

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding, will
guard your hearts and
your minds in
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7, NRSV



December 30, 2018

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

Sunday after Christmas

Ten o'clock

December 30, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "In Dulci Jubilo"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor" [LUYH 75]

* Opening Hymns: "Once in Royal David's City"
"Joy to the World"

#87:1,4,5
#92:1-4

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of love,
all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness.
All season long we covet great material gifts,
when you alone offer what is lasting.
Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth,
forgive us, heal us, correct us.
Then open our lips,
that we may sing your praise with the angels,
and remake our lives,
that we may witness to your transforming love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#88:1,4

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

#98:1-3

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Anthem: "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Mary Donnelly and George L. O. Strid

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,

Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.

But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,

Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "How Great Our Joy"

#90:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Proclamation: Philippians 4:4-7

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Sermon: **CELEBRATION**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "On Christmas Night"

#89:1,2,4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kathy Cok

Offering for Family Assistance

Offertory: "All Glory Be to God on High"

J. S. Bach

* Benediction

* Doxology: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

#111:6

* Postlude: “Noel: Quand Jesus”

C. Balbastre

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: John Tiemstra

Ministry of Music: Lynn Bardolph McBroom

Scripture Reader: Mark DeKoster

Calvin CRC Announcements for December 30, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Philippians 4:4-7. We are celebrating the Sunday after Christmas, and we 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 gather at 5:00 PM, Rev. Laura Smit preaches from Psalm 90, “Satisfied,” and we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The offering will be for Benevolence.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 6

Morning worship: On this day of the Epiphany, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 2:1-12, “They Saw the Star.” Penny Kindraka will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Wedgwood Christian Services.

Evening worship: Rev. Arianna Tolsma will lead our time of worship, and the offering will be for Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders.

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

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	1/4 Shirley Weersing (89)
1/5 MaryLou Wilkins (88)	1/10 Helen Daining (91)
1/16 Jack Holwerda (92)	1/20 Grayden Slowins (87)
1/23 Ann Noteboom (96)	1/25 Bob Talsma (91)
1/27 Corinne Kass (92)	1/31 Betty Wiersma (88)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

1/9 Elizabeth DeKoster (22)	1/18 Kyle Cok (23)
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Conrad and Dee Bult (district 8) are at Azpira Place for a time of rehabilitation.

We welcome **Olivia Jean Dierlam**, born on December 25 to **Nate and Marissa Dierlam** (district 10). She is also welcomed by family members including Walter and Jesslyn DeBoer (district 6), Dennis DeBoer (district 6), Joy DeBoer (district 6), and Sylvia Bordewyk (district 3).

WELCOMING NEW BABIES: We are growing! Let's celebrate the birth of our newest covenant children. You are invited to place cards, small gifts, or baby items in the bassinet in the Narthex. Today is the final day to place items in the bassinet for **Aaliyah Marietta Colago**, newborn daughter of Miles and Sarah. Between January 6 and January 20, you are invited to place items in the bassinet for **Olivia Jean Dierlam**, newborn daughter of Nate and Marissa. Please contact Pastor Rebecca or Maria VandenBosch with questions.

Thank you for the telephone calls, the cards, and the prayers that lifted my spirits while recovering from surgery and rehab. Calvin Church is truly a blessing!

Bette Frieswyk

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1/17 Jacob Netz (7)

1/9 David Hendrikse (3)

1/24 Emma Baker (7)

TLC will resume on January 6.

Worship Center, Church School, and Catechism 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. Thank you!

BODY AND SOUL: For the first three months of 2019, Calvin Church will have a special focus on a beloved and foundational document of our tradition, the Heidelberg Catechism. Every other Sunday (1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24), the sermon in morning worship will be structured around catechism themes. After worship everyone from grade 9 through adult is invited to join a time of conversation based on M. Craig Barnes' book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism*, though you don't need to have read the book to come to the conversation! Finally, if you would like to come to the discussions after worship on January 13 but need childcare provided, please email Pastor Rebecca (rjordanheys@calvincrc.org) by January 6.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, December 30</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
	<i>Monday, December 31</i>
	Office is closed
	<i>Tuesday, January 1</i>
	Office is closed
12:00p	Fellowship Hall rental
	<i>Friday, January 4</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Next Sunday, January 6, 2019</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Marlene Vanderhill
	East Greeters: Bruce & Kathy Van Oss
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Dan & Melanie Yff
	Jacqueline Lanning, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Trap
4:00p	Light of Christ Community in the Fellowship Hall



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- “And being found in human form, he humbled himself . . .” The colors and materials of the Christmas banner reflect God’s glory manifest in the humble setting of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- 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.

Holiday week office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Wednesday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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