



January 26, 2020

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

**“For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
but we proclaim Christ crucified.”
1 Corinthians 1:22-23a**

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” [#521]

Gilbert Martin; Ann Slowins; James Brooks Kuykendall

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “In Heavenly Love Abiding”

Felix Mendelssohn

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;

And safe in such confiding, for nothing changes here.

The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,

But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

* Opening Hymns: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#521:1-3

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

#523:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND PROFESS OUR FAITH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We confess that we so often live with divided hearts –

we are anxious for control over our lives

while simultaneously offering our whole lives to you.

We try to manufacture our own peace without

relying on Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,

and we trade in the practice of your presence

for immediate but temporary relief.

Please, God, forgive us from our sin and have mercy on us.

Send us your Holy Spirit so that we might live for you,

and speak comfort to our hearts day after day.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

407:1-3

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "Beautiful Savior"

#17:1,3,4

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: "Be Filled with the Spirit"

Allen Pote

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts as you were called to peace.

Let the message of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom, teaching one another.

Clothe yourselves with compassion, with kindness and humility.

Being patient and gentle, forgive one another as Christ has forgiven you.

Be filled with the Spirit in love, loving one another.

And whatever you say, and whatever you do, do so in the name of Christ Jesus.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts as you were called to peace.

Let the message of Christ dwell in you richly in all love, embracing one another.

And with grace in your heart, with love and forgiveness, give thanks unto God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession (concluded with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

* Hymn of Preparation: "How Firm a Foundation"

#427:1,2,5

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **CHRIST CRUCIFIED**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#167:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Yvonne Triezenberg

Offering for Baxter Community Services

Offertory: "Voluntary in D Minor"

James Hook

* Benediction

* Doxology: Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#946:1-3

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Amen.

* Postlude: "Processional March"

Alexandre Guilmant

Liturgist: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiars

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Jacqueline Lanning

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 26, 2020

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from 1 Corinthians 1:10-25, “Christ Crucified.”

Evening worship: Rev. Laura Smit preaches from Psalm 29, “Not Tame,” and the offering is for Wings of Mercy.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 2

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef will preach from Jude. Our children’s choirs will lead us, and we will give thanks for our GEMS and Cadets ministries. The offering will be for Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) and Benevolence.

Evening worship: The musical ensemble Mariachi Agape will be leading the worship service at 5:00 PM at Woodlawn CRC (in the Calvin University Chapel). They are also presenting at the Worship Symposium.

Staff note: Pastor Rebecca is on study leave January 26-February 1. She will attend the Calvin Worship Symposium.

COUNCIL NEWS

At its meeting this past Tuesday the Council received an update on year-end offerings. Although Ministry Fund offerings were less than typical for year-end, the fund has a healthy balance to carry over. The Council will inform the congregation of any deficit concerns going forward.

The Council approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Sabbatical Committee that will lead the congregation’s activities and learning during Pastor Rebecca’s absence this summer as we seek to understand how best to engage the community in which we are placed.

A list of Elder/Deacon nominees was approved by Council. Letters to the nominees will be mailed in early February. If you receive a letter, please prayerfully consider allowing your name to stand in nomination for office. A congregational meeting to vote on and/or select names by lottery will be held after the morning service on April 19.

Finally, a motion was approved to call Rev. Arianna Tolsma to her new position as Chaplain at South Christian High School.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	2/12 Carl Kromminga (95)
2/12 Don Schierbeek (89)	2/13 Alma Walhout (94)
2/15 Gordon Kamps (87)	2/18 Marlene Oosterhouse (85)

COLLEGE AND CAREER-AGE BIRTHDAY: 2/13 Sam Koeman (22)

Sharon Hecker (district 4) spent this last week at Butterworth Hospital beginning treatment for B-cell lymphoma.

Jim Fridsma (district 4) is in the hospital in Chelsea, Michigan, to see a pain relief specialist regarding his chronic headaches.

Jane Van Zytveld (district 3) has moved to Raybrook Assisted Living (room 327) for continued physical therapy, and **Jack Van Zytveld** has returned to their condo.

The family of Al Bratt would like to thank Calvin Church for the love and support we received during the difficult months of 2019. We rejoice that our dad and husband is in heaven and are so grateful that we have our church family right here with us to comfort us as we mourn him. We are truly blessed.

With gratitude, *Marilyn Bratt, Deb and Bruce Tiejema, Amy Tiejema, Lisa and Dale Schipper, and Andrea Tiejema*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:	2/3 Isaac Hubka (15)
2/10 Aaliyah Brown (Price) (15)	2/19 Aubrey and Lydia Visker (10)
2/27 Henry TerBeek (15)	2/28 Natalie Poortenga (14)

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"Jesus Calms the Sea"	Cheri, Natalie, Ethan
K - 2 nd grade	"The Most Important Commandment"	

PETER FISH: Children in TLC, Worship Center, and grades 3-4 Church school received Peter Fish. World Renew uses donations to work toward immediate and long-term solutions to world hunger, including improving farming techniques, teaching adult literacy, and providing small loans to businesses. Children should plan to turn in their fish on February 9.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Thank you, Calvin Church, for 33 willing participants in our blood drive! We had 3 people reach donation milestones of 1, 2, and 5 gallons! We also welcomed 2 first-time donors. Please put Wednesday, April 22, on your calendar for our spring drive.

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Loving Our Neighborhood
Presenters: Sheryl Luth and Jan Van Veen

These two individuals are involved with neighborhood outreach at Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Come and hear how our neighbors minister in their neighborhood.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Grant Me Hope-Finding Forever Homes for Foster Children. Presenter: Helen Zeerip

Helen Zeerip, owner of Teddy's Transport, founded the nonprofit Grant Me Hope in 2014. A foster mom for more than a decade and a two-time adoptive mom, Zeerip learned about the plight of foster children who were available for adoption but who aged out alone. She will share the staggering statistics these children face without adoptive parents guiding them into adulthood, what Grant Me Hope does to help, what led her to start this mission, why it's important, and how everyone can do something to help, even if they cannot foster or adopt.

MISSION OUTREACH GOALS 2019: With praise to God and thanks for generous gifts, your Mission Outreach Committee confirms that our goals for mission support were modestly exceeded! Total gifts in 2019 amounted to \$85,367, assuring that all endorsed causes received the full amount of our goal commitment. Join us in receiving thanks from all supported missions and in giving thanks and praise to God.

KIDS FOOD BASKET: What goes into sack suppers? Pudding cups, fruit strips, meat sticks, and pretzels or Cheez It crackers. Plus, of course, your help! Please sign up to donate simple items like these. And mark your calendar for February 29 to come spend a couple hours of intergenerational camaraderie to pack and decorate bags!

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.

RESERVE THE DATE: April 8 at 9:30 AM for the Lenten Breakfast. All are invited.

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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

B&B Marriage Retreat: The Parsonage Inn in Grand Rapids is hosting a marriage retreat February 28 - March 1, Friday night through Sunday morning. Pastors Steven and Deb Koster will lead seasoned couples and newlyweds alike through a series of talks bookended by two relaxing evenings in their Victorian B&B (at 423 Madison Ave. SE, GR, 45903). The registration fees include two nights at the B&B, the seminars, breakfasts, and a Saturday picnic lunch. For more information, email info@ParsonageInn.org, call 616-481-4434, or visit ParsonageInn.org online.

Trinitas Parent Night: Books instead of screens? Classrooms that aren't dependent on computers? Students interacting without phones? It is possible! Join us for Trinitas Classical School's Parent Information Night on Tuesday, February 4, at 7 PM to learn why we are so excited about Christian classical education. For more information or to register, please visit www.trinitasclassical.org or call (616) 855-6518.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, January 26</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Dave & Becky Baker
	East Greeters: Dwight & Tammy Baker
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Steve & Ellen DeKoster, Abi Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Hubka
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Loving Our Neighborhood Presenters: Sheryl Luth and Jan Van Veen
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb
	<i>Monday, January 27</i>
10-12	Family Assistance
	<i>Tuesday, January 28</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, January 29</i>
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Spoelma) Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, January 30</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, January 31</i>
8:00a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Next Sunday, February 2</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Warren & Joanne Boer
	East Greeters: Gord & Karen Bordewyk
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Suzi Steketee, Wanda Sytsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Burghgraef
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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.
- The Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents spiritual growth during the season of the Lord's life and ministry.
- 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: "Three Songs without Words" Felix Mendelssohn
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- * God's Greeting
- * Opening Hymn: "All on Earth and All in Heaven" #922:1-2
- Hymnsing
- Evening Psalm: Psalm 29 page 437
- * Hymn of Preparation: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" #763:1-3
- Prayer for Illumination
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 29 page 438
- Sermon: **NOT TAME**
- Prayer of Application
- * Hymn of Response: "Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures" #114:1-5
- * Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal
- Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer
- Presentation of Offerings
Offering for Wings of Mercy
Offertory: "Abide with Me" [#466] Nancy M. Raabe
- * Benediction
- * Doxology: "Abide with Me" #466:1,3,5
(concluding with sung "Amen")
- * Postlude: "Recessional" Anthony Giamanco

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Laura Smit
Pianist: Kenneth Bos