



Calvin

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



January 21, 2018

Worship Services: 10AM and 5 PM

“Their delight is in the law of the Lord.” Psalm 1:2

Season of Epiphany

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Bruce Klanderma

Ministry of Music: The Calvin College Alumni Choir

Conductor: Randy VanWingerden

Accompanist: Kenneth Bos

Scripture Reader: Kim Stapert

Ten o'clock

January 21, 2018

Prelude: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “The Music of Living”

Dan Forrest

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,

Teach me to sing the words to your song.

I want to feel the music of living and not fear the sad songs

But from them make new songs composed of both laughter and tears.

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,

Teach me to dance to the sounds of your world.

I want to move in rhythm with your plan.

Help me to follow your leading, to risk even falling,

To rise and keep trying, for you are leading the dance.

* Opening Hymn: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

#571:1-5

Stanzas 1,2: All; Stanza 3: Women and Children;

Stanza 4: Men Stanza 5: All

* God’s Greeting

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we follow the advice of the wicked,

that we make a habit of doing what sinners do,

that we join those who make fun of the Lord and his law.

We are like straw that the wind blows away.

Restore us, O Lord, to your ways.

Forgive us for our sin, and plant us in your Word

like trees planted by streams of water.

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response: “Softly and Tenderly”

Rene Clausen

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Anthems: “Psalm 100”

Rene Clausen

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness,
Come into his presence with singing, Alleluia.
Know that the Lord is God, it is He who made us, not we ourselves,
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture, and we are his.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise,
Give thanks to him and praise his holy name.
For the Lord is good, his mercy endures forever,
And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation,
From age to age, Alleluia.

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord”

Moses Hogan

My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.
Before I’d stay in hell one day I’d sing an’ pray myself away.
Goin’ shout an’ pray an’ never stop, until I reach the mountaintop.
Do you love him? Hallelujah! Oh yes, God almighty!
Will you serve him? Oh yes! Hallelujah, God almighty!
Will you praise him? Oh yes! Hallelujah, God almighty!
Lord, I’m anchored. Lord, I love you.
Yes, I’ll serve you, Lord, I’ll praise you.

* Song of Response: “Ten Thousand Reasons”

#559:1-3

(Children may come forward during the last stanza)

Message for Children and Others

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

PREPARATION AND PROCLAMATION

* Hymn of Preparation: "O, for a Closer Walk with God"

#324:1,2,4,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

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Sermon: **ROOTED**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

#105:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Dan Bode

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: "St. Patrick's Hymn"

Dan Forrest

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us,

May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us,

Be always ours this day and forevermore.

* Benediction

* Doxology: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

#105:5

In that glorious city bright none shall need created light;

You its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;

There forever may we sing alleluias to our King!

Amen.

* Choral Response: "Nunc dimittis"

Alexander Gretchaninoff

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

A light to be a light, to lighten the Gentiles,

And to be the glory of thy people, Israel.

* Postlude: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Michael Burkhardt

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 21, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning Worship: We welcome the Calvin College Alumni Choir to lead us in worship. The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Psalm 1, “Rooted,” beginning a once-a-month sermon series on the classic Christian spiritual disciplines.

Evening Worship: Candidate Beverly Weeks preaches from Joshua 3:1-17, “Amazing Proof,” and the Junior Bells lead us in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 28

Morning Worship: Our Sanctuary, Cherub, and Covenant Choirs will lead us in music, and the Scripture Proclamation Team will lead us in hearing Psalm 133 and John 17:20-24. The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will begin a short sermon series based on themes from the Belhar Confession; this week's theme will be “unity.” The offering will be for Safe Haven Ministries.

Evening Worship: Woodlawn CRC will be hosting an evening service, January 28 at 5:00 PM, featuring the Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale. An offering will be taken for God's Kitchen. Nursery will be provided.

Scriptural Themes from the Belhar Confession: For the next three Sunday mornings, Pastor Rebecca will preach from scripture texts related to themes in the Belhar Confession. This document from the South African church was adopted as a Contemporary Testimony of the Christian Reformed Church in 2017. It was written as a Christian response to apartheid. Our three-week series will focus on the Confession's themes of unity (January 28), reconciliation (February 4), and justice (February 11).

COUNCIL NEWS

At its meeting this past Tuesday night the Council welcomed back Pastor Rebecca after her maternity leave. She expressed thanks for the leave and also for her commissioning service last Sunday. She reported on her recent work, among which are plans for a series of once-a-month sermons related to the spiritual disciplines. The Council received positive news about strong year-end giving to the Ministry Fund and other causes. Our Treasurer reports that our current financial picture is very positive. The Council is thankful to God and to a generous and faithful congregation. The final report from the PVC Committee was recently distributed to the congregation. The Council discussed how to best move this work forward so that the many substantive recommendations of the report are considered and engaged with by both committees and the congregation. A motion was passed to formally accept the report, thank the PVC committee for its work, and to solicit their best ideas for how to begin to move

this work forward. As these plans become more clear the Council will inform the congregation about how they too can engage in this important work.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS: Here at Calvin our budget year runs from January to December; however, our Council Session year runs from May to May. At the end of this session four Elders and five Deacons will be retiring from Council, having served for three years. It's been an exciting three years, with Pastor Rebecca becoming our Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care, Pastor Jake serving as Minister of Visitation, Bailey Sarver serving as our Youth Director, and the congregation's approval for the position of Minister of Faith Formation. Our work is now focusing on implementing the report from the Planning and Vision Committee.

Being on Council is a blessing but is also a challenge. It does take time. There are regular meetings. It takes discipline. You will be a part of the work that is required as a member of the church. It means being a servant to the members of Calvin Church, hearing the concerns and the blessings that are an everyday part of the Christian walk through life.

The Council is again asking for you to nominate members who you think would be representative of the congregation to serve as either an Elder or Deacon. We are also asking you to consider whether you would be willing to serve if you are asked to do so. You will find a form in your mailbox that you may use to nominate persons to serve as an Elder or Deacon. There will be a box in the office for your completed nomination form.

CHURCH FAMILY

Rev. Richard Sytsma (district 2) went to be with his Lord on Sunday, January 14. The funeral was held yesterday. Our condolences to the Sytsma family.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Let My People Go!"

Kim, Jacqueline

Kindergarten-2nd grade: "Jesus in the Wilderness"

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

CYG WINTER KICK-OFF AND RETREAT: On Saturday, January 27 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM we will be kicking of the new semester. The afternoon will involve fellowship, practicing solitude, snacks, reflection on the semester behind, and visioning for the year ahead. More details to come!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

CAMPUS SCHOOL: A big thank you to all of you for your generosity to the Giving Tree this past Christmas Season. Your gifts of school supplies were gratefully accepted.

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** There will be no meeting of Adult Education today. The scheduled speaker, Jay Lindquist, is recovering from heart surgery. His presentation has been rescheduled for May 13, 2018.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** “The Pastor’s Wellbeing”
Presenter: Lis Van Harten, Co-director of Pastor Church Resources, CRCNA

Forbes has reported that being a pastor is the 5th most challenging job. James O. Davis, of Global Pastors Network, has said: 1,600 pastors in U.S. churches quit or resign each month, nearly 20% of pastors suffer from stress or burnout, and 50% of pastors become divorced. Fulfilling the call God has placed on a pastor’s life is filled with tremendous joys, and challenges. Come take a look at what’s important for a pastor’s wellbeing and how congregations can nurture that.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our winter blood drive is providentially scheduled for this month. The blood bank reports, *“Dangerously cold temperatures and snowfall are impacting the blood supply. Mobile blood drives have been cancelled or experienced low donor turnout and the blood supply is approaching dangerously low levels. We need your help ensuring that appointment slots for your upcoming blood drive are full.”* Please email Judy Bode to sign up for your donation time on Wednesday, January 24, 2:30 to 7:15 PM, or visit https://donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/101665.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on January 24 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Vandenberg and Triezenbergs will serve food from 5:00-6:30, and Lois Huisman and Gert Bokhout provide nursery care from 5:30-7:00.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers In Service (VIS) will be holding a **FUNdraiser** the evening of Thursday, March 8, at Brookside CRC! This family-friendly event will have food, auction, and entertainment by RiverCity Improv and local pastors. You are invited to join in the fun while supporting VIS! Stay tuned for more details. If you have auction items you would like to donate or any further inquires, please contact Amy Zwiep at azwiep@visgr.org or call at 459-7500.

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, January 21</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bruce & Deb Tiejema
	East Greeters: Ed & Melanie Tolsma
	Nursery Supervisor: Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Helpers: Dan & Melanie Yff
	Natalie Poortenga, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Crothers
11:20a	Church School
	<i>Tuesday, January 23</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, January 24</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Lizewski)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	Search Committee meeting in the Conference Room
	<i>Thursday, January 25</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, January 28</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Don & Karen Trap
	East Greeters: Glenn & Nancy Triezenberg
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Curt & Gwen Overbeek
	Tyler Koeman, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Hubka
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: "The Pastor's Wellbeing" Presenter: Lis Van Harten
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice committee meeting in the Lounge
5:00p	Combined service at Woodlawn CRC