



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

December 8, 2019

10 AM and 5 PM Worship

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” - Matthew 3:3

Second Sunday of Advent

Ten o'clock

December 8, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Triptych on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [#61]

Matthew Corl

Welcome and Announcements

Procession of Light and Word

Lighting the candle of PEACE

Abi Lizewski

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 Peace will come to save.

Becki Slagle Mayo

Advent Reading and Prayer

Kate Triezenberg

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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Music: Mark Patterson
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* Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#61:1,2,4,7

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.

We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock”

#64:1-3

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem: “Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”

C. Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news:
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He who made the stars in the heaven,
He who fashioned the earth and the sea.
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He.
Behold, behold, your Lord!
He will come in power and glory,
He will rule with mercy and truth,
Hope of the nations. Light of all the world.
He will love the little children.
He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a child,
Behold your Lord comes to you.
Trust him as a child.

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Prepare the Way” (sing twice)

#58

(Children may come forward during this hymn)

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **#70:1-4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 page 784

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **A WILD WELCOME**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" **#69:1,2,4**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: "Savior of the Nations, Come" [#74] Anton Kniller

* Benediction

* Doxology: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **#70:5**

* Postlude: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" Ludwig Krebs

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Cherub, Covenant, and Sanctuary Choirs

Children's Choir Directors: Maria VandenBosch, Amy Netz

Accompanists: Lisa Meyer and Nancy Triezenberg

Handbells: Annika Baker, Lydia Tolsma

Instrumentalists: Julie Bowden, Sarah Colago,

Ellen DeKoster, Corrin Meyer

Scripture Reader: Mark DeKoster

Congregational meeting following the worship service.

Calvin CRC Announcements for December 8, 2019

WORSHIP Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 3:1-12, “A Wild Welcome.” Our Sanctuary, Covenant, and Cherub Choirs lead us in music.

CHILDREN’S ADVENT BANNER During Advent, the children are led to their own worship time with our Christ candle banner. The fabrics and colors remind us of “waiting” and “royalty” as we long for our Lord, the King of Kings. The Christ candle reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. Notice the light is going out in all directions—the Holy Spirit is active in each of us and throughout the entire world.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Romans 15:1-13, “Abound in Hope.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship: Children from Calvin Church will lead us in worship as they present the story of Christmas through a musical program, “Angels Say What?!” The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening Worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 11:2-11, “A Great Prophet of Lowliness.” The offering will be for Community Care goals.

Advent and Christmas worship schedule:

December 22, 4th Sunday in Advent:

AM: Pastor Brad preaches

PM: Candlelight service of Lessons and Carols

December 25, Christmas Day:

10:00 AM: Pastor Rebecca preaches

December 29, 1st Sunday after Christmas:

AM: Pastor Rebecca preaches

No PM worship

December 31, New Year’s Eve:

7:00 PM: Pastor Brad preaches

COUNCIL NEWS

Calvin Church members, please stay for a congregational meeting following the morning worship service today. The council will present a 2020 budget for your approval.

CHURCH FAMILY

Gord Bordewyk (district 10) has been hospitalized at Butterworth as a result of a fall in his home. No visitors are requested at this time.

Ruth Westrate (district 9) has been diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. She had a mastectomy this past week and is recovering at home.

Al Bratt (district 2) is at Blodgett Hospital being treated for sepsis.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Jesus' Birth"

KaraMarie, Clara, Lydia

K - 2nd grade "Meeting the Christ Child"

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE: Our children are practicing for the Christmas Program, which takes place during the Sunday morning worship service on December 15. On Saturday, December 14, the children will rehearse from 9 to 11:30 AM and have an opportunity to decorate Christmas cookies.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

COLLEGE LUNCH: If you are in college or college-aged, join us down in the Catacomb for lunch today after the congregational meeting! There will be good food and good conversation. See you there!

COMMUNITY MUSIC: In addition to our own Lessons and Carols service on December 22, we are hosting a community Lessons and Carols service with Southtown Guitar tonight, at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary. 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.

SENIORS: As the year ends join the 50+ Friendship Breakfast at Russ' (2750 28th Street SE) tomorrow morning at 8:00. Warm up with a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate and enjoy friendly conversation with fellow seniors.

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, December 9 as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, December 11 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Anyone dealing in any way with the effects of cancer is invited to attend.

FESTIVAL CHOIR: We will meet in the balcony on Wednesday evenings, December 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.

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!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 Steketee
	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
	<i>Monday, December 9</i>
8:00a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ' on 28 th Street
10-12p	Family Assistance
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, December 10</i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive meeting in the Conference Room
	<i>Wednesday, December 11</i>
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Hendrikse)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	78ers Christmas Party
7:30p	Festival Choir
	<i>Thursday, December 12</i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Saturday, December 14</i>
9:00a	Christmas Program Practice and cookie decorating
	<i>Next Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Wanda Sytsma
	East Greeters: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: KaraMarie Lizewski, Karen Trap, Jacob Brink
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Burghgraef
11:30a	Colossians Way meets in the Conference Room
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meets in the Lounge
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG Christmas Party at the Lannings



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed 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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- Prelude: "O Hail This Brightest Day of Days" J. Pachelbel
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- * God's Greeting
- * Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord" #22:1-3
- Hymnsing
- Evening Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 page 464
- * Hymn of Preparation: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" #59:1-3
- Prayer for Illumination
- Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-13 page 924
- Sermon: **ABOUNDING IN HOPE**
- Prayer of Application
- * Hymn of Response: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #56:1-4
- * Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed front cover of hymnal
- Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer
- Presentation of Offerings
- Offerings for Community Care goals
- Offertory: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" J. Brahms
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" #953:1-2
(concluding with sung "Amen")
- * Postlude: "All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ" J. Pachelbel