



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

December 1, 2019

10 AM Worship

“For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” Matthew 24:37

First Sunday in Advent

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” [#56]
“Hark, the Glad Sound!” [#60]

Flor Peeters
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Welcome and Announcements

Procession of Light and The Word

Lighting the candle of HOPE

Allory Netz

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

People: **Alleluia! Jesus is coming.**

Hymn: “Make Way”

(Congregation will join the choir for the refrain and stanzas 2-4.)

Make way, make way, for Christ the king in splen - dor ar - rives.
He comes the bro - ken hearts to heal, the pris - oners to free.
And those who mourn with heav - y hearts, who weep and sigh;
We call you now to wor - ship him as Lord of all,

Fling wide the gates and wel - come him in - to your lives.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.
with laugh - ter, joy, and roy - al crown he'll beau - ti - fy.
to have no gods be - fore him; their thrones must fall.

Choir
Make way, make way, for the King of kings.

Congregation
Make way, make way, for the King of kings.

Choir
Make way, make way! And let his king - dom in.

Congregation
Make way, make way! And let his king - dom in.

Anthem: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Light the candle, watch and pray,
The Child of Hope will come to save.

Becki Slagle Mayo

Advent Reading and Prayer

Molly Netz

Anthem: "Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne"
(Congregation will join the choir for the final stanza.)

Mark Patterson

Let every heart prepare a throne for soon the Child of Light will come.
Let every voice prepare a song to welcome Christ the Promised One.

Let every hand reach out with love to greet this gift from God above.
Make ready now, the Savior comes, the Prince of Peace, the Promised One.

So, let the flame of Advent glow, each candle shines that all may know
The hope we need, so long foretold will soon be here for us to hold.

Let ev-ery heart pre-pare a throne for soon the
Child of Light will come. Let ev-ery voice pre-pare a
song to wel-come Christ the Prom - ised One.

From: *Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne* (CGA1320)
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* Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#56:1-4

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
always with us, always coming:
**We confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.**

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.

**Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The good news of this Advent season
is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

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

* Song of Response: "There Is a Redeemer" #833:1-3
(Children may come forward during the last stanza.)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Anthem: "Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven" Keith & Kristyn Getty

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven,
Born as a little baby under a wondrous star.
Like us, crying, he takes his first breath,
Held by his mother, helpless, close to her beating heart.
Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of dangers,
Come to turn me, a stranger, into a child of God.

Jesus, King of the highest heaven,
Learning to take his first steps that he might bring us life.
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,
He showed the way to follow, a way that is true and right.
Jesus, take away every darkness; steady my simple footsteps
That I might in your goodness live as a child 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: “Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” **#60:1,3,4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

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Sermon: **THE DAYS OF NOAH**

Prayer of Application

CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

God’s Invitation and Promises, from 1 Corinthians 11

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
whose coming opened to us the way of salvation
and whose triumphant return we eagerly await.

Therefore, we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You sent him into this world
to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior,
to bring freedom to the captives of sin,
and to establish justice for the oppressed.
He came among us as one of us,
taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering.
We rejoice that in his death and rising again,
you set before us the sure promise of new life,
the certain hope of a heavenly home
where we will sit at table with Christ, our host.

Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(God has given us his peace and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

Invitation

Distribution Anthems: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

French melody
Rowland Prichard

Prayer

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit
to bring good news to the poor
and lift blind eyes to sight,
to loose the chains that bind
and claim your blessing for all people.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints

in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Offertory: "O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam

(Benevolence offering taken during this song.)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Song of Hope"

#941:1-2

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way.
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

Refrain

**Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.
God will be our shepherd as we go our way
And will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
We must not forget that God is always there.**

* Postlude: "Toccatà"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys and Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef

Preacher: Rev. Scott Hoezee

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Pianist: Gwen Hendrikse

Ministry of Music: Orchestra, Cherub, and Covenant Choirs

Orchestra Director: Amy Netz

Children's Choir Directors: Maria VandenBosch, Amy Netz

Accompanist: Nancy Triezenberg

Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

Handbells: Clara Tolsma, Lydia Tolsma

Youth Singers: Grace Poortenga, Natalie Poortenga,

Grace Spoelma, Clara Tolsma, Lydia Tolsma

Calvin CRC Announcements for December 1, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM, First Sunday of Advent

Morning worship: We welcome Rev. Scott Hoezee, who preaches from Matthew 24:36-44, “The Days of Noah.” Our children’s choirs and the Calvin Church orchestra lead us as we begin the season of Advent. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ’s body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God’s love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ’s body.

We serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

You may notice that this year in our Advent processions one of the Advent readers will be carrying an open Bible to remind us how the Old Testament has been completed in the New. This year we are using a Bible from the Timothy and Lindsay Molenbeek family. It was a gift to Lindsay Molenbeek upon her 8th-grade graduation. Lucy, Charles, and Lane Molenbeek are all members of the choir.

Evening worship: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef preaches from 1 Samuel 20, “Two Kingdoms.” The offering is for Community Care goals.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 3:1-12, “A Wild Welcome.” Our Sanctuary, Covenant, and Cherub Choirs will lead us in music. The offering will be for Mission Outreach.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Romans 15:1-13, and the offering will be for Community Care goals.

COUNCIL NEWS

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.

CHURCH FAMILY

Tom Keegstra (district 5) is receiving hospice care at Trillium Woods.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Nehemiah"

KaraMarie, Jacqueline, Lydia

K - 2nd grade "Jesus Heals a Boy"

CYG meets tonight at 6:30 PM in the Catacomb.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

MISSION OUTREACH BUDGET 2020: In recent years your Mission Outreach Committee has presented a set of annual mission support goals for your awareness. This year we propose a set of goals and ask the congregation to affirm the package, signaling our collective commitment to mission outreach. Pledge forms are available at the information table for those who wish to use them.

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!

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on December 4 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Districts 7 and 8 will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

FESTIVAL CHOIR: 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.

COLLEGE LUNCH: Anyone who is in college or is college-aged is invited next week Sunday, December 8, to lunch in the Catacomb at 11:30 AM. Join us for good food and good conversation! Please email Pastor Brad if you have any questions or dietary concerns: bzwiers@calvincrc.org.

COMMUNITY MUSIC: In addition to our own Lessons and Carols service on December 22, we will host a community Lessons and Carols service with Southtown Guitar on Sunday, December 8, at 6:30 PM. Come to Calvin Church to support these local musicians, including some Calvin Church members, and to be encouraged by Scripture and song in this Advent season. If you would like to help with refreshments following the service, contact Dale or Joanie Rosema.

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 100th 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.

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 52nd St. SE). For more information, please visit www.trinitasclassical.org.

CALENDAR


	<i>Today, Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Celia Steele, Kris Bergh
	East Greeters: John & Eunice Stegink
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: James & Allyson Koeman, Jake Noordewier
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
	<i>Monday, December 2</i>
10-12p	Family Assistance
	<i>Tuesday, December 3</i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meeting in the Conference Room
6:30p	Building & Grounds Committee meeting in the Lounge
7:30p	Elders meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, December 4</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6-8p	Family Assistance open for volunteers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Heys)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	Cadets, GEMS, 78ers
7:30p	Festival Choir
	<i>Thursday, December 5</i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Saturday, December 7</i>
10:00a	Southtown Guitar <i>Lessons and Carols</i> rehearsal in the Sanctuary
	<i>Next Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: LeRoy & Anjean Stegink
	East Greeters: Bill & Rosemary Stevenson
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Jeannine Lanning, Julie DeKoster, Isaac Hubka
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Stekete
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Koeman
11:20a	Church School Program practice
11:30a	Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
	College Lunch in the Catacomb
6:30p	Community <i>Lessons and Carols</i> Service in the Sanctuary



**Growing in Discipleship ...
...Transformed for Ministry**

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

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

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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