

Office Information & Contacts

Church Hours*: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Closed from December 21st- January 1st

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EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church
Glorifying God & Loving All People

Welcome

Ebenezer is now livestreaming our church services. To access the Livestream, visit our website: <https://www.ebenezercrc.com> and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Once in Royal David's City*

ADVENT LITURGY

SONG — *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

SONG — *Angels We have Heard on High*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 - Ebenezer Ministries 2 - Our Missionaries

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE — Matthew 2: 13-23

SERMON — *Hope*

SONG — *What Can I Do?*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *A Christmas Alleluia*

Church Family

Merry Christmas to all the Ebenezer family! Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season as we celebrate the arrival our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. May His peace surround you and your family this Christmas. Let us remember each other in prayer this season, especially those who are more isolated this year.

We praise God for healing and improvements for **Alyse K** and **Liz D**. Please continue to pray for them as well as **Ineke V** and the ongoing concerns of **Arlene L's** daughter Deb-bie , and **KerryAnne H**.

If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties, please speak to Pastor Jason, your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.

NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS It is time to begin the process of installing new elders and deacons. We have 4 elders and 2 deacons who have faithfully completed their 3 year terms of service. In fact, they've now served 6 months beyond their 3 year terms! So we would like to invite the congregation to prayerfully consider if you would like to suggest someone in our congregation who is qualified and called to serve in one of those positions.

The biblical qualifications for those offices can be found in the following passages: For elders--1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3; For deacons--1 Timothy 3:8-13.

Suggestions for nominations to these offices will be considered by council at our council meeting on January 5. Thank you.

NOTICE FROM ADMIN COMMITTEE: Thank you to Fia B for her dedicated service to our team. We are now looking for a new committee member. If you are interested or for more information, please contact the church office.

POSTAL STAMPS Remember to save and collect the postal stamps on your Christmas cards/mail! Your last donations were recently sold and we made \$75. There is still money in used stamps! Contact Bea M if you have questions.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering: EBENEZER MINISTRIES - This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - OUR MISSIONAIRES - The two missionary families Ebenezer supports are the Geistefers and the Strydhors. The Geistefers are working in Honduras and the Strydhorst family is now in Michigan working out of the Timothy Leadership Training Institute. Each year we commit to giving each family \$3000.00. For more information please visit the Global Resonate website.

NEXT WEEK - REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES - Rehoboth Christian Ministries was formed in 1976 by members of the Christian community to offer services to individuals with disabilities and their families in Alberta. The fundamental premise of the ministry is equity for all people regardless of their level of functioning, physical appearance or abilities. For more information see rehoboth.ab.ca

THANK YOU FROM MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS Greetings once again from the Port of Vancouver and the Ministry to Seafarers here. Your recent donation of \$124.00 arrived yesterday. Thank you for another donation to the work that's happening here.

I just returned from a ship where 2 sailors were recently seriously injured and are now in hospital here in Vancouver. All the crew are very distressed by this accident, understandably. We are supporting them as we are able. I spent some precious time listening to, sharing with, and then praying with the captain, who is a Christian from the Philippines. At times like these they especially appreciate our presence and ministry.

Thanks for helping to make this possible. Keep the seafarers in your prayers. Soon we will begin distribution of the Christmas gifts as well, which the seafarers always look forward to. May the Lord bless you all in your celebrations as well, and fill you with His joy.

Rev. Gary Roosma, Ministry to Seafarers Vancouver

Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Renee/Susan

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Pete/Wes

NEXT WEEK: Youth Team

NEXT WEEK: Mike/Nicole

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, Dec 20	@	10:00 am	Worship Service 4th Sunday of Advent In-person or Livestream
	@	7:00 pm	Candle Light Service - Livestream -
Friday, Dec 25	@	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service - Livestream -
Sunday, Dec 27	@	10:00 am	Worship Service In-person or Livestream

Special Hours

The church office will be closed from Dec 21st - Jan 1st. We will reopen on Tuesday, Jan 5th. If you need assistance, please contact your District Elder. Bulletin announcements can still be sent via email. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS NOTES:

- Join us this evening, Livestream at 7pm, for our traditional Candlelight Service. Sing Christmas hymns and listen as mature Mary reflects on her incredible Christmas journey.
- Please see the last page of this Bulletin for the Christmas Day Order of Worship.
- Lastly, we've decided to open the office next week if you'd like to stop by to check your mailbox. The doors will be open on Wednesday, Dec 23rd from 9-3pm. Thank you.

Denominational News & Resources

CAMPUS MINISTER NEEDED The Christian Reformed Church's northern Alberta churches are seeking a part-time campus minister for the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) to joyfully serve the NAIT community as a visible presence of the CRC church and God's kingdom. The job description is available on the Classis Alberta North website. Questions and applications can be directed to Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning (jonathan.nicolai-dekoning@kingsu.ca), co-chair of the classis Campus Ministry Committee.

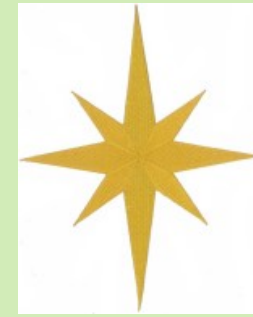
CALVIN UNIVERSITY JANUARY SERIES – Coming this January for the 34th year, Calvin University presents the 2021 January Series – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 6 and continues weekdays through January 26 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics ranging from the future of the Supreme Court, climate change, the era of intelligent technology, civil discourse, racial tensions, the arts as a healing balm and so much more by top experts in their fields. And access to the award-winning lecture series will be easier than ever. This year, due to the realities of COVID-19, the January Series will have a completely virtual audience. Attendees will be able to watch and listen to the 15 presentations on their own personal devices, in their own locations, or gather at small remote sites available across the continent. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and to register for personal viewing, visit our website at www.calvin.edu/january

JUSTICE AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE - The Justice and Global Relationships Virtual Experience is being offered in partnership between World Renew and The King's University. This 9-session virtual learning experience is open to all Canadians who are committed to learning about and promoting justice and advocacy.

Contact ibuisman@worldrenew.ca or Jonathan.Nicolai-deKoning@kingsu.ca for more information. Register by Dec. 31, 2020.

HYMNARY.ORG - Hymnary.org announces next-generation mobile hymnal apps for iOS and Android, including Lift Up Your Hearts. The apps are free, and no purchase is necessary to access a number of features, including the full score of all public domain hymns, audio recordings of most hymns, and more. More info, including links, at hymnary.org/node/42126

ONLINE WORSHIP LEARNING - You are warmly invited to register for a free online learning experience held January 6-26, 2021, on key themes in worship and the Christian life. Register for free at worship.calvin.edu/symposium/. This experience is designed for all kinds of learners: students, artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, teachers, worship leaders and planners, and all worshipers around the globe. Sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching.



Christmas Day Order of Worship

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

GOD'S GREETING

ADVENT LITURGY

SONG — *Joy Has Dawned Upon the World*

CHRISTMAS READING

SONG — *O Come All Ye Faithful*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SONG — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

SCRIPTURE — **Genesis 1:3, John 1:5, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Revelation 22:5**

SERMON — *Light Shining in the Darkness*

SONG — *Shine on Us*

PARTING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Glory to God / Ere Zij God*