



**ARISE,
SHINE;**

for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1, NRSV

January 7, 2018

“Arise, shine; for your light has come.”

Isaiah 60:1

Sunday after the Epiphany

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Simone Gibson

Ten o'clock

January 7, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” [#101] Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “God Is Here Today” C. Michael Hawn

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,

As certain as the morning sun that rises,

As certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

* Opening Hymns: “Gather Us In” **#529:1,2,4**

“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come” **#103:1,2,5**

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession **#640**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: “I Worship You, O Lord” **#668:1,2,5**

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

* Song of Response: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **#730:1-2**

(Children may come forward during the singing of this song.)

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: "Walk in the Light"

André Thomas

Jesus, the light of the world. We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Hark the herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.

Glory to the newborn King. Jesus the light of the world.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace. Jesus, light of the world.

Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"

#101:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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Sermon: **WE SEE LIGHT**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

#374:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Steve Triezenberg

Offering for Baxter Community Center

Offertory: "Offertory in A"

Alexandre Guilmant

* Benediction

* Doxology: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

#374:4

All glory be to God Most High; to God the Son let praises rise;

Whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forevermore.

Amen.

* Postlude: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"

A. Leupold, T. Albrecht

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 7, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: On this Sunday after the Epiphany, the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Isaiah 60:1-6, “We See Light.”

Evening worship: The Rev. Laura Smit preaches from Ephesians 3, “Mystery Made Known.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 14

Morning worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Philippians 2, and we will commission her as our Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care. The offering will be for Mission Outreach.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from John 1:43-51, and the offering will be for the Pine Rest Assistance Fund.

COUNCIL NEWS

From the Deacons: New 2018 giving envelopes have been distributed in your mailboxes. Please note the new format on the face of the envelopes, as now you have the ability to check the box for Ministry Fund, Community Care Goals, Benevolence, and others. For contributions to Missions, please simply check that applicable box for Missions giving. If no box is checked, the contribution will be added to the Ministry Fund. Additional blank envelopes are available in the church pews if needed during our offerings. Questions? See Steve Triezenberg, Dan Bode, or Cindy Brink. If you did not receive an envelope box and would like one, please accept our apologies and see the individuals above, or contact the church office.

PLANNING & VISION REPORT: Dear Congregation, you will find a hard copy of the final report of the Planning and Vision Committee. Council has had the document for a few weeks for review and we are now providing it to you. We hope that it will continue ongoing conversations about the work, vision, and mission of Calvin Church and perhaps spark new ones. Please share any thoughts you might have with your Elder and/or Deacon. Council will be considering how we might turn this work into action over the coming year. If you would like an electronic PDF copy of the document, contact the church office.

If you're a visitor at Calvin and considering us as your church home and would like to see this document, stop by one of the information tables or ask someone whose name tag also has Elder or Deacon on it to assist you in getting a copy.

CHURCH FAMILY

Win Miersma (district 9) is at Breton Woods Nursing for a time of rehabilitation.

Ruth Lobbes (district 9) is at Raybrook Nursing for a time of rehabilitation.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "The Baby in the Basket"

Cheri, Carolyn

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade "The Boy Jesus in the Temple"

Worship Center children are encouraged to continue their giving for missions and to bring their offerings for Family Assistance each Sunday.

CLASS SCHEDULE: TLC, Children's Worship, Church School, and Catechism resume today.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** "A Gift from the Dead to the Living: Restoring an Ancient Water System to Serve a Modern Community in Jordan"

Presenter: Bert DeVries. The Umm el-Jimal Project (UJP) is preserving and reactivating an ancient water collection system that had served the ancient town of Umm el-Jimal from the first to the twentieth centuries, but was abandoned after modern technology enabled drilling into a 1,000-foot deep aquifer. Now over-pumping of this high-tech source has triggered the return to the simpler water technology of the past by the UJP, partnered with the Clean Water Institute of Calvin College and the Umm el-Jimal community.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** "Buechner Essentials" Presenter: Jeff Munroe, Executive Vice President of Western Theological Seminary.

This class will look at the life and work of Frederick Buechner, who has excelled as a novelist / preacher / memoirist / and popular theologian. Since there are almost 40 books to choose from, where should a beginner start or what gems should someone already familiar with Buechner make sure not to miss?

DESTINATION: RUSS' RESTAURANT: 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 8:30 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 8 as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald.

THE CALVIN CHURCH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meetings are held for one hour at 4:00 PM the *second* Wednesday of each month (*year round*) in the church office conference room. Patients, and their caregivers, who are dealing in any way with the effects of cancer are invited to attend. For additional information call the church office at 451-8467 or Mr. Hecker at 451-8855.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on January 10 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Districts 7 and 8 will serve food from 5:00-6:30, and provide nursery care from 5:30-7:00.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES IN 2018: We have extra copies of *Celebration of Discipline* in the church office. Contact Kim Fredricks to purchase a copy. If you would like to join a small group to read and discuss this book and practice the spiritual disciplines together, sign up at the table in the narthex or contact Yvonne Triezenberg or Pastor Rebecca. Look for more information in your mailbox next week about this opportunity for Calvin Church.

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- 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.

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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CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, January 7</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bill & Rosemary Stevenson
	East Greeters: LeRoy & Anjean Stegink
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Gwen Hendrikse Nathan Baker, Tyler Stafford
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: "A Gift from the Dead to the Living" Presenter: Bert DeVries
11:35a	Search Committee meeting in the Conference Room
<i>Monday, January 8</i>	
8:30a	Seniors' Breakfast at Russ'
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
<i>Tuesday, January 9</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
10:30a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
6:00p	Building and Grounds Committee meeting
<i>Wednesday, January 10</i>	
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Coulter)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, and 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, January 11</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Next Sunday, January 14</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	East Greeters: Mark & Wanda Sytsma
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Cindy Brink, Diane Joling Jacqueline Lanning, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kris Kamper
	Coffee Servers: Rozema, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: "Buechner Essentials" Presenter: Jeff Munroe
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall

Prelude: "People, Look East"

Paul Taylor, Nancy Raabe

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

#102:1-4

Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 29

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* Hymn of Preparation: "Gift of Finest Wheat"

#815:1,4,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3

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Sermon: **MYSTERY MADE KNOWN**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

#540:1-3

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

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Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offerings for ACCESS of West Michigan

Offertory: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" [#101]

Anne Krentz Organ

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

#540:4

(concluding with sung "Amen")

* Postlude: "Agapé"

Jim Tidwell

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Laura Smit

Pianist: Kenneth Bos