



September 22, 2019

Worship Services: 10 AM & 5 PM

“No slave can serve two masters.” – Luke 16:13

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Come, O Redeemer, Come”
Savior, enthroned on high, holy, holy;
Ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Fernando Ortega

Refrain:

Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
Faithless and troubled hearts weighed down.

Look now upon our need, Lord, be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

* Opening Hymns: “We Sing the Mighty Power of God”
(stanza 3 in unison)

#10:1-3

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

#1:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,
we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.
We have honored creation more than Creator.
We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.
We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.
We have participated in systems and attitudes
that take life instead of give it.
We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships
and lied to you and those who love us.
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

**Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways sin shows up in our lives.
Teach us how to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

#638:1-4

Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "Jesus Loves Me"

#709:1-3

(stanza 3 a cappella)

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: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Dale Wood

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forever more.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Let This Be My Supreme Desire”

#729:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **SERVING MAMMON**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

#928:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Cindy Brink

Offering for Baxter Community Center

Offertory: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Harris, Sadowski

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

#928:4

**Called through worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “God of Grace and Glory”

Austin Lovelace, J. Bert Carlson

Liturgists: Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Bruce Klanderma

Ministry of Music: Stephanie Wiltse

Scripture Reader: Kim Stapert

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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Calvin CRC Announcements for September 22, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 16:1-13, “Serving Mammon.” Stephanie Wiltse leads us in ministry of music.

The Worship Committee has been soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing “Jesus Loves Me,” #709, which was requested by Ella Jansen and Arie TerBeek.

Evening worship: We welcome Rev. Dr. Won Lee to lead our time of worship. He preaches from Genesis 12:1-4 and Acts 20:17-24, “Not Knowing, But Going.” We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and the offering is for Grand Rapids Christian Schools tuition support.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 29

Morning worship: We will commission our musicians for their leadership in our worship this coming year on this Music Dedication Sunday. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Psalm 150, “Everything That Breathes,” and the offering will be for the Holland Home Foundation.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Luke 16:19-31, “It Takes Some Convincing.” The offering will be for ICCF (Inner-City Christian Federation).

COUNCIL NEWS

The Council heard reports from the pastors on current and upcoming plans for ministry that will engage the congregation and challenge us in our faith formation. These include a sermon series on the Apostles’ Creed, Christmas/Advent programs, and a series of faith formation workshops.

The report from our Treasurer was positive. If Ministry Fund offerings follow the typical pattern from now to year-end, we should meet our budget projections.

The Council continues to study and discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Vision Committee report. Many of the report’s recommendations have already been put into practice. The Council is grateful to the committee for providing a road map as we continue to challenge ourselves in understanding our mission.

The Council learned that Global Gifts has had to sever its legal relationship with Calvin Church, based on a ruling from the State of Michigan. We will continue to support Global Gifts as a community care cause and through our volunteers as it now operates as a non-profit corporation.

A motion was approved to add an annual grant of \$500 per child per year in support of those families who enroll their children in K-12 Christian schools. Tuition support is tangible evidence of our congregation’s baptismal vows to support the faith formation of our youth. This motion will need to be approved by the congregation at our December meeting. If approved, it will go into effect for the 2020-21 school year.

Finally, the Council approved a motion to permit All One Body to hold a November 21 educational meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH FAMILY

Bobbie Talsma (district 8) has been diagnosed with shingles. She is being treated at home.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, concerns and thoughtfulness during Hans' time of surgery and healing. The Calvin Church family truly is a blessing.

Gert and Hans Bokhout

Thank you to the Calvin Church family for comforting us in many different ways following the recent passing of Kim's father. We are deeply grateful to be a part of this caring community.

Dan, Kim, Grace & Luke Spoelma

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"David the Shepherd Boy"	Cheri, Grace, Ella
K - 2 nd grade	"Baby Jesus Presented to God"	

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

FAMILY PROMISE: Congratulations; Calvin Church did it again. We were the top fund raiser for the golf outing! Our team raised about \$13,000 of the \$75,000 that was contributed. Family Promise greatly appreciates our efforts. If you pledged, please expect to receive the notification in the next couple of weeks. Thank you all.

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Why We Listen to Sermons

Presenter: Rev. Scott Hoezee. In his recent book, *Why We Listen to Sermons*, Scott Hoezee tackles two related questions: why has preaching always been so important in the church and how can ordinary listeners get better at evaluating the sermons they hear so as to provide meaningful feedback to their pastors? Rev. Hoezee will summarize key sections of his book, discuss how to become better sermon listeners, and take questions stemming from these topics.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Gift of Poetry: Why It Matters

Presenter: Miriam Pederson. This presentation focuses on the capacity of poetry to console, inspire, and elevate its readers through distilled and surprising language. The attention it requires of its readers goes against the grain of our sound-bite culture. Pederson will share her thoughts on why she believes poetry is especially necessary in our world today, giving examples from her own work and that of poets whose work she admires.

ART GALLERY: Please take a moment to read the wonderfully descriptive and heartfelt poems by poet Miriam Pederson, an emeritus professor of English from Aquinas College. She will be speaking at Adult Education next Sunday.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on September 25 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Vandenberg and Triezenberg will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: If you're a college student or college-aged, please join us downstairs in the Catacomb for delicious food and good conversation next Sunday, September 29, at 11:30. See you there!

START DATE: October 9: Women's Bible Study

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jonathan Dudley is a Calvin College graduate in biology, with an MA in ethics from Yale University Divinity School, and an MD from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Presently a post-doctoral fellow at the Ludwig Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he is the author of *Broken Words: The Abuse of Science and Faith in American Politics*. He will be giving a talk examining the role of abortion in contemporary politics and using scientific and theological principles to support an alternative approach to the issue. The event will take place at the Woodlawn Ministry Center located at 3190 Burton Street (across from the Calvin University entrance) at 7:30 PM on Monday, September 30.

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126 and CCLI#2532147.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, September 22</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	East Greeters: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Bruce & Kathy Van Oss, Abi Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Stekete
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Rosema
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Why We Listen to Sermons Presenter: Rev. Scott Hoezee
	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb
<i>Monday, September 23</i>	
10-12p	Family Assistance
6:30p	American Guild of Organists meeting and dinner
<i>Tuesday, September 24</i>	
9-3p	Family Assistance
10:00a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
<i>Wednesday, September 25</i>	
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Netz)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, September 26</i>	
9-3p	Family Assistance
9:30a	Take Charge meeting
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Friday, September 27</i>	
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
<i>Next Sunday, September 29</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	East Greeters: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Chad & Jenna Jansen, Allory Netz
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Feenstra, Trap
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: The Gift of Poetry: Why it Matters Presenter: Miriam Pederson
	College-Age Lunch in the Catacomb