



February 23, 2020

“I have learned to be content with whatever I have.”

Philippians 4:11

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Joyringers

Director: Melanie Tolsma

Scripture Reader: Gert Bokhout

Ten o'clock

February 23, 2020

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” [#706] Ashdown, Batt Owens, Powell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “They’ll Know We Are Christians” [#256] arr. Michael Akers

* Opening Hymns: “Come, Thou Almighty King” **#492:1,3,4**
“Come, All You People, Praise Our God” **#495:1-3**

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND PROFESS OUR FAITH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture tells us that “God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:9–10).

God loves us as we are, even before we love him.

In Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Assurance: “My Soul Finds Rest”

#370:1-3

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

#706:1-2

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: “Shalom Chaverim”

arr: Susan Geschke

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Be Thou My Vision”

#859:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:3-24

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **FEELING BITTER WHEN OTHERS HAVE IT BETTER**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “When Peace like a River”

#451:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kathy Van Oss

Offering for 70 X 7

Offertory: “When Peace Like a River” [#451]

Emily Maxson Porter

* 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: “Laudamus Te”

Carl F. Mueller

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 23, 2020

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We 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 preaches from Genesis 37:3-24 on envy. The Joyringers lead us in music.

Evening worship: We welcome Rev. Won Lee, who preaches from Ecclesiastes 9:1-10, "A Meditation on Death." The offering is 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 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 1

Morning worship: On this first Sunday in Lent, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will hear the profession of faith of Grace Poortenga. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 on the deadly sin of vainglory.

Evening worship: We will welcome Rev. Bob Arbogast to lead us in worship. Bob is the pastor of Celebration Fellowship, a Christian Reformed congregation that worships inside the Bellamy Creek prison, and he will preach from Matthew 3:13-17, "The Voice."

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:

3/1 Eleanor Zwier (91)	3/1 Eleanor Zwier (91)
3/4 Marian Beltman (100)	3/5 Joyce DeBoer (88)
3/10 Wayne VanWylen (91)	3/15 John Stegink (86)
3/20 Marian Heerema (87)	3/23 Rich Wevers (87)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

3/4 Terlumun Nyamor (24)	3/22 Ian Ezinga (22)
3/11 Emily DeKoster (21)	

Arthur Bult, Jr. (district 7) died on February 3. According to his wishes, no funeral was held. We pray for the Lord's comfort for his family and thank God for the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus.

We pray for the Lord's comfort for **Helen Daining** (district 8) after the death of her brother, Russ Vander Werp.

We wish to thank our congregation for your powerful prayers and many expressions of support following the cardiac arrest of our daughter Arielle in January. Your many creative cards are particularly appreciated by Arielle, who prominently displays the more amusing messages in her little apartment.

Dwight & Tamara Baker family

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

	3/7	Abi Lizewski (12)
3/12	Wesley Visker (5)	3/21 Jackson Rayburn (5)
3/23	Lydia Tolsma (15)	3/27 Sevan Price (1)

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"The Prodigal Son"	Melanie, Allory, Lucy
K - 2 nd grade	"Jesus' Trial"	

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**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.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** "A long journey afoot": T. S. Eliot's Spiritual Pilgrimage. Presenter: David Huisman, Professor Emeritus of English at GVSU and past Secretary of the International T. S. Eliot Society

Raised a Unitarian in St. Louis, T. S. Eliot, the most influential and controversial poet and literary critic of the twentieth century, eventually became a British subject and an Anglo-Catholic. Focusing on two recent books, we will trace this journey and the growing awareness that his "conversion" in 1927 was anything but the abrupt abandonment of the role of spokesman for post-war disillusionment and unbelief that many disappointed readers of his poem *The Waste Land* had assigned him.

COLOSSIAN WAY GROUPS will begin meeting today. Calvin Church members have shown robust interest. Each group is filled at capacity of ten participants and two leaders. There are another ten individuals already on the waiting list for fall groups. Please pray for the Spirit's presence in these conversations on difficult issues and that the body of Christ will be built up by this exercise.

KIDS' FOOD BASKET SACK SUPPERS are being packed this Saturday, February 29, starting at 10 AM. Ben Nyhoff of KFB will give us an update on childhood hunger and the KFB work, we'll pack supper bags, and we can decorate paper sacks for the KFB snack program. People of any age are welcome to volunteer.

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.

PLASTIC FAST FOR LENT: Eight million metric tons: that's how much plastic we dump into the oceans each year. That's about 17.6 billion pounds — or the equivalent of nearly 57,000 blue whales — every single year. 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 near the CC/SJ bulletin board.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies of all ages, **The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds**, 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, MI, invites you to IF: Gathering 2020. Join us March 20 – 21, 2020; 6-9:30 PM Friday and 9 AM-4 PM Saturday. The cost is \$30 and includes refreshments on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. Registration is required at www.crcg.org/if or call 616-842-4478.

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds 70th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser Dinner Concert. Join us in celebration on Saturday, April 25. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, dinner begins at 6 PM, and the concert follows. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. Call the office (616-842-4478) to reserve your place at the table! Reservations for the dinner and dessert are only \$10 per person.

LOOKIN' AT LEGACY (CHRISTIAN SCHOOL) PREVIEW DAYS: Join us Tuesday, February 25, from 9:00-10:00 AM, Friday, March 13, from 9:00-10:00 AM (join us for worship first, beginning at 8:15 AM), Wednesday, April 22, from 10:00-11:00 AM, or Thursday, May 14, from 10:00-11:00 AM. Questions? Please contact Kim Zwyghuizen at 616-455-3860 or email her at kimz@legacys.org.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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: Lois Huisman
	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 Hall
	<i>Monday, February 24</i>
10-12p	Family Assistance
	<i>Tuesday, February 25</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, February 26</i>
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Meyer)
7:00p	Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	<i>Thursday, February 27</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, February 28</i>
8:00a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	CYG Retreat at Church
	<i>Saturday, February 29</i>
10:00a	Kids' Food Basket in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, March 1</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	East Greeters: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Bob & Donna Houskamp, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Feenstra, Trap
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: T. S. Eliot's Spiritual Pilgrimage. Presenter: David Huisman
	Safe Church Team meets in the Conference Room
3:00p	Colossian Way meets in Room 1
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb



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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