



February 16, 2020

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
616-451-8467 Office@CalvinCRC.org www.CalvinCRC.org

“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand.” – Nehemiah 1:10

Ordinary Time

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys and Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef
Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Scripture Reader: Mark DeKoster

Ten o'clock

February 16, 2020

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Preludes on “Holy, Holy, Holy!” [#538]
Allen George Biester; Austin C. Lovelace; Harald Rohlig; Dennis Janzer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator” H. A. Pandopo
Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator,
Sun, moon, and stars and angels above.
Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens,
Who upholds all his works in his sovereign love.
God reigns on high; let the heavens rejoice!
Give to God all glory and honor.
From the depths to the heights let praises resound to the Lord,
The source of strength and salvation
For all people on whom his favor is found.
Praise God, you saints he has claimed for his own!

* Opening Hymns: “O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good” #549:1-3
“Be Still, for the Presence” #532:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND PROFESS OUR FAITH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Not What My Hands Have Done”

#624:1,3

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “You Are Our God; We Are Your People”

#35:1,3,4

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: “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Jody Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days;
who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Father's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent;
nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to him who chose us for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be,
and trust his word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"

#755:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **FORGIVEN YET AGAIN**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above"

#682:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Yvonne Triezenberg

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: "Two Fugues" Jean-François Dandrieu; Alessandro Scarlatti

* Benediction

* Doxology: "To God Be the Glory"

#956

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

Amen.

* Postlude: "Fanfare for Organ"

Richard Proulx

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 16, 2020

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Nehemiah 1, “Forgiven Yet Again.”

Evening worship: We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 5:21-37, “(Im)Possible Standard.” The offering is for the Micah Center.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 23

Morning worship: We will begin a sermon series on this Sunday before Lent on the seven deadly sins, hearing from Scripture about God’s grace that saves us from each of them. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Genesis 37 on envy. The Joy Ringers will lead us in music, and the offering will be for 70x7 (formerly called Criminal Justice Chaplaincy).

Evening worship: We will welcome Rev. Won Lee, who will preach from Ecclesiastes 9:1-10, “A Meditation on Death.” The offering will be for Home Repair Services.

WORSHIP Ash Wednesday, February 26

We will hold an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 PM, led by our Cherub and Covenant Choirs, with Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys giving a meditation from Psalm 51.

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17, for Presidents’ Day.

CHURCH FAMILY

Please join us in a celebration of Marian Beltman’s 100 years, well-lived and counting. There will be an open house for her on Saturday, March 7, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Raybrook DeVos Center (2121 Raybrook St, GR) 1st floor dining room. Pictures and memories are encouraged.

Jack & Jane VanZytveld (district 3) have moved to:

DeVos Center

2121 Raybrook St SE #328

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds “Jesus Loves the Children”

Morgan, Abi, Nathan

K - 2nd grade “Too Afraid to Follow Jesus”

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Neighborhood Involvement

Presenter: Cory Wilson. How does the church engage its neighborhood? Come and hear some ideas with relevance to Calvin Christian Reformed Church.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Steering a Course for Artificial Intelligence. Presenter: Dr. Derek Schuurman, professor of computer science, Calvin University

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has achieved remarkable strides in tackling difficult problems with applications in many areas. Responses to these developments have ranged from existential fear to unbridled optimism. This talk sketches some important questions arising in AI and why it is important for Christians to participate in these developments by bringing insights from Scripture that can inform a responsible approach to AI.

COLLEGE LUNCH: If you are in college or are college-aged, join us in the Catacomb for lunch today. There will be good food and good conversation.

FEEDING THE 500: Our Kids' Food Basket project aims to provide sack suppers to 500 children living in the Grand Rapids area. We are getting close to our goal and our date. What will it still take to feed 500? 0 bags, 0 meat sticks, 159 individual cheese cracker or pretzel servings, 164 pudding cups, 195 fruit strips. Please sign up at the tables by the Fellowship Hall and bring your items by Sunday, February 23. If you have signed up to help pack, we'll see you on Saturday, February 29, starting at 10 AM. All ages can help assemble the bags or decorate paper sacks with encouraging messages.

IS THIS YOU? 1) You eat. 2) You drive a car. 3) You do not use the tuition reduction incentive program for your kids or someone else's. If all three of these are true, you could be contributing to the Calvin CRC ministry fund every time you buy groceries or gas. If you have never tried it, you should. It's easy! See Donna at the table in the Narthex to try it.

CALVIN ON-LINE: Did you enjoy today's service? Would you like to see or share a video of it? Do you wish to be able to read a recent bulletin or to consult our Member Directory? All of this and more can be found at www.CalvinCRC.org. Also, check us out and "Like" Calvin CRC on Facebook to receive regular updates of upcoming services and events.

PLASTIC FAST FOR LENT: According to Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, if we continue to produce and discard plastic at the expected rates, our oceans will contain more plastic than fish by 2050. The Creation Care Committee encourages you to consider curbing plastic use as a Lenten discipline this year. Please visit the following website for more information and for a daily plastic-fast calendar: https://www.miipl.org/lenten_fast
Paper copies of the calendars are also available at the CC/SJ bulletin board.

	<i>Today, Sunday, February 16</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mike & Kathy Cok
	East Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Gwen Hendrikse, Melisa Hubka
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Rosema
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Neighborhood Involvement; Presenter: Cory Wilson
	College and Career Lunch in the Catacomb
	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice committee meets in the Lounge
	<i>Monday, February 17</i>
	Office closed
10-12	Family Assistance
	<i>Tuesday, February 18</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, February 19</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6-8p	Family Assistance
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Molenbeek)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	Cadets, GEMS, 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, February 20</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, February 23</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	East Greeters: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Laura Prince, Arie TerBeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Steering a Course for Artificial Intelligence Presenter: Dr. Derek Schuurman
3:00p	Colossian Way meets in Room 1
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall0

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treetops Collective has a workday on February 22 to paint a workshop in their building. Choose either morning or afternoon. They will have some painting supplies, but if you have ladders, brushes, rollers, and pans that would be helpful. Sign up here: <https://paperless.ly/318FYs8>



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.