

**Home Worship Liturgy**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**January 3, 2021**

The Lord be with you! We invite you to combine individual or family worship in your home with a video available on the Calvin Church website at about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 3.

<https://www.calvincrc.org/recent-services/>

Italicized parts of the liturgy are included in the video, so you can choose to participate along with the video or on your own.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ's body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ's body.

*Prelude: Three Preludes on "Hours and Days and Years and Ages" – Hans Klotz; David Johnson; Austin Lovelace*

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – arr. Cathy Moglebust  
2019 Allegro Ringers; Stephanie Wiltse, director*

*Greeting:*

*Grace, mercy, and peace be to you, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

*Opening Hymn: "To the Hills I Lift My Eyes" (stanzas 1-2)  
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

If those gathered choose to sing more songs together, here are a few options:

- Sing familiar hymns accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available.
- Sing familiar hymns a cappella.
- Consult [hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org) for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

*Call to Confession:*

*The proof of God's amazing love is this:*

*While we were sinners Christ died for us.*

*Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.*

*Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

*Prayer of Confession:*

***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light  
and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

*Assurance of Pardon:*

*The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.*

*Message for Children*

Before the video prayer, you may wish to speak or journal your own prayers, and then join your prayers to others as you start the video again.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding 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 forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*Hymn: "God of Our Life" (stanzas 1-3)*

*(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

*Prayer for Illumination:*

*Mighty God, the shepherds of old were full of your praises. All they had been told was reflected in what they had heard and seen. Move among us now with your Holy Spirit, that we too might hear and experience the wonder and joy of your living Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-4:1*

*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God!***

*Sermon – "Press Toward the Future"*

*Prayer of Application*

## *The Lord's Supper*

*Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

*Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.  
We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,  
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.*

*With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup  
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be  
a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.  
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.  
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,  
that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.  
We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,  
in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

***(You may prepare the elements, breaking the bread and pouring the cup, during the following words of institution.)***

*The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

*In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.*

*The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

***(Each worshiper eats the bread, saying to oneself or to one another, "The body of Christ for you. Each worshiper drinks from the cup, saying to oneself or to one another, "The blood of Christ for you.")***

*Let us pray: We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Moment for Benevolence*

*Benediction*

*Doxology: "To God Be the Glory"*

*(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

*Postlude: Allegro Giocoso – Franz Joseph Haydn*

*Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys*

*Preacher: Rev. Karl Van Harn*

*Organist: Kenneth Bos*

*Deacon: Tom Prince*

*Audio: Annika Baker*

*Video: Hap Hecker*

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## To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

PSALM 121

G D G G/B D7 G

1 To the hills I lift my eyes; whence shall help for me a - rise?  
2 Your pro - tec - tor is the LORD; shade for you he will af - ford.

Em G D G G/B D7 G

From the LORD comes all my aid, who the heavens and earth has made.  
Nei - ther sun nor moon shall smite; God shall guard by day and night.

D7 G D7 G Em D7

He will guard through dan - gers all, will not let you slip or fall.  
He will ev - er keep your soul; what would harm he will con - trol.

G D G G/B D7 G

He who safe his peo - ple keeps nev - er slum - bers, nev - er sleeps.  
In the home and by the way God will keep you day by day.

For another setting of Ps. 121 see 652

Words: *Psalter*, 1912, alt., P.D.

Music (GUIDE 7.7.7.7 D): Marcus M. Wells, 1858, P.D.

## God of Our Life

F B<sup>b</sup>/F F C7 F Gm/B<sup>b</sup> C7

1 God of our life, through all the cir - cling years we trust in  
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand; with us a -  
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known we fol - low

F B<sup>b</sup>/F F C7 F

thee; in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy  
 bide. Lead us by faith to hope's true prom - ised land; be  
 thee; when we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; our

Gm/B<sup>b</sup> C7 F C7 F C F

hand we see. With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,  
 thou our guide. With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,  
 re - fuge be. Be thou for us in life our dail - ly bread,

B<sup>b</sup> F C7 F B<sup>b</sup> C7 F

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.  
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.  
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Words: Hugh T. Kerr, 1916, P.D.

Music (SANDON 10.4.10.4.10.10): Charles H. Purday, 1860, P.D.

To God Be the Glory

B<sup>b</sup> Dm7 G7 Cm7 E<sup>b</sup>m6 F

To God be the glo - ry, to God be the glo - ry, to

D7sus D7 Gm7 C9 F<sup>sus</sup> F F7

God be the glo - ry for the things he has done! With his

B<sup>b</sup> Dm7 G7 Cm7 Em6 F

blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me— to

D G<sup>sus</sup> Em7(♭5) B<sup>b</sup>/F E<sup>b</sup>/F B<sup>b</sup>

God be the glo - ry for the things he has done!