

**THEN HE LIFTED UP HIS
EYES TOWARD HIS
DISCIPLES, AND SAID:
“BLESSED ARE YOU POOR,
FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM
OF GOD. BLESSED ARE YOU
WHO HUNGER NOW, FOR YOU
SHALL BE FILLED. BLESSED
ARE YOU WHO WEEP NOW,
FOR YOU SHALL LAUGH.
LUKE 6:20-21**

February 17, 2019

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

**“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.”**

Luke 6:20

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

February 17, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Let All Things Now Living” [#5] K. Langlois, E. Fruhauf, R. Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine” [#363]D. Linda McKechnie

* Opening Hymns: “Here I Am to Worship”

#567:1-2

“How Great Is Our God”

#574:1-2

(Soloist: verse 1, followed by congregation: verses 1 & 2.)

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “To My Precious Lord”

#136:1-3

Assurance of Pardon

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH

Professions of Faith: Jacqueline Lanning and Clara Tolsma

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Hymn: “In Christ Alone”

#770:1-4

(Supporters and children through 4th grade may come forward.)

Message for Children (Prayer for our newest professing members)

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Anthem: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

arr Suzanne M. Hibbard

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day your were baptized,
To see your life unfold."

* Hymn of Preparation: "Oh, to See the Dawn"

#177:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:17-26

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **A BACKWARDS LIFE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Be Thou My Vision”

#859:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Jesslyn DeBoer

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: “Grazioso”

Arnold Sherman

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#965

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

* Postlude: “Fantasia and Fugue”

Johann Pachelbel

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers and Joyringers

Directors: Stephanie Wiltse and Melanie Tolsma

Soloist: Penny Kindraka

Scripture Reader: Kim Stapert

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 17, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We celebrate the professions of faith of Jacqueline Lanning and Clara Tolsma. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 6:17-26, “A Backwards Life.” The Allegro Ringers and Joyringers lead us in music.

The hymns chosen this morning were selected by Clara Tolsma and Jacqueline Lanning in honor of their profession of faith. Clara and Jacqueline are members of the Worship Committee and assist throughout the year with worship planning. In addition, several of the hymns are also favorites of the youth of our congregation: #136 “To My Precious Lord” (Molly Netz), #770 “In Christ Alone” (Henry and Arie TerBeek, Maria and Natalie Poortenga), #177 “Oh, to See the Dawn” (Grace Spoelma and Natalie Poortenga) and #859 “Be Thou My Vision” (Grace Poortenga).

Evening worship: Rev. Arianna Tolsma preaches from Zechariah 8:1-8, “The Presence of God,” and the offering is for the Eastown Community Association. The Eastown Community Association is devoted to fostering a safe, diverse, and walkable Eastown neighborhood by creating opportunities for neighbors and friends to engage and connect. Calvin Church was able to support the ECA by hosting their annual meeting and pancake breakfast. We are grateful to partner with this organization as we follow our Savior, the Word who “became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood” (John 1:14, *The Message*).

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 24

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our series from the Heidelberg Catechism with a sermon from 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, “Table Manners.” The offering will be for Refugee Resettlement.

Evening worship: Plymouth Heights CRC will welcome us for a combined worship service at 5:30 PM.

CHURCH FAMILY

Alma Walhout (district 2) has moved to:

Samaritas

2000 32nd St. SE Apt. 336

Grand Rapids, MI 49508

mobile phone: 616-690-6913

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds “The Lost Sheep”

Melanie, Jacqueline

K - 2nd grade “Jesus and the Children”

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Caring for Your Downstream Neighbor: Focus on Plaster Creek. Presenter: Deanna Geelhoed, Plaster Creek Stewards, Calvin College

In this presentation we will look at how our actions on land have an impact on local waterways and on communities downstream of us. Together we will see how God calls us to care for our water and our downstream neighbor by reducing stormwater through rain gardens and increasing biodiversity via native plants. We must work hard to welcome nature back to our oftentimes neglected urban spaces.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** *Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism #4* The Spirit and the Sacraments. Facilitator: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys.

We continue exploring the Hiedelberg Catachism using the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* with a short video and small group discussion. If you would like child care during this time, please contact Pastor Brad or Pastor Rebecca today.

Future dates for this series are:

March 10 - Chapter 5, “The Grateful Life” (Q&A 86-115)

March 24 - Chapter 6, “Teach Us to Pray” (Q&A 116-129)

Copies of *Body and Soul* are available in the church office for \$15.

COLLEGE LUNCH: If you are a college student or college-aged, join us at the Poortengas’ house after church today for good food and good company. We will meet in the Atrium by the main entrance around 11:25 and head out from there!

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the March *Courier* are due to Clare Walhout (clarewalhout@gmail.com) or Wally Bratt (wally.bratt@gmail.com) by Wednesday, February 20.

BOOK STUDY: Everyone is welcome to join an upcoming study/discussion group on the book *You Are What You Love* by James K.A. Smith. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings: February 26; March 12, 26; April 9, 23, 30. If you have questions, please contact Lynette van de Hoef via the church office at 451-8467 or lavdh007@calvinseminary.edu. Please sign up by today, and contact Pastor Lynette to receive a free copy of the book.

MOBILITY ASSISTANCE: If you would like assistance navigating around while at church, there will be a wheelchair and a walker near the front entrance each Sunday. Feel free to use either one as needed, and simply leave it near the front door when you leave the building.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Computer Class Teachers: Many parents in GRPS do not have even the most basic computer skills, which hinders job searches and job opportunities among other things. Our Parent University offers basic skill computer classes and also provides a \$50.00 refurbished computer at the end of the class. The need is great, and the number of teachers is few. Having a computer in the home helps children have access to the internet and be able to complete homework assignments more efficiently. We are looking for several volunteer computer teachers to teach ten parents twice a week for five weeks. Locations will be in GRPS schools. If you have the tech skills and a heart for service, please contact Jan Wilkins at 485-9550 or wilkinsj@grps.org as soon as possible. Five schools are currently waiting for classes to start. Help bridge the digital divide.

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents spiritual growth during the season of the Lord's life and ministry.
- Large print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Adult coloring pages are on the TRIP table in the Narthex.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers downstairs in room 19 prior to the morning worship.
- K-2nd: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.
- Coloring pages and colored pencils are available at the table in the Narthex.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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	<i>Today, Sunday, February 17</i>
8:30a	Education Committee meeting
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Fay Bos, Cindy Lanning Burch
	East Greeters: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Sue Keegstra
	Erin Hubka, Ella Jansen
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Stekete
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Vanderhill
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Caring for Your Downstream Neighbor: Focus on Plaster Creek. Presenter: Deanna Geelhoed
	College/Career Lunch at Doug & Anne Poortenga's
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb
	<i>Tuesday, February 19</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meeting in Room 1
	<i>Wednesday, February 20</i>
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Triezenberg)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, February 21</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, February 24</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mike & Kathy Cok
	East Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Gwen Hendrikse
	Jacob Noordewier, Ethan Baker
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	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Netz
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5:30p	Combined Worship Service at Plymouth Heights Church