

# CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 2011 9:15 a.m.

Prelude Lorraine Kandal  
Welcome Sharing the congregational life



Call to Worship Advent reading - **The Candle of Joy**  
~ The Bertrand Family

\*Song *People in darkness* (v. 4) #124  
\*Prayers of adoration and confession

\*Songs *Sing a new song unto the Lord*  
*Holy is the Lord*  
*Therefore the redeemed*

Story time **Pastor Blair**

Musical interlude Kid Connect and Youth Connect (Preschool to Grade 6)

Responsive Reading Isaiah 61 (NRSV) p. 691 (p. 1048 large print)  
~ Grant Allan

\*Song *Hope of the nations*

Scripture Reading John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (NRSV) p. 91 (p. 129 large print)

Message **A Witness, a Mother, and a Hospital**  
Pastor Blair Bertrand

\*Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* #371

Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession  
followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison)[sins/sin against us]

Offering - Offertory Calvin Clappers: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
(arr. by Cathy Moglebust)

\*Doxology - Prayer *All praise and thanks to God*  
Calvin Clappers *Come, Christians join to sing* - arr. by F. Thomas Simpson

\*Benediction *Joy is a song* (v. 3) #119

\*Postlude Lorraine Kandal

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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# CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 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 Joy**  
~ Joe and Margaret Ward

\*Song *People in darkness* (v. 4) #124

\*Prayers of adoration and confession

Choir *Come to us now, Emmanuel* - by D. Besig and N. Price

## WE WORSHIP GOD IN LISTENING

Story time **Pastor Blair**  
\*Hymn *Sing a new song unto the Lord* #422

Responsive Reading Isaiah 61 (NRSV) p. 691 (p. 1048 large print)  
~ Margaret Brown

\*Hymn *Hark the glad sound* #118

Scripture Reading John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (NRSV) p. 91 (p. 129 large print)

Message **A Witness, a Mother, and a Hospital**  
Pastor Blair Bertrand

## WE WORSHIP GOD IN RESPONSE

\*Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* #371

Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession  
followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison) [sins/sin against us]

Offering - Offertory Calvin Clappers: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
(arr. by Cathy Moglebust)

\*Doxology - Prayer *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* #830

Calvin Clappers *Come, Christians join to sing* - arr. by F. Thomas Simpson

\*Benediction *Three fold Amen* #780

\*Postlude Veronika Klassen

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# CHRISTMAS AT CALVIN

Services 9:15 & 11 am

## 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



## CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 **Grant and Margaret Allan** and **Bernice Lapworth and Irene Smorenburg** at the 11 am service. Thank you to **Sam Siemens** and **Ken Baker** for taking care of our building security.

The **flowers** today are provided by  
**Patti and Alan Hougen**  
to the glory of God.



**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 **Philippa and Richard Hay**.

## TODAY

**Ministry Team Leaders:** Please submit your **Budget 2012 requests** to the office today. Thank you.

Please join us this evening at **6:30 pm** for **“Christmas Praise”**, presented by the **children and youth of Calvin Church**. Bring your friends and grandparents. Refreshments to follow.

**Taize' Evening prayers** - ecumenical gatherings filled with song, prayer, and silence - at St. Matthew's Anglican Church at 7:30 pm.  
2010 Guilford Dr., Abbotsford. All are welcome.

## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 13

- 10 am Ladies Bible Study** at Margaret Allan's home - 3719 Nootka Street, Abbotsford - 604-853-6623.  
**“Growth: Training vs. Trying”**. Join us!
- 6:30 - 9 pm Downtown Street Ministry** - lower meeting hall, Carole Sookdeo, Coordinator (604-852-3171).

### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 14

- 10 am Friends and Coffee Social “Christmas Brunch”** meet in the lower meeting hall. All welcome! Please bring a manger scene.
- 4 pm New Building Committee meeting** in the lower hall

### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 15

- 10 am Pastor Blair's Bible study** on Advent scriptures (2 Sam 7: 1-11, 16/ Lk. 1: 46b-55, Ps. 89:1-4, 19-26/ Rom. 16: 25-27/ Lk. 1: 26-38) in the upper meeting room.
- 7:30 pm Choir practice** in the sanctuary.

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 17

**Presbyterian Youth Lock-in** at Haney Presbyterian Church, Maple Ridge. Please call **Sarah Smith** for further details at 604-850-5881. Join the fun for worship, games, movie and a sleepover! Pastor Blair is speaking!

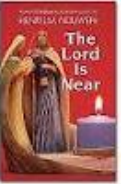
**Youth:** Please contact **Sarah Smith** (604-850-5881 or [youth@calvinpresbyterian.ca](mailto:youth@calvinpresbyterian.ca)) for further information about events and to receive the regular emails.

## NOTES

It is with sadness we report **Nina Racine's** sister, **Roberta Ross**, passed away on November 22. A celebration of Roberta's life will be held December 20 in Powell River.

We are also sad to report the death of Christina Brown on Tuesday, December 6. A celebration of life service will be held at Calvin Church on Friday, December 16 at 2 pm.

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



### 2013 CALENDAR: CALL FOR PHOTOS AND IDEAS! -

Preparations are already underway for the 2013 PCC wall calendar. We have chosen a theme of **“WORSHIP: Celebrating Presbyterian Diversity”**. The intent is to highlight the vast diversity found in worship services in the PCC. In particular, we are looking for unique worship styles & spaces, diverse sacrament experiences, cultural & linguistic diversity, as well as our more “traditional” worship experiences. Please submit any photos - or ideas for photos - to the Communications Office ([communications@presbyterian.ca](mailto:communications@presbyterian.ca)) no later than February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

At this time of year, please check your mailboxes in the front entrance of the church for Christmas mail!

**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**.

Thank you to all who donated Christmas and other cards and calendars to the ministry at **Matsqui Institution**. The Rev. Bruce Cairnie has enough now.

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.