

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Brad Zwiars

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Covenant and Cherub Choir Directors: Maria VandenBosch, Amy Netz

Joyringers Director: Melanie Tolsma

Ministry of Music: Joyringers, Cherub and Covenant Choirs

Choir Accompanist: Nancy Triezenberg

Advent Bells: Clara Tolsma, Jacqueline Lanning

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" [#59]

Georg Böhm

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting the candle of JOY

Ella Jansen

Processional Hymn: "Come, Lord Jesus"

(The congregation will remain seated during the singing of this hymn.)

Come, Lord Je - sus. Come, Lord Je - sus.
 Come, Mes - si - ah. Come, Mes - si - ah.
 Our hearts are o - pen. Our hearts are o - pen.

Come, Lord Je - sus; come and be born in our hearts.
 Come, Mes - si - ah; come and be born in our hearts.
 Our hearts are o - pen; come and be born in our hearts.

Anthem: "Light of Hope, Light of Peace"

Mark Patterson

Light of hope, light of peace, you are just the light we need,

Refrain

Shine for all the world to see: Christ is coming soon.

Light of hope, light of peace, promise of the love he brings,

Light of hope, light of peace, gift of joy that gladly rings,

Advent Readings and Prayer

Lydia Visker, Aubrey Visker

Anthem: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Light the candle, watch and pray,
The Child of Joy will come to save.

Becki Slagle Mayo

* Opening Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

#59:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

* Processional Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#80:1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, GOOD NEWS

Cast

Ms. Oliver: Natalie Poortenga

Maddie: Lydia Tolsma

Jasper: Isaac Hubka

Anna Rose: Grace Spoelma

Gavin: Henry TerBeek

Christian: Charles Molenbeek

Mary: Ella Jansen

Joseph: Arie TerBeek

Shepherds: Andrew Brink, Jacob Brink

Lead Angel: Allory Netz

Wisemen: Abi Lizewski, Lucy Molenbeek, Kate Rayburn

Director: Melanie Tolsma

Assistant Directors: Arianna Tolsma, Tabitha Tolsma

Pianist: Gwen Hendrikse

Instrument Director: Amy Netz

Trumpet: Bobby Houskamp

Percussion: Amy Netz

Alto Saxophone: Arianna Tolsma

Violin: Clara Tolsma

Scene 1

“The Good News” Nick Robertson, Anna Clark, Alisen Wells
It’s Christmas! Trim the tree and light the lights; celebrate the season right.
We won’t forget the reason why Jesus Christ was born this night!
The good news: the King is on His way!
The good news; He’ll be with us today!
The good news; He is gonna save! That is really good news!

Scene 2

“Go Tell the Story” Nick Robertson, Anna Clark, Alisen Wells
Go, oh, oh; In the beginning God was the Word,
The cries of His people would one day be heard;
In Him was life and that life was the light, born on this Christmas night.
Mary and Joseph heard from above,
They were the chosen to bring forth God’s love;
Bearing the Way and the Truth and the Life, born on this Christmas night.
Listen to the story, Savior will set us free,
Love’s perfect gift sent for you and for me;
Lift up your voice and sing, “Jesus!” let it ring,
High on the mountains and over the seas, go tell the story!
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

TLC Angels: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”
“Away in a Manger”
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Scene 3

“Mighty King” Nick Robertson, Anna Clark, Alisen Wells
Soloists: Henry TerBeek, Lydia Tolsma
God’s glory filled the air, heavenly hosts appeared,
And we all trembled at the sight.
They said, “Do not be scared we have good news to share!
The angels led us here tonight.”
Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth to men;
You have come to set us free!

Refrain
Mighty King! Mighty King, heaven’s perfect offering.
Son of God, Child of peace, we adore You.
Precious Baby in the hay, You will save us all one day;
You’re such a tiny little thing, but Jesus, You are a mighty King!

I've felt the roar of thunder, took in the mountains wonder;
I've seen the brilliance of the stars.
But here You are my Savior, You are so much greater;
Your tiny hand, it holds my heart.
Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth to men;
You have come to set us free!

Scene 4

“We Three Kings”

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Trio: Abi Lizewski, Lucy Molenbeek, Kate Rayburn
We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star.
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright!
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heaven replies.

Scene 5

“Joy to the World/Shout It Out/The Good News”

arr. Nick Robertson

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Refrain

Shout it out! Let the whole world sing!
Shout it out! Let our voices ring: “Joy to the newborn King!”

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

The good news: The King is on His way!
The good news: He'll be with us today!
The good news: He is gonna save! That is really good news!

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#76:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Leanne Hendrikse

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: “News of Great Joy”

arr. Arnold Sherman

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

#78:5

**Christ, to you, with God the Father and the Spirit,
There shall be hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And the shout of jubilee: honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory evermore and evermore!
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Ding, Dong, Merrily on High”

arr. Valerie Stephenson

Calvin CRC Announcements for December 16, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: The children of Calvin Church lead us by presenting a program of story and song, looking forward to Christmas.

Evening worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 3:7-18, “Chopping Firewood and Doing Justice.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, December 23

Morning worship: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 1:39-55, our children’s choirs will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Exalta Health.

Evening worship: Our vocal choirs, bell choirs, and instrumentalists will lead us in this special candlelight service of Lessons and Carols. Pre-service music will begin at 4:45 PM. The offering will be for our community care goals.

WORSHIP Christmas Day, December 25

Christmas morning worship, 10:00 AM: We will gather to celebrate our Savior’s birth. Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from John 1:1-18, and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music. The offering will be for the Benevolence Fund.

WORSHIP December 30

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Philippians 4:4-7. We’ll be celebrating the Sunday after Christmas, and we’ll conclude our 2018 series on the spiritual disciplines with a sermon about the discipline of celebration.

Evening worship: This Sunday evening worship service will serve as our “Old Year’s Night” time of worship. We’ll gather at 5:00 PM, Rev. Laura Smit will preach, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

COUNCIL NEWS

Elder and Deacon Candidates: Please think about those members of the congregation who you think would make great candidates for Elder or Deacon or either office. Send the names to Walter DeBoer at deboerwa@gmail.com. You can also place the names in his mailbox.

CHURCH FAMILY

To our Calvin church family and friends. We are truly grateful for all of your love and support during my dad's illness and passing. Thank you for all of the cards, meals, and visits. Thank you for being Jesus' light in this difficult time.

The Triezenberg and Williams families

WELCOMING A NEW BABY: We are growing! Let's celebrate the birth of our newest covenant child, Aaliyah Marietta Talitha, born to Miles and Sarah Colago. You are invited to place cards, small gifts, or baby items in the bassinet in the narthex. The bassinet is there now to welcome her and will be there until Sunday, December 30. Please contact Pastor Rebecca or Maria VandenBosch with questions.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC: 2 - 4 year-olds "A Savior Is Born!"

Melanie, Carolyn, Morgan

During Advent, the children are led to their own worship time with our Christ candle banner. The fabrics and colors remind us of "waiting" and "royalty" as we long for our Lord, the King of Kings. The Christ candle reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. Notice that the light is going out in all directions—the Holy Spirit is active in each of us and throughout the entire world.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

THANK YOU: Today's Christmas program is the culmination of weeks of hard work on the part of many in our Calvin Church community, and we are blessed with capable leaders, teachers, musicians, sound system operators, costume designers, and cookie bakers. We offer a special thank you to Melanie Tolsma as director, her daughters Arianna and Tabitha as assistant directors, Gwen Hendrikse as accompanist, and Judy Bode for her costume design.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on December 19 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Vandenbergs and Triezenbergs will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

CAMPUS ELEMENTARY invites all Calvin Church members and KidsHope mentors to their holiday concert, which will be held here at Calvin Church, on Thursday, December 20, at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:45 PM.

THE GIVING TREE: KidsHope has a Christmas Tree with yellow stars hanging from its branches in the Atrium. Each star has a school supply item written on it. We would like you to take a star, purchase the item, bring it to church, and put it under the Giving Tree. You will have the opportunity to participate throughout the Advent-Christmas season. Thank you!

MISSIONS: Calvin Church members, please note the updated Missions Bulletin Board next to the kitchen. The Mission Committee thanks you for your support.

HOMEBOUND CARD BAGS: Seasons' greetings for our homebound members will once again be collected in the Narthex. We are grateful that the GEMS decorated the bags. A list of the homebound is available at the card table. Cards may be placed in the bags until December 23.

WINTER COATS for adults (especially men) are needed. If you have an outgrown or no longer used coat taking up space in your closet, please consider donating it to Family Assistance. Thank you!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLSTICE CONCERT: For the twenty-first year, a small group of professional musicians will present an evening of serenity and beauty in the Trinity United Methodist Church sanctuary to celebrate the Winter Solstice. This year's Solstice concert is Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30 PM. The theme is "Starry Night" and includes music, candlelight, and readings designed to provide a quiet respite in the midst of the busy holiday season. Participants include Nancy Summers, Dane Addington, Bonnie Bierma, Stephanie Wiltse, Margie Gage, Kenneth Bos, and Catherine McMichael. There is no charge for the concert; it is the musicians' gift to the community. The church is located at 1100 Lake Drive SE near Eastown in Grand Rapids; phone 616-456-7168. For more information, contact Stephanie Wiltse: stephanie.wiltse@gmail.com

The Voices of Victory will be holding their annual Old Year's concert on Monday evening, December 31, at Grandville's First Reformed Church - 3060 Wilson Ave., Grandville, MI 49418 (across the street to the east of the Grandville Public Library). You are invited to come and go as you please at any time between 8 and 11 PM. Refreshments will be served. A freewill offering will be taken for Georgetown Harmony Homes. Join the Voices of Victory and their guests, the Sacred Harmonies quartet, and participate in joyful audience singing throughout the evening!

CALENDAR

	<i>Sunday, December 16, Family Promise ends</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Wanda Sytsma
	East Greeters: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Rob & Susan Stafford
	Clara Tolsma, Grace Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Crothers
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in Room 9
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, December 18</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons
	<i>Wednesday, December 19</i>
	Family Assistance Building – closed, no volunteers needed
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Baker)
	Allegro Ringers
	GEMS and Cadets
7:30p	Festival Choir
	<i>Thursday, December 20</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Campus Elementary Concert in the Sanctuary
	<i>Saturday, December 22</i>
9:30a	Allegro Ringers practice
10:30a	Festival Choir practice
	<i>Next Sunday, December 23</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bruce & Deb Tiejema
	East Greeters: Ed & Melanie Tolsma
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	Annika Baker, Jacob Noordewier
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Vanderhill
4:40p	Nursery: Christine Coulter, Bruce & Kathy Van Oss, Erin Hubka
4:45p	Pre-service music begins



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Our Advent banner visually proclaims the beginning of the liturgical year. Its design reflects a world awaiting the Messiah, with the circular form representing the familiar Scriptural metaphor—Light. Its implication is both past and present. As did Israel long ago, so are we to prepare ourselves and this world with steadfast minds and joyful hearts that He may return in the fullness of time.
- 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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Prelude: "Let Your Heart Be Broken"

B. Walters, A. Jordan

Let your heart be broken for a world in need;
Feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed.
Give the cup of water and the loaf of bread;
Be the hands of Jesus, serving in His stead.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim"

#66:1,3,4

Hymnsing

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

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* Hymn of Preparation: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

#70:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:7-18

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Sermon: **CHOPPING FIREWOOD AND DOING JUSTICE**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

#478:1-4

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

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Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offerings for Community Care Goals

Offertory: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

W. Held

To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

#478:5

(concluding with sung "Amen")

* Postlude: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

M. Burkhardt

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Pianist: Linda Fridsma