



January 12, 2020

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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“The LORD is indeed going out before you.”

Judges 4:14

Sunday after Epiphany

Ten o'clock

January 12, 2020

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Variations on “I Love Your Church, O Lord” [#247]

Austin Lovelace; Theodore Beck; Paul W. Hofreiter; Edward Mead

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “The Lord Be with You”

Greg Scheer

The Lord be with you. And also, with you.

The Lord of heaven and earth be worshiped in this place.

The covenant of grace be renewed. The Lord be with you.

Lord, open our lips, and we'll sing your praise.

O Lord, your unfailing love and mercy

Will endure as fresh and bright and sure as morning sun.

We bless you, Three in One!

* Opening Hymns: “Great Is the Lord Our God”

#249:1-3

“I Love Your Church, O Lord”

#247:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Light,

shine in our hearts;

Eternal Goodness,

deliver us from evil;

Eternal Power,

be our support;

Eternal Wisdom,

scatter the shadows of our ignorance;

Eternal Compassion,
have mercy on us,
that with heart and mind
and soul and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy
to the Holy Presence,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Guide to Grateful Living: "The Lord Is God, the One and True God" #711

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

* Song of Response: "Give Thanks" (sing twice) #358
(Children may come forward during the last stanza.)

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: "Thanks Be to Thee" Georg Frideric Handel

Thanks be to thee, Lord God of hosts,
you have brought forth with your strong hand
your people safe through the storm.

Lord, you have led us as a shepherd;

Lord, with your hand tenderly in ages past your people have led.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "Ancient Words" 762:1,2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Judges 4:1-16

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **TIME TO GO**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#590:1,2,4,6,8

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: “Adagio, from Sonata in E Minor”

J.S. Bach

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

#953

**Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel;
For he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel.**

**And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! So shall it be;
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! So shall it be.**

* Postlude: “Dialogue”

Gilbert Martin

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Director: Kenneth Bos

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Lynn Bardolph McBroom

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 12, 2020

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Judges 4:1-16, "Time to Go." The Sanctuary Choir brings the ministry of music.

Evening worship: Rev. Laura Smit preaches from Psalm 27, "Seek His Face." The offering is for Eastown Community Association.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 19

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from John 1:29-42, "Come and See," and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from 2 Kings 8:7-29, "A Lamp for David." The offering will be for GEMS Girls' Clubs.

Staff notes: Pastor Lynette is taking a seminary course in Israel during the month of January. Pray for safe travels and for an excellent learning experience.

CHURCH FAMILY

Arielle Baker, daughter of **Dwight and Tammy** (district 10), suffered a cardiac arrest this past week and is being treated at a hospital in Washington D.C., where she lives.

Les Ippel (district 10) died on Saturday, January 4. A funeral service was held here at Calvin Church on Saturday, January 11. We pray for the Lord's comfort for Les' family, including **Jim and Kristy Ippel** (district 8).

Gert Bokhout (district 3) is home recovering from back surgery.

Glenn Spears (district 7) is home recovering after a time of hospitalization.

Jack and Jane VanZytveld (district 3) are each at Raybrook nursing recovering from surgery, Jack in Room 306, and Jane in Room 304.

Thank you for the many Christmas greetings I received. It was very much appreciated.

Win Miersma

Thanks to all those who sent me Christmas cards in the GEM bag for home-bound members. I read and enjoyed every one of them. God is so good.

Dorothy Kelling

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Jesus as a Boy in the Temple"

K - 2nd grade "Jesus Makes Lazarus Alive Again"

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Exalta Health: A Ministry of Presence and Healing. Presenters: Bill Paxton, Exalta Health, President; Dr. Laura VanderMolen, Medical Director

There are significant barriers to accessing quality healthcare services for many people in our community. Jesus demonstrated in his actions and words that his ministry was also a ministry of healing body, mind, and spirit. As Christians we are called to do the same. Exalta Health reflects the spirit of Christ by providing compassionate, accessible healthcare primarily for uninsured, under-insured, and under-served members of our society. Providing a ministry of compassion, presence, and healing, Exalta Health experiences great challenges – and greater joys – as it follows Christ's example.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** 70x7 Life Recovery...turning the cycle of incarceration and its consequences into a cycle of restoration and hope. Presenter: Ben Rosa, Executive Director.

70x7 provides services to men and women coming out of jail and prison. We are a faith-based organization that provides the following services: employment readiness, mentoring, family support services, support services, church engagement, job placement, on site staffing agency, and case management.

FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST: Calling all 50+ members! Begin the new year with Calvin Church seniors! Warm up with a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate at Russ' Restaurant on 28th St. SE. That's tomorrow morning at 8:00 AM! Purchase a \$10 TRIP card, and our education fund will be given 5%. See you there!

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, January 13, as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE: The winter Blood drive is this Wednesday. Versiti Blood Center says, "the holidays really hit our blood supply, so we are running on an **urgent need** basis." Please consider donating to help our neighbors in need. Contact Judy Bode to sign up or visit the online site (donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/126161). We have 21 empty time slots, so walk-ins are most welcome! (Wednesday, 2:30-7:20 in the Narthex)

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the February *Courier* are due to Rodger Rice (ricerodger@sbcglobal.net) or Wally Bratt (wally.bratt@gmail.com) by Wednesday, January 15.


COLLEGE LUNCH: If you are in college or college-aged, join us at Pastor Rebecca and Kyle's house for lunch next Sunday at 11:30. There will be good food and good conversation. See you there!

LENT WORSHIP AND READING SERIES: During the season of Lent, Pastors Brad and Rebecca will preach a sermon series on the Seven Deadly Sins and the way they point to our need for the grace of Jesus Christ in our lives. We invite you to read along through the book *Glittering Vices* by Calvin philosophy professor Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung. If you'd like to discuss the book with others, contact one of the pastors and we'll put you in touch.

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Bible study will meet for six Wednesday mornings this spring starting on March 18.

COLOSSIAN WAY GROUPS: We are looking for a diverse mix of people to form two groups that will take up the practice of gathering together and loving God and one another while engaging challenging issues. One group will focus on politics and the other on sexuality. More information has been placed in your mailbox. If you would like to be part of this discipline, please apply using the link <http://tiny.cc/ColossianWayCalvinCRC>. Paper copies of the survey are also available at the Information Desk and may be submitted to the church office, attention Colossian Way. If you have any questions, you may contact Don Trap (kdtrap@comcast.net), Chair of Community Care/Social Justice Committee, or one of the pastors.

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126 and CCLI#2532147.
- During the Epiphany season we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the world. Light floods the surface of our Epiphany banner to reflect the light that Christ's incarnation brought to a world of darkness.
- 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.

	<i>Today, Sunday, January 12</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Marlene Vanderhill
	East Greeters: Glenn & Nancy Triezenberg
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Miles & Sarah Colago, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Feenstra, Zwiers
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Exalta Health: A Ministry of Presence and Healing. Presenters: Bill Paxton and Dr. Laura VanderMolen
	<i>Monday, January 13</i>
8:00a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ' in Kentwood
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, January 14</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Mission Outreach Committee meets in the Conference Room
	<i>Wednesday, January 15</i>
10:00a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Visker)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, January 16</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, January 17</i>
8:00a	Senior Men's Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, January 19</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Roger & Ruth Westrate
	East Greeters: Dan & Melanie Yff
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Nate & Marissa Dierlam, Allory Netz
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	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Jansen
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