



Second
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

March 17, 2019

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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He said . . . “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.”

Luke 13:32

Second Sunday of Lent

Ten o'clock

March 17, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” [#590]

Barbara Harbach; Edwin T. Childs; Austin C. Lovelace; David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Praise, I Will Praise You Lord”

Claude Frayssé

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways and glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

* Opening Hymns: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#590:1-4

“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”

#594:1-4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ,
longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess that we have been wayward children.**

We have disobeyed your commands;

our ears have been deaf to your call;

our hearts have been cold to your love.

In thought, in word, and in deed

we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

In your great mercy receive us yet again

as your well-beloved children,

**not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: “Behold the Lamb of God”

#110:1,14

The congregation sings stanza 1 and the refrain.

Stanzas 4 and 5 are read by Natalie Poortenga and Grace Spoelma

The congregation sings stanza 14 and the refrain.

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Beneath the Cross”

#825:1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

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.

Anthem: “Call to Remembrance”

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness
which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,

but according to thy mercy, think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” #134:1,3-5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:31-35

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **A HEN IN THE FOX HOUSE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “What Wondrous Love”

#164:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tom Prince

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: “Wondrous Love” [#164]

David Johnson

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Lead On, O King Eternal”

#328:3

**Lead on, O King eternal; we follow not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where-e'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on O God of might.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Toccata in C”

Jan Sweelinck

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reader: Lynn Bardolph McBroom

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 17, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 13:31-35, “A Hen in the Fox House.” The offering is for the Ministry Fund.

The Worship Committee has been soliciting song suggestions from our young people for use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing “What Wondrous Love” (#164), which was requested by Henry TerBeek.

Evening worship: Our worship will be led by some of the Calvin CRC middle school and high school students, and Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Genesis 15. After the worship service, we will have pizza and salad for all to enjoy. Please join us! The offering will be for Dégagé Ministries.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 24

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will conclude our series on the Heidelberg Catechism with a sermon from Luke 11:1-13 and Q&A 116-129, “Even More Surely Listening.” Our Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Safe Haven.

Calvin is one of the founding churches of Safe Haven, formerly known as the Ramoth House. Safe Haven Ministries provides an immediate, Christian, safe environment for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Safe Haven offers group and individual counseling, as well as after-care counseling for post-shelter clients.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from Exodus 11:1-10, and the offering will be for Exalta Health.

The mission of Exalta Health is to bring Christ’s healing to the medically uninsured through medical and dental services, counseling, and spiritual care. (These are people who often fall through the cracks in that they work 2 or 3 jobs and make too much for Medicaid but don’t have health coverage.) In the past year, Exalta Health has averaged over 1,200 patient visits per month.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given in loving memory of Chris Ekdomek by **Don Ekdomek** and the Ekdomek family.

Conrad and Delores Bult (district 8) send thanks to the many Calvin members who helped recently in dealing with their health issues and their move to Arizona. For those who wish to contact them, their phone number remains the same, and their new address is 283 Camino Josefina, Rio Rico, AZ 85648.

Les Ippel (district 10) has moved to the DeVos Center, 2121 Raybrook St. SE #327, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Kristy Ippel (district 8) has completed her radiation treatments to treat the lymphoma. At this point, she does not need further treatment. She gives thanks for all the love, prayers, and support from the Calvin Church family!

The family of Shirley Weersing would like to express its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the members and pastors of Calvin Church who so faithfully visited, prayed for, and expressed their Christian love during her time of hospice care. Thank you again, for all your loving support.

Mark & Wanda Sytsma, Dave & Nancy TeBos, and Bob & Linda Berkhof

Thank you, Calvin Church, for the cards, sympathy, listening ears, and prayers of support following the death of our father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Rev. Roger Van Harn, on February 9. We appreciate the ways that many of you who knew him shared memories of him. Your care and compassion have lifted us in the sadness of his death. Thank you for such grace. *The Van Harn Family*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "The Good Samaritan"
K - 2nd grade "Jesus the King"

Kim, Clara

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** When Bitterness Covered the White House: The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Presenter: Robert Schoone-Jongen

When President Andrew Johnson clashed with the Congress about the meaning of the Civil War, the conflict led to the first-ever attempt to remove a president from office through the impeachment process. Johnson's ordeal is a sobering lesson in what can happen when the president uses the office to seek revenge against his political opponents.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism #6: Teach Us to Pray. Facilitator: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys.

We finish our series exploring the Heidelberg Catechism using the book *Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* with a short video and small group discussion. If you would like childcare, contact Pastor Rebecca or Pastor Brad today.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, March 20, at 9:30 AM. We will study God's question "Where Are You?" from Genesis 3:1-13. A study guide is available on the table in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

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

LENTEN PRAYERS: You are invited to join a short time of evening prayer each Wednesday during Lent. We'll gather from 7:00-7:30 PM in the Lounge on March 20, 27, April 3, 10, and 17 to follow a liturgy of evening prayer together. Consider including this in your observance of the season of Lent this year, and invite friends to join. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Pastor Brad if you have questions.

LILLY FOUNDATION RENEWAL GRANT: The Lilly Foundation offers grants to pastors and congregations to support sabbatical renewal. The Council and Pastor Rebecca have been working together on a grant proposal for sabbatical leave that she would take in the summer of 2020. The plans include activities for Calvin Church during her absence, so she is eager to hear your feedback on these plans before the grant proposal is submitted. You are invited to a time of refreshments and conversation about this renewal grant on Sunday, March 24, at 3:30 PM in the Lounge.

HYMN REQUESTS: Do you have a favorite hymn that you'd like Calvin Church to sing in worship? The Worship Committee is planning for a "request-in-advance hymnsing" on Sunday morning, April 7. Contact Ken Bos or Pastor Rebecca with your hymn requests for that service before Tuesday, March 26. We can't promise we'll have time to sing all of them, but we look forward to singing some of our favorites together.

FESTIVAL CHOIR: We are planning a Festival of Hymns, Anthems, and Readings for Eastertide on Sunday morning, April 28 (one week after Easter Sunday). Our Sanctuary Choir invites all interested singers to join them for three Wednesday rehearsals (April 10, 17, and 24 at 7:30 PM) to prepare for singing on Easter Sunday and for the Festival on the following week. Please talk to Ken or any choir member if you are interested in singing, or just show up for rehearsal.

40, 40, 40, 40 and 40!!! Why 40? Good Question! Calvin Church can help **Kids' Food Basket** feed hungry kids in Grand Rapids by filling snack bags with trail mix. We need:

40 volunteers on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00-11:30 AM. All ages welcome!

40 large boxes of Cheerios

40 bags of Pretzels

40 boxes of Cheezits, Goldfish, or other cheesy crackers

40 large bags of raisins - no small boxes, please.

Sign up outside the Fellowship Hall today to volunteer and/or bring the trail mix ingredients. Let's help build a better nourished, healthier future for kids in our community.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Lenten Breakfast will be Wednesday, April 17. Details coming soon.

DESPERATELY NEEDED! KidsHope is in need of two mentors ASAP. Campus School staff has recommended a boy and a girl in need of a caring and willing adult to be a mentor. Mariah, a 4th grader would benefit having a mentor to help with relationship skills and academics. She is creative and enjoys crafts. Kennedy is also in 4th grade and needs a dependable role model for how to interact with others without using his fists. Please contact us (Melanie and/or Elly) at calvinkidshope@gmail.com for additional information.

JANUARY SERIES: Did you miss a lecture from Calvin College's January Series? DVD recordings of many of the 2018 and 2019 January Series lectures are now available in the Library for your use. Thanks to Baker Book House for providing them.

TRIP VENDOR LISTS are available at the table near the mailboxes. You can use the program here at church or visit the TRIP office in the GR Christian Elementary building a few blocks away on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 5:00. Calvin CRC's account number is 163328, but the workers there can look it up if you forget. If you don't already use TRIP, consider using this opportunity to purchase gas and/or groceries.

ATTENTION WOMEN SOFTBALL PLAYERS: Please inform Kim Spoelma ASAP if you intend to play this upcoming season. She needs to know if we will have enough players to field a team. Call or text 616-644-5856, or email kimspoelma@yahoo.com.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

AQUINAS COLLEGE AND EMBELLISH PRESENT: "A Celebration of Bells" with Campana and Embellish Handbell Ensembles in concert 7:30 PM Tuesday, March 19, in Kretschmer Recital Hall, Aquinas College Art and Music Center, 1700 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. The concert is free, and a reception will follow. More information is available at www.Embellishhandbells.com or www.Aquinas.edu/music.

LEGACY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S 8th grade will present the musical *Peter Pan Jr.* in the new South Christian High School auditorium on Friday, March 22, at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Admission for both performances is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. There are no advance ticket sales.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, March 17 Family Promise begins</i>
9:15a	Fellowship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Roger & Judy Faber
	East Greeters: Ray & Jeanine Lanning
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier
	Natalie Poortenga, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: When Bitterness Covered the White House. Presenter: Bob Schoone-Jongen
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, March 18</i>
10:00a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, March 19</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Council meets in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, March 20</i>
9:30a	Women's Bible Study meets in Room 1
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Mrs. VandenBosch)
	Allegro Ringers
6:30p	Oakdale CRC Cadets Gym Night
7:00p	Lenten Prayers in the Lounge
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, March 21</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, March 24</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bob & Lynn McBroom
	East Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Mark & Sue Hoekstra
	Nathan Baker, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Jansen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting in the Prayer Room
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb

Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Son of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- 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.

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" [#551] Dino Kartsonakis

Welcome Bobby Houskamp

Call to Worship: "Come, Life Your Hearts on High" arr. Dan Edwards

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" **#137:1-3**

Anthem: "The Prayer of St. Patrick" William M Schoenfeld

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in heart of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Evening Psalm: Psalm 27 page 437

* Hymn of Preparation: "Spirit of the Living God" **#749:1-2**

Prayer for Illumination Grace Poortenga

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15 page 10
Erin Hubka, Grace Poortenga

Sermon: **PIECES AND A PROMISE**

Prayer for Application

* Hymn of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **#348:1-3**

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

Evening and Offertory Prayer

- Annika Baker
- Carolyn Prince
- Jacqueline Lanning

Offering for Dégagé Ministries

Offertory: “Seek Ye First”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#831:1

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Amen.

Postlude: “Jigg”

Jeremiah Clarke

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Pianist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Youth Choir

Director: Amy Netz

Handbells: Joyringers

Director: Melanie Tolsma