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**First Sunday  
after Christmas**



The Church of Scotland

**WELCOME**



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Auditoire de Calvin, December 29 2024

**Prelude** “Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich”

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

Call to Worship:

*Humbly in your sight we come together, Lord:  
Grant us now the blessing of your presence  
here. Tumbuka (Malawian) Hymn*

**CH4 318** Lord you were rich beyond all splendour

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

All age talk

**CH4 310** Calypso Carol

## **Bible Lessons**

*Isiah 11 1-9*

### **The Branch From Jesse**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of  
the Lord— and he will delight in the fear of  
the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. They will neither harm nor destroy

on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*2 Corinthians 5: 16-20*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Offering

**Music** “Pastorelle”

V. Rathgeber

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Prayer of dedication CH4 496** Spoken

**CH4 501** Take this moment

Sermon

Praise for reflection

**CH4 536** May the mind of Christ my saviour  
(*Tune St Leonard*)

Prayers for others

**CH4 465** Be Thou My Vision

Blessing

**CH4 786** May the peace of God go with us as we travel from this place; may the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.

Benediction and threefold Amen

**Postlude** “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen Alle Gleich”  
Hans Klotz (1910-1987)

Welcoming elder: Christine Buhler  
Ushers: Lindy Twaddle, Lyndsey Bochaton  
Reader: Nan Braunschweiger  
Organist: Linda Revkin  
Choir: In recess



**Sunday January 5** Communion  
*Partage* collection. Donations can also be left in  
the boxes in the Salle on other Sundays. See  
[bit.ly/47Ln0sT](http://bit.ly/47Ln0sT)  
**Wednesday January 8** A third Bible study on  
*James*. Contact Laurence



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