



January 28, 2018

Worship Service: 10 AM

**“How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!”**

Psalm 133:1

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, Cherub Choir, and Covenant Choir

Choir Directors: Lisa Meyer, Amy Netz and Maria VandenBosch

Accompanists: Lisa Meyer and Nancy Triezenberg

Scripture Proclamation Team: Art Jongmsma, Lisa Meyer,

Brian Netz, Grace Poortenga

Dancer: Clara Tolsma

Chimes: Ethan Baker, Kate Triezenberg, Lydia Visker, Charlie Molenbeek

Children’s Message: Mark Vanderhill

Ten o’clock

January 28, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “In Christ There Is No East or West” [LUYH 268]

Peter Pindar Stearns; Robert J. Powell; V. Earl Copes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

Lawrence M. Probes

Arise, be clothed in the light.

Your light has come. Hallelujah.

* Opening Hymns: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#581:1-3

“Be Still for the Presence”

#532:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Reading of the Law and the Summary of the Law

Song of Response: “You Shall Love the Lord”

#724:1-3

(The choir will sing the first stanza; the congregation will join for stanzas 2 and 3)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem of Assurance: “Lumen Christi”

Jayne Southwick Cool

Lumen Christi, lumen Christi.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a bright light.

Lumen Christi, lumen Christi.

The light has shone on those who lived in the land of great darkness.

There was a messenger from God and John was his name.

Spreading the truth about the light was his claim to fame,

For John was not that light; God sent him only to bear witness to that light.

Lumen Christi, lumen Christi.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a bright light.

Lumen Christi, lumen Christi.

The light has shone on those who lived in the land of great darkness.

The real light, which shines on everyone,

Has come into the world— God's own beloved Son.

The light shines in the dark,

And darkness cannot grasp the meaning of that light.

Lumen Christi, lumen Christi, the light of Christ!

* Hymn: “Christ, Be Our Light”

#908:1,2,5

(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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “In Christ There Is No East or West”

#268:1-5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Proclamation: Psalm 133 and John 17:20-24

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Sermon: **TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Affirmation of Faith: from the Belhar Confession **#259**

* Hymn of Response: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” **#256:1-3**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Corrin Meyer

Offering for Safe Haven Ministries

Choral Offertory: “O Lord, You Have Searched and Known Me”

Eugene Butler

O Lord, you have searched and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up.
You search out my path and my lying down
And are acquainted in all my ways.
You lay your hand upon me.
Wonderful are your works, O Lord!
If I ascend into heaven you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning, you are there!
I praise you for you are wonderful.
I praise your name.

* Benediction

* Doxology: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” **#256:4**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.**

Refrain

**And they’ll know we are Christian by our love, by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Preludium e Fuga in D”

J.F.N. Seger

5:00 PM Service at Woodlawn CRC

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 28, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning Worship: Our Sanctuary, Cherub, and Covenant Choirs lead us in music, and the Scripture Proclamation Team leads us in hearing Psalm 133 and John 17:20-24. The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys begins a short sermon series based on themes from the Belhar Confession; this week's sermon will be "Together in Christ," on the theme of unity.

Evening Worship: Woodlawn CRC is hosting an evening service tonight at 5:00 PM, featuring the Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale. Betsy DeVries will be preaching "Who Do You Say I Am?" from Matthew 16:13-20. An offering will be taken for God's Kitchen. Nursery provided.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 4

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our series on the Belhar Confession with a sermon from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 on reconciliation. The offering will be for the GRCS Tuition Support Fund.

Evening worship: Candidate Beverly Weeks will preach from Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, "Putting Up With Weeds." The offering will be for Home Repair Services.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	2/8 Les Ippel (96)
2/12 Carl Kromminga (93)	2/12 Don Schierbeek (87)
2/13 Alma Walhout (92)	2/15 Gord Kamps (85)
2/16 Catherine VandeZande (86)	

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAY:

2/13 Samantha Koeman (20)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:	2/3 Isaac Hubka (13)
2/10 Aaliyah Price (13)	2/19 Aubrey Visker (8)
2/19 Lydia Visker (8)	2/27 Henry TerBeek (13)
2/28 Natalie Poortenga (12)	

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"Bread from Heaven"	Kim, Jacqueline
Kindergarten	"The Sower"	
1 st & 2 nd grade	"Jesus Makes Lazarus Alive Again"	

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

PETER FISH: Children in TLC, WC, and grades 3 and 4 should continue collecting money for world hunger and remember to bring their Peter Fish next Sunday, February 4. TLC can give them to their teachers. Children in grades K-4, please bring them forward for the children's message. Thank you for your work and prayers to help those who are hungry.

VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE will be displaying our school-age children's art work in the nurseries. We are asking parents and teachers for help in collecting artwork from church, school, and home. All media that are two dimensional; weavings, paintings, drawings, collages, etc. are appropriate. The frames are 8 X 10 and we suggest family and religious themes. Artists should put their first and last name and age on the back. Bring your art to the office. Artwork will be displayed on a rotating basis and returned to your family's mailbox. Questions? Contact Mark Vanderhill.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**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 that can be nurtured.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** "Conversation about *Orbiting Jupiter*"

Presenter: MaryAnn Walters. *Orbiting Jupiter*, a novel written for young adults, tells the story of 12-yr-old Jack, whose parents take on a foster child, 14-yr-old Joseph, and the relationship that develops between the two boys. Mary Ann will be joined by the author himself, her friend and colleague Gary Schmidt, and by her 16-yr-old grandnephew Ben Walters, one of the young adults for whom the book was written.

BOOK DRIVE: Volunteers will be putting together take-home family literacy kits for first grade students. Calvin Church has agreed to a book drive for this amazing initiative. We are looking for picture books, early readers, and early chapter books, fiction and non-fiction welcome. Please no board books, religious, or media-inspired books. A collection box is in the office. Large collections or classroom stock welcome. Thousands of books are needed. Contact Jan Wilkins at wikinsj@grps.org if you have questions.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Mark and Julie DeKoster will be providing lunch for students on Sunday, February 4 at 11:30 AM in the Catacomb. We would love for all who are able to join. Please RSVP to Bailey at calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org by noon on Wednesday, January 31.

SAFE HAVEN FOOD OFFERING: At the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and other places in the narthex you will find baskets with slips for a food offering for Safe Haven. Please take as many slips as you would like and bring the food on February 18. If you have a frozen or refrigerated item, please label it clearly for Safe Haven, and use the refrigerator/freezer in the main kitchen. Thanks in advance from the staff and clients of the Ramoth House shelter.

FAMILY PROMISE: Calvin church will be hosting Family Promise families February 18-24. All help is appreciated. The sign-up board is near the kitchen.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLC Auction: Bid on exciting packages at this family-friendly event! Saturday, February 3, Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 4:30 PM; Live Auction begins at 6:00 PM, at Calvary CRC, 3500 Byron Center Ave., Wyoming, MI. All proceeds benefit CLC Network, also known as the Christian Learning Center. Your bids and gifts will help ensure that churches and schools can receive and support the gifts of persons with disabilities.

The annual student-led **Faith and International Development Conference (FIDC)** at Calvin College invites you to participate in this year's conference, which will be held February 8-10, 2018. With the theme *Home: Restoring Our Dwelling Place*, we hope to acknowledge the forces that rip our local, regional, and global homes apart and to understand the Biblical mandate in Isaiah 58:12 to "be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in." We want people to learn how to fearlessly apply themselves to become God's homemakers on earth and see how redemptive and transformative it is to question their presuppositions about home. The cost for people from the Grand Rapids area to attend is \$15. Any questions should be sent to FIDCdirectors@calvin.edu, or call or text at 757-275-8473.

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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: Tom & Sue Keegstra
	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
	<i>Tuesday, January 30</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, January 31</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Meyer)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, February 1</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, February 2</i>
7:30a	Senior Men’s Bible Study
	<i>Next Sunday, February 4</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Steve & Yvonne Triezenberg
	East Greeters: Gord & Jane Vandenberg
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: KaraMarie Lizewski, Cheri Swets
	Grace Spoelma, Louisa Houskamp
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