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LUKE 1:49, NIV

**Calvin Christian Reformed Church**

# The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:49

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Organist: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Cherub and Covenant Choirs  
Choir Directors: Amy Netz and Maria VandenBosch  
Accompanist: Nancy Triezenberg  
Advent Bells: Jacqueline Lanning, Clara Tolsma  
Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer

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Ten o'clock

December 23, 2018

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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [#61]

Austin C. Lovelace

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting the candle of LOVE

Abi Lizewski

Advent Hymn: "Come, Lord Jesus"

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



Come, Lord Je - sus. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.  
Our hearts are o - pen. Our hearts are o - pen.

Come, Lord Je - sus; come and be born in our hearts.  
Come, Em - man - u - el; 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 Reading and Prayer Kate Rayburn, Josh Meyer

Anthem: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Becki Slagle Mayo

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Light the candle, watch and pray,

The Child of Joy will come to save.

\* Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #61:1,4,5

\* God's Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
both the nations and our own individual lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power  
and squandering your gifts.

**We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,  
has resulted in shallow confession,**

**lukewarm conviction, and misdirected honor.**

**Have mercy on us in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land" #65:1,2

Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #93:1-3

# GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Mark Vanderhill

Anthem: "Unto Us"

Mark Patterson

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

Come and worship Christ the Lord, born for us in a manger stall,

Born to reign as the Lord of all.

Hail, the Prince of Peace! Hail, the King of kings!

Christ, the promised Savior is born!

Angels sing to welcome him, shepherds kneel to worship him,

Wise men bring their treasures from afar.

Behold, the promised Son of God!

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

**#69:1,2,4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-55

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Sermon: **MAGNIFICENT HOPE**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Tell Out, My Soul"

**#364:1-4**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Jesslyn DeBoer

Offering for Exalta Health

Offertory: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

J. S. Bach

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**#81:5**

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:**

*Refrain:*

**Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Savior of the Nations, Come” [#74]

Johann Pachelbel

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for December 23, 2018**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM**

*Morning worship:* On this fourth Sunday of Advent, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 1:39-55, “Magnificent Hope,” and our children’s choirs lead us in music.

*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. The offering will be for Family Assistance.

*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. The offering will be for Benevolence.

**Staff News:** Pastor Brad will be on vacation from December 29 – January 6.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

**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**

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade “Meeting the Christ Child”  
Worship Center children are encouraged to continue their giving for missions and to bring their offerings for Family Assistance each Sunday.

TLC will not meet today or December 30. We will resume on January 6.

**Worship Center, Church School, and Catechism** will take two weeks off for the Christmas break. Our last class is today. We will resume classes on January 13.

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**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.  
**Helpers needed:** After the morning service we need volunteers to deliver the bags with Christmas cards for our homebound members. They need to be delivered before Christmas day.

**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!

# CALENDAR


	<i><b>Today, Sunday, December 23</b></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
	<i><b>Monday, December 24</b></i>
	office closed
	<i><b>Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day</b></i>
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Don & Karen Trap
	East Greeters: Glenn & Nancy Triezenberg
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Dan & Kim Spoelma, Ethan Baker
	<i><b>Friday, December 28</b></i>
4:00p	Wedding rehearsal
	<i><b>Saturday, December 29</b></i>
11:00a	Wedding rental
1:00p	Fellowship Hall rental
	<i><b>Next Sunday, December 30</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Gord & Jane Vandenberg
	East Greeters: Jim & Maria VandenBosch
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Stapert
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Amy Netz
	Tyler Stafford, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Feenstra



## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed 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 Israel did 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.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

**Christmas week office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Wednesday and Thursday**

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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