

# CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 25, 2011 10 a.m.

Prelude Hannah Smith  
Welcome Sharing the congregational life



Call to Worship

\*Carol *Angels from the realms of glory* #146

\*Prayers of adoration and confession

\*Songs *This Child* [insert]  
*Go, tell it on the mountain* #133

Story time **Pastor Blair**

Musical interlude Family Worship Sunday – clipboards are available

Responsive Reading Psalm 96 (NRSV) p. 550 (p. 835 large print)  
~ Irene Smorenburg

\*Carol *Joy to the world* #153

Scripture Reading Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 (NRSV) p. 215 (p. 309 large print)

Message **The Real Reason for the Season**  
Pastor Blair Bertrand

\*Carol *Hark! The herald angels sing* #139

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

Offering - Offertory Veronika Klassen  
\*Doxology - Prayer *Glory be to God the Father (v. 1)* #298

\*Carol *Once in royal David's city* #166

\*Benediction *Three-fold Amen* #780

\*Postlude Veronika Klassen

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

Large print available at the back.

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*A mainstream church with an evangelical heart*

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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 service held in Pastor Blair's office at 9:45 am.

The **GREETERS** today are **Karan and Carole Sookdeo**. Thank you to **Ron Smith** for taking care of our building security.

The **flowers** today are provided by  
**Lois Lochhead**  
in loving memory of her husband,  
**Morley Lochhead.**



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

## THIS CHILD

This child secretly comes in the night  
O this Child hiding a heavenly light  
O this Child coming to us like a stranger  
This heavenly Child

This Child heaven come down  
Now to be with us here  
Heavenly love and mercy appear  
Softly in awe and wonder come near  
To this heavenly Child

This Child rising on us like the sun  
O this Child given to light everyone  
O this Child guiding our feet on the pathway  
To peace on earth

This Child heaven come down  
Now to be with us here  
Heavenly love and mercy appear  
Softly in awe and wonder come near  
To this heavenly Child

This Child raising the humble and poor  
O this Child making the proud ones to fall  
O this Child filling the hungry with good things  
This heavenly Child

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to this heavenly Child

## THIS WEEK

**Please note:** The church office will be closed December 26-28.

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 27

6:30 - 9 pm     **Downtown Street Ministry** - lower meeting hall,  
Carole Sookdeo, Coordinator (604-852-3171).

### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 29

10 am             **Pastor Blair's Bible study** canceled for this week only.

### SUNDAY - JANUARY 1

10 am             **Holy Communion worship service**

**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 the death of **Both (Nyabil) Chuol's** mother, **Yerchak Belue** in a hospital in Ethiopia, on December 19 at the age of 67 years.

**Volunteers are urgently needed:** Caring and empathetic people are needed who are willing to volunteer some time to respond to callers to the **Telecare Crisis and Caring Line**. Training will begin **January 12 at 7 pm**, at Central Heights MB Church (1661 McCallum Road). Please call 604-852-4058 or email [training@telecarebc.com](mailto:training@telecarebc.com). Please go to [www.telecarebc.com](http://www.telecarebc.com) for more information about volunteer prerequisites.

**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.

The Rev. Bruce Cairnie is still requesting **2012 calendars** for Matsqui Institution. He is grateful for your support.

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

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.

**A letter from Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes):**

Thank you for all your help during the Operation Christmas Child collection week. It would not have been possible without your faithfulness and commitment to this ministry. As a result, we were able to send **10,150** shoe boxes from Abbotsford. That is the most we have ever done.

18 churches/organizations increased their collection totals by **18%** or more, and 8 increased by **2 - 9%**. The local schools did incredibly well considering the teachers' "slow down" and we had a few more "new" churches participate this year too. It is always amazing what God will do and is doing in our community with a simple shoe box gift. So much more can be done.

But remember, it is *much more* than just the numbers. It is far more than a shoe box full of "stuff". The shoe boxes not only open doors for safe drinking water or shelter or medical assistance or educational assistance, but also for the Gospel. We have had the opportunity to make an *eternal impact* by collecting and sending these shoe boxes. Many children, many families, many lives will be changed for the glory of God because of what you have done. It is an incredible opportunity to partner with Samaritan's Purse in the world's largest Christmas project for the furtherance of His kingdom and for His glory.

**Darcy Ross**  
**Local Coordinator**  
**Abbotsford**



Presbyterian Church in Canada ~ **MISSION CAPSULE CANADA: Reaching out to South Asian communities**  
Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Asian Christ Church, a unique mission in Surrey, British Columbia serving Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi-speaking South Asian communities. There are more than 500,000 South Asians living in the lower mainland alone! Asian Christ Church's weekly television outreach ministry, "Jeewan Kee Raah" (The Way of Life) reaches thousands of people, many who don't attend church. The program can be watched online at [www.asianchristchurch.com](http://www.asianchristchurch.com). Let us pray for Asian Christ Church as it provides South Asian communities with a welcoming place to worship God in their own language.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**