNION** table and elements. *It is our custom to eat the bread and drink the cup together.*

Please join us this evening at **7 pm** for the **Choir Cantata** called "**Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria**". Refreshments to follow.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY - DECEMBER 5

9:30 am Calvin Clappers handbell practice in the worship area
7 pm Ladies Bible Study at Dorothy Vivian's home
#121 - 2451 Gladwin Road (604-850-5331) "**Growing Older & Wiser**" by Dale and Sandy Larsen. **Join us!**

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 6

10 am Prayer Chain meets in the upper meeting room
12 noon Ladies Bible Study at Margaret Allan's home -
3719 Nootka Street, Abbotsford - 604-853-6623.
"**Growth: Training vs. Trying**". Join us!
1 pm Calvin Guild Executive meeting in the upper meeting room
6:30 - 9 pm Downtown Street Ministry - lower meeting hall,
Carole Sookdeo, Coordinator (604-852-3171).
7:30 pm Presbytery meets at Gordon Presbyterian Church -
7457 Edmonds Street, Burnaby.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 7

10 am Friends and Coffee Social meet in the lower meeting hall. All
welcome! Bring a friend!
11:30 am - 2 pm WMS Christmas Luncheon and program at Gordon
Presbyterian Church, Burnaby. Cost \$15. Please phone
Ann Friesen at 604-850-1176 if you would like to go.
Ride provided.
12:30-2 pm Staff meeting - the church office will be closed
7 pm Facilities Committee meets in the upper meeting room.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 8

10 am Pastor Blair's Bible study on Advent scriptures
(Is. 61: 1-4, 8-11/ Ps. 126, Lk 1: 46b-55/ 1 Thess. 5: 16-24/
Jn. 1: 6-8, 19-28) in the upper meeting room.
1 pm Calvin Guild meeting and Christmas program. All are
welcome to attend!
7:30 pm Choir practice in the sanctuary.

Youth: Please contact **Sarah Smith** (604-850-5881 or
youth@calvinpresbyterian.ca) for further information about
events and to receive the regular emails.

NOTES

Please help yourselves to the Advent devotionals - **The Lord is Near** - by Henri Nouwen.

The Mission and Outreach Team would love to receive your donations to the **Abbotsford Food Bank** by **Sunday, December 18** for their annual Christmas drive. Please bring canned and dried foods (no preserves, please) to the front entrance of the church.

Migrant Workers - Through the Justice Committee of our presbytery, the Presbyterian Church has tried to address the issue of migrant labour in our local context. The Justice Committee is looking for new members and this may be an area that someone from Calvin could serve the broader church by addressing an issue close to home. If there are Calvin members interested in this issue, please contact **Pastor Blair**.

Hockey Tickets can save lives! Abbotsford Youth for Christ has partnered with the **Abbotsford Heat Hockey Club** to raise funds for the **SafeRide Home** service. There are 150 tickets for sale to the Abbotsford Heat's home game on **Friday, January 20, 2012**. Tickets are \$20 each with \$3 from each ticket sale going to SafeRide Home. Please contact **Doug McKellan** to order your tickets at 604-835-0380 or email him at doug@youthunlimited.com.

Ministry Team Leaders: Please submit your **Budget 2012 requests** to the office by December 11, 2011. Thank you.

Attention Knitters!

The next collection date for "pneumonia-prevention vests" will be **December 7**. Please give your knitted items to **Ann Friesen today** or bring them to the church office. The mailing of vests to Malawi is being **discontinued**. Instead, the money used for postage will be used for a PWS&D mother/baby program at the Mulanje Hospital. Thank you to all knitters for the Christian love you have shown throughout the years for the babies at the hospital.



CHRISTMAS AT CALVIN

Services 9:15 & 11 am

DECEMBER 4

7 pm – Choir Cantata

“Heaven and Nature Sing **Gloria**”

DECEMBER 11

6:30 pm – Children’s Christmas
Presentation

“Christmas Praise”

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm – Family and Children

7 pm – Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am Service

NEW YEAR’S DAY

10 am Communion