



**November 24, 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 will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.”**

**Micah 7:19**

**Ordinary Time**

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**Ten o'clock**

**November 24, 2019**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Preludes on “Amazing Grace” [#691]      G. Martin; W. Held; K. Coe

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Like a Deer”      Juan Salinas

Like a deer, seeking streams of water,  
So my soul cries with longing for you, O Lord;  
Day and night, I thirst for only you and you alone do I seek.  
Fill me, Lord. Fill me, O my Lord.  
Give me more, more of your great love.  
I thirst for you, only for you. Fill my heart, O Lord.

\* Opening Hymn: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”      **#571:1,2,3,5**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND PROFESS OUR FAITH**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God,  
We have sinned without considering how much you love us.  
We confess that we are too often indifferent to your Word,  
your people, and your world.  
We admit that though we have life in the Spirit,  
we so often forgo our identity and purpose,  
and try to forge our own way instead.  
**Forgive us, Lord God;**  
**cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**  
**Have mercy on us in your great compassion.**  
**All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn of Assurance: “Amazing Grace”

#691:1,2,5

Testimonies of Faith: Gert Bokhout and Bob Schoone-Jongen

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: “Be Thou My Vision”

(Children may come forward.)

#859:1,2,4

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

We give thanks for 50 years of Family Assistance Ministry

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: “Psalm 100”

Felix Mendelssohn

Shout to the Lord all the world.

Serve ye the Lord with gladness, and come before the Lord with a song.

O be ye sure that God is Lord.

It is he that made us, not ourselves.

We are his folk and the sheep of his pasture.

Go ye your way into his gates with thanksgiving, into his courts with praises.

Thank ye him and praise his holy name.

For the Lord is gracious, his lovingkindness everlasting,

his truth endureth evermore.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

#747:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Micah 7:18-20

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **FORGIVEN AND RAISED**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above"

#682:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Yvonne Triezenberg

Offering for Baxter Community Center

Offertory: "Voluntary in A Minor"

John Stanley

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

#965

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Festive Prelude"

James Pethel

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer

## *Calvin CRC Announcements for November 24, 2019*

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

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys concludes our series on the Apostles' Creed with a sermon from Micah 7:18-20, "Forgiven and Raised." We also celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Family Assistance ministry, and the offering is for the Baxter Community Center.

The chancel banner is a visual proclamation. With the blast of the ram's horn we at Calvin Church shout for joy before the Lord for fifty years of serving him through the Family Assistance program.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Colossians 1:9-20, "All about Jesus" at a combined worship service of Calvin Church and St. Luke AME Zion Church. The offering is for 2019 Community Care goals.

### **Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28**

We will gather for worship at 10:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from 1 Chronicles 29:10-22a, "Remember and Thank." We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Arie Hip der Nederlanden, the son of Christina Vanden Bosch der Nederlanden, and the offering will be for Family Assistance.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent**

*Morning worship:* We will welcome Rev. Scott Hoezee, who will preach from Matthew 24:36-44, "The Days of Noah." Our children's choirs and the Calvin Church orchestra will lead us as we begin the season of Advent. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the offering will be for Benevolence and RIP Medical Debt.

*Evening worship:* Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef will preach from 1 Samuel 20, "Two Kingdoms." The offering will be for Community Care goals.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Brad will be on a short vacation from the afternoon of 11/28 to the afternoon of 12/1. We will still have CYG in the evening on 12/1.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

At its meeting this past Tuesday evening the Council approved the 2020 Ministry Fund Budget, 2020 Giving Guidelines, 2020 Community Care/Social Justice Giving Goals, and 2020 Mission Outreach goals as presented. The annual congregational meeting to approve the budget is scheduled for December 8 following the morning service. The agenda and budget packet have been placed in members' mailboxes for review.

The Council also reviewed and approved Pastor Rebecca's sabbatical plans for the summer of 2020.

Earlier this year the Council was trained on our Safe Church Policy. The implementation of that policy has implications for the visitation practices of both Elders and Deacons and requires that background checks be conducted for Council members. A policy outlining the process for conducting background checks was reviewed and approved.

The Council is grateful for the continued financial support of the congregation, though strong year-end giving will again be needed to meet our budget projections.

The offerings for December 1, Christmas, and New Year's Eve will be for our benevolence fund and for RIP Medical Debt, an organization that combines compassion and expertise to empower donors to forgive billions in oppressive medical debt at pennies on the dollar. Our goal is \$17,000.00 or more. Look for more information in the next *Courier* or at <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/>

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

<b>85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:</b>	12/10	Don Ekdom (89)
12/21	Joanne VanderMey (93)	12/30 Glenn Prince (87)
12/31	Chris Dekker (95)	

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:**

12/1	Erin Hubka (19)	12/27	Nick Overbeek (20)
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Today's Sanctuary flowers are placed in memory of Judy Jongsma's mother, Evelyn Landis, on the first anniversary of her death. The family is thankful to God for her life and her witness of faith. *Judy & Art Jongsma and family*

We would like to thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, and cards during Glen's recent hospitalization. *Glen & Norma Spears*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

<b>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:</b>	12/2	Aaliyah Colago (1)
12/4	Lydia Meyer (5)	12/8 Nico Wierenga (4)
12/22	Grace Poortenga (17)	12/25 Olivia Dierlam (1)
12/28	Lucy Molenbeek (12)	

### **TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

2 - 4 year-olds	"Samuel"	Cheri, Grace S.
K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	"The Transfiguration of Jesus"	

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

**THE CALVIN CHURCH ORCHESTRA** will play on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. We will be playing three pieces, "O Holy Night" for offertory and "Let All Mortal Flesh" and "Hyfrydol" for communion. We would

love for you to join us! Please let Amy know if you are interested in playing so she can get the music to you (amy.netz@gmail.com).

**FESTIVAL CHOIR** rehearsals will begin soon! We will meet in the balcony on Wednesday evenings, December 4, 11, and 18, at 7:30 PM and on Saturday, December 21 at 10:30 AM to prepare for this year's Candlelight Service on December 22 at 5:00 PM All interested singers are invited to join us—even if you cannot be at all of the rehearsals. Please talk to Ken Bos or any Sanctuary Choir member if you have questions.

**MISSION OUTREACH:** During this season please remember in your prayers all our missionaries and causes, giving thanks for the opportunities we have to provide prayer and financial support. This request comes from one of our supported missionaries who works in a challenging location: “Please pray for Resiliency: Believers will be resilient in the face of the challenges they are facing. Holidays: I will have opportunities to share who I am and what the holidays mean to me. Visa: My annual visa renewal paperwork will be processed without any problems. Provision: God will provide all that I need—wisdom, community, encouragement, and finances.”

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CALVIN ORATORIO SOCIETY** under the direction of Sean Ivory will be performing Handel's *Messiah* with the Calvin Orchestra on December 6 and 7 at Calvin's Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Please join us for the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> year of annual performances of this timeless and inspiring work. Tickets are available at the Calvin Box Office (616) 526-6282 or online at [www.calvin.edu/boxoffice](http://www.calvin.edu/boxoffice).

**PROTECT YOUNG EYES:** There is perhaps no greater challenge for our youth today than the dangers and distractions of this digital age. Even if parents are aware of the issues, they may struggle with how to respond. Trinitas Classical School wishes to help inform and equip our families, our churches, and our friends and neighbors as we all face this challenge, so we are partnering with Protect Young Eyes for a special workshop about digital citizenship and internet safety. Please join us on Monday, December 9, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church (1934 52<sup>nd</sup> St. SE). For more information, please visit [www.trinitasclassical.org](http://www.trinitasclassical.org).

**OAKDALE NEIGHBORS:** Consider helping elderly and low-income families receive important tax credits and refunds by being an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer through the VITA/TCE program. A volunteer team from Oakdale Neighbors will prepare tax returns at Oakdale Park Church on Thursday afternoons and evenings in February, March, and April. If you can help with this valuable ministry or if you have any questions, email Doug Plantenga at [taxes@oakdaleneighbors.org](mailto:taxes@oakdaleneighbors.org).

**SAFE HAVEN MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** We currently have a great need for Front Desk Volunteers to serve at Safe Haven Ministries. Hours are flexible, and volunteers are needed Monday-Friday between 8AM-5PM. Thorough training is provided on domestic violence and the position duties. Please apply on our website at [www.shmgr.org/volunteer](http://www.shmgr.org/volunteer). Questions? Contact Karisa at [kboerman@shmgr.org](mailto:kboerman@shmgr.org) or call 616.452.6664.

	<b><i>Today, Sunday, November 24</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Ron & Joanne Rozema
	East Greeters: Bob & Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Dwight & Tammy Baker, Grace Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Trap
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Family Assistance 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG
	<b><i>Monday, November 25</i></b>
10-12p	Family Assistance
7:00p	Southtown Guitar <i>Lessons and Carols</i> practice in the Sanctuary
	<b><i>Tuesday, November 26</i></b>
9-3p	Family Assistance
10:00a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
	<b><i>Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day</i></b>
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Dan & Kim Spoelma
	East Greeters: Rob & Susan Stafford
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef, Grace Spoelma
12:00p	Family Rental in the Fellowship Hall
	<b><i>Next Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Celia Steele, Kris Bergh
	East Greeters: John & Eunice Stegink
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triesenberg
	Nursery Helpers: James & Allyson Koeman, Henry TerBeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Jansen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Safe Church meeting in the Conference Room
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG