



December 29, 2019

10 AM Worship Service

**“It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them.”**

Isaiah 63:9

Christmastide

Ten o'clock

December 29, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “On Christmas Night”

Michael Burkhardt, Raymond Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness”

Reinhardt Manuscript (Uttingen 1754)

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim.
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him, the Lord is His name.

* Opening Hymns: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#81:1,2,4,5

“Once in Royal David’s City”

#87:1,2,4,5

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND PROFESS OUR FAITH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,
we confess our sins against you and one another,
and pray that you will fill us with your light,
that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name,
without counting the cost.
In the name of Christ,
the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God’s light is present in this world.
Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.
God’s light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.
God’s grace is in the world, and our sin will not overcome it.
We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of Assurance “God Is So Good”

#777:1,3,4

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Away in a Manger”

#86:1-3

(Verse 3 a cappella)

(Children may come forward.)

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: “Gesú Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon

When blossom flowered amid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

Refrain

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#88:1,3,4

(Sung to the alternate tune FOREST GREEN #67)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **HE BECAME THEIR SAVIOR**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Angels We Have Heard on High”
(Verse 3 in unison)

#82:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Leanne Hendrikse

Offering for Community Care goals

Offertory: “Away in a Manger”

Austin Lovelace

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings 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: “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Carson Cooman, Michael Burkhardt

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Trudi Huizenga

Organist: Bruce Klanderman

Scripture Reader: Allyson Koeman

Calvin CRC Announcements for December 29, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning Worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Isaiah 63:7-9, "He Became Their Savior." Trudi Huizenga leads us in music.

No Evening Worship

WORSHIP Old Years' Service, Tuesday, December 31

7 PM Evening Worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Psalm 90.

WORSHIP, January 5

Morning Worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from Revelation 21:9-11, 22-27, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Lynn McBroom will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Dégagé Ministries.

Evening Worship: We will welcome Rev. Won Lee to lead our time of worship.

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation December 30-January 6.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	1/5 MaryLou Wilkins (89)
1/6 Sidney Post (96)	1/8 Pat Keyser (85)
1/10 Helen Daining (92)	1/20 Grayden Slowins (88)
1/22 Clare Walhout (86)	1/23 Ann Noteboom (97)
1/25 Charles Fullmer (88), Bob Talsma (92)	
1/27 Corrine Kass (93)	1/31 Betty Wiersma (89)

COLLEGE AND CAREER-AGE BIRTHDAYS:

1/9 Elizabeth DeKoster (23)	1/18 Kyle Cok (24)
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Les Ippel (district 10) is being treated at St. Mary's Hospital for pneumonia.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:	1/9 David Hendrikse (4)
1/17 Jacob Netz (8)	1/24 Emma Baker (8)

CHURCH SCHOOL, CATECHISM, TLC, AND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP are on break. They will resume January 12.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Topic: KidsHope; Presenters: Elly Nyhof and Melanie Tolsma

One simple thing will make a big difference in the life of an at-risk child: one-on-one, positive attention from a responsible, caring adult. KidsHope USA develops these one-on-one relationships through the creation of church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk kids in supportive, mentoring relationships. Our KidsHope USA mentors spend just one hour per week, reading, talking, playing with, and listening to a child at Campus School. By helping the child feel loved and valued, they help that child to learn, grow, and succeed.

OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be open Monday and Tuesday. Bulletin announcements are due Monday, December 30, by noon.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE is on break until January 6. Please consider volunteering as we continue our ministry to our neighbors in 2020. Contact Linda Fridsma, Sharon Hecker, or Rachel Rayburn for more information. Good people, good times, good stewardship!

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!

COLOSSIAN WAY is a group discipleship endeavor. Small groups of 10-12 people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives are assembled to engage a difficult, sometimes divisive topic, using a faith guided curriculum developed by The Colossian Forum. Members are asked to attend all or most of ten sessions (about 90 minutes) with two trained leaders. Each gathering includes a five-step process of Start, Unity, Prayer, Engage, and Godward. More details and group applications will be in mailboxes in early January. Groups will begin meeting mid-February. Please pray for this ministry and consider if you are called to be part of the experience.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, December 29</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Kyle & Corey Visker
	East Greeters: Gord & Jane VandenBerg
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Lisa TerBeek, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Netz
	<i>Tuesday, December 31</i>
7:00p	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	<i>Wednesday, January 1</i>
	Family Rental
	<i>Thursday, January 2</i>
	Office closed
	<i>Friday, January 3</i>
8:00a	Senior Men's Bible Study meets in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, January 5</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Jim & Maria VandenBosch
	East Greeters: Bruce & Kathy Van Oss
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Kathy Cok, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Koeman, Trap
11:30a	Adult Education: KidsHope Presenters: Elly Nyhof, Melanie Tolsma



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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.
- “And being found in human form, he humbled himself . . .” The colors and materials of the Christmas banner reflect God’s glory manifest in the humble setting of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- 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.

Holiday office hours: Monday and Tuesday, 8AM-4:30PM

Bulletin deadline: Monday Noon

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