

## CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas – Communion Sunday

January 4, 2009 10 a.m.

Prelude Lorraine Kandal  
Welcome Sharing the congregational life

### WE WORSHIP GOD IN PRAISE

Call to worship Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (NRSV)  
\*Carol *Good Christians, all rejoice* #141  
\*Prayers of adoration and confession  
Choir *Let us break bread together* – Spiritual arr. by Clarke

### WE WORSHIP GOD IN LISTENING

Story time **Pastor Hans**  
Musical interlude Family Sunday – clipboards are available  
\*Solo *Thou didst leave Thy throne* – by Matthews, arr. Rausch/Mumford  
~Helen Parkins  
Responsive Reading Psalm 147 (NRSV) p. 582 (p. 883 large print)  
~Carole Sookdeo  
\*Carol *Hark! the herald angels sing* #139  
Scripture Reading John 1: 14, 16-17 (NRSV) p. 92 (p. 129 large print)  
Message **The greatness of grace**  
Pastor Hans Kouwenberg

### WE WORSHIP GOD IN RESPONSE

\*Hymn *I know not why such wondrous grace* #683  
Offering - \*Doxology (830) – Prayer

### THE COMMUNION OF OUR LORD

\*The invitation and our response (seated) *All who hunger, gather gladly* #534  
\*The Apostles' Creed [back of "The Book of Praise"]  
The tradition according to I Corinthians 11:23-26  
The prayer of thanksgiving  
The breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup  
Prayers of intercession followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison)  
\*Benediction *Go now in peace* [insert]  
\*Postlude - Duet *Ring the bells* – by Bollback arr. by Mickelson  
~Gene and Helen Parkins

*\*Please stand or sit, as you are able*

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*A mainstream church with an evangelical heart*

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We **WARMLY WELCOME YOU** to this service of worship! 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. *Thank you.*

**PRAYER** in preparation for the services held in Pastor Hans' office at 9:45 am.

The **GREETERS** this morning are **Bill and Marilyn Ingram**. Thank you to **Nic Funk** for taking care of our building security.

Large-print copies of our **HYMNBOOK, BIBLES (NRSV)** and **SONGS OF PRAISE** may be picked up from the shelf at the back of the worship space, and **HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADSETS** from their pocket in the entry hall. Please return them after each service. Thank you!

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

### Children's 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 is also giving instruction from time to time.

We invite **EVERYONE** to gather downstairs between the services for **REFRESHMENTS** kindly prepared by **Sam and Bev Siemens**.





## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY - JANUARY 6

- 10 am **Prayer chain** - upper meeting room  
 6:30 - 9 pm **Downtown Street Ministry** - lower meeting hall  
**Carole Sookdeo**, Coordinator (604-852-3171)  
 7 pm Bible study at **Derrick and Susan Dick's** home, 3359 Harvest Dr.  
 Studying the book of Revelation.

### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 7

- 10 am-12 noon **Ladies Care Group** is doing a study of Isaiah, "Trusting God in Troubled Times". Held at **Jo-Ann Kiss's** home; 2163 Primrose Street, Abbotsford (604-859-2045)  
 7 pm **Facilities and Finance Committee** meeting - upper meeting room

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 8

- 10 am **Pastor Hans' Bible Study** - upper meeting room  
 1-3 pm **Guild meeting** - lower meeting hall  
 7:30 pm **Choir practice** - worship area  
 7:30 pm **Session meeting** - lower meeting hall

### FRIDAY - JANUARY 9

- 6 pm **Session Social** - at Cathy and Rod Thomson's house  
 34150 Palace Court, Abbotsford. Please RSVP to Cathy at 604-855-1180.

### SATURDAY - JANUARY 10

- 8 am **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** - Roseland Restaurant  
**Speaker: Will Cahoon** - "The cause of the financial disaster and how to protect ourselves".

## COMING EVENTS

**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.

- Pastor Hans** will be offering **two courses**, starting January 2009:
- First, the five week **orientation course**:  
**Wednesday evenings, January 14 - February 11, 2008**  
 7:30 - 9 pm - Orientation to the Christian faith, the Presbyterian and Reformed expression of it, and Calvin Church's mission and values and opportunities for service;
  - Followed by a six week **visioning study** based on Kevin Ford's book, **Transforming Church: Bringing out the good to get to great (2007)**. (Study books provided at cost). Begins February 18, 2009
  - Sign up at the church office - 604-859-6902.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 25

7 pm

**Are Christians Un-Canadian?**

Why Our Neighbours Don't Care about - or Even Fear - Our  
Christianity - A Lecture by **John G. Stackhouse, Jr.**

## NOTES

**Envelopes** for regular weekly and/or monthly **giving** in 2009 are now available. You can also ask for **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** from your bank account as a way of regular giving. (There are forms on the entry hall table or office for this purpose.) Either method will gain **income tax reducing receipts** at year end. Thanks for your generous support for the ministry and mission of Calvin Church.

**Mission minded people:** Check out the new mission opportunities posted on the bulletin board in the front entrance - May to November 2009.

**Annual Reports for 2008:** We are now accepting ministry reports for inclusion in the 2008 annual report. Please submit these to the church office by January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It would be greatly appreciated if you can either email these or put your report on a memory stick, to reduce word processing requirements. The **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 22, 2009.**

### JOSHUA HOUSE:

**Joshua House Ministries** is looking for a few good men who would be willing to sit and listen to men who are doing "Step Five" in their recovery program. **Step Five** is where they: "Admit to God, themselves and one other person their past sins". Please see Derrick Dick for more information.

For more information, please look at their website at [www.yahwehsavesrecovery.ca](http://www.yahwehsavesrecovery.ca).



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### MALAWI

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* . . . support the Rev. Edward (Ed) Hoekstra as he works with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) as Associate Minister of St. Columba CCAP Church in Blantyre, Malawi. Ed is accompanied by his wife Jackie and two of their five children, Jacob and Nico. From September through December 2008, the Hoekstras studied the Chichewa language and visited and spoke in many churches throughout the Blantyre Synod. In January, Ed was inducted at St. Columba's, joining senior minister Rev. Thomas Maseya in ministry. Ed is involved in all areas of pastoral ministry at the church, but has special responsibility for the English language service. Let us pray for the Hoekstras as they adjust to life in a new country. Learn more by reading Jackie's letters online at [www.presbyterian.ca/international/letters](http://www.presbyterian.ca/international/letters)

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR