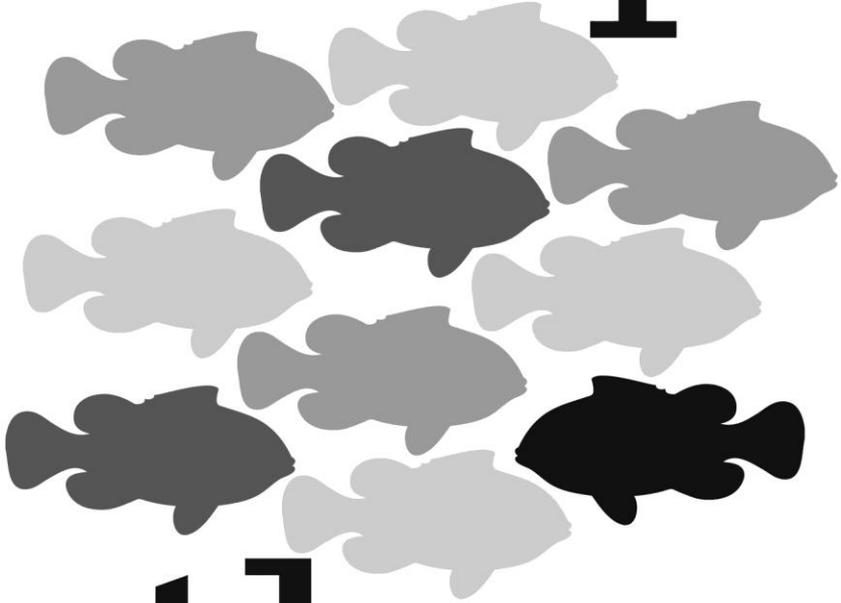


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February 4, 2018

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

**“God reconciled us to himself through Christ, and
has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”**

2 Corinthians 5:18

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: John Tiemstra

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Guest Choir Director: Scott Bosscher

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

This morning 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.

We use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

Ten o’clock

February 4, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “All Glory Be To God on High” [#542]

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Natalie Sleeth

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;

From our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ to find release.

Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;

Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s grace.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—life’s confusions, fears, and pain.

Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom’s reign.

Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he alone will satisfy.

All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

* Opening Hymns: “With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim”

#66: 1-2

“This is My Father’s World”

#21: 1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance: “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

#97: 1-2

Assurance of Pardon

* Song of Response: “To the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

#331: 1-2

(Children may come forward during the singing of this song,
and are invited to bring their Peter Fish gifts for World Renew.)

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: “Give Me Jesus”

#423: 1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tammy Baker

Offering for GRCS Tuition Support Fund

Offertory: “Jesus Priceless Treasure”

J.S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Sermon: **EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW**

Prayer of Application

* Affirmation of Faith: The Belhar Confession

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CHRIST WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

Invitation and Promises

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

* Passing of the Peace

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one. The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(God has given us his peace and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod; as you say, “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

Welcome to the Table

Distribution and Partaking

Distribution Anthems: “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Raymond H. Haan

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus reaches out to save you, full of pity, love and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
There in heaven with the Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms.
Come, ye sinners, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you look to your own goodness you will never heed the call.
Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free gift of mercy see,
Bought for you on Calvary’s mountain, sins forgiven, you are free.

“Come to the Banquet”

Joseph M. Martin

Come to the banquet God has prepared, a table of plenty,
No cost has been spared.
Christ is our servant, we are his guest, at a feast of forgiveness
Where all will be blessed.
Come and remember as you eat the bread all the ways that he fed you
By the words that he said.
There’s rest for the weary, strength for the small.
O come and remember the Savior of all.
Come to the table, rejoice in the wine that refreshes the spirit,
Brings peace to the mind.
Come, drink your fill till hearts overflow.
O come to the banquet where God’s grace is shown.
Go from the banquet with hearts strong and pure,
Your place at the table forever secure.
Ask all who hunger to join with you there,
For there’s room at the banquet and plenty to share.

Prayer (from Psalm 103 and Revelation 5)

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits –
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor
and glory and praise!

Hymn of Response: “I Surrender All”

#739: 1-3

Offering for the Benevolent Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**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, amen.**

* Postlude: "All Glory Be To God on High"

G. Boehm

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 4, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our series on the Belhar Confession with a sermon from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 on reconciliation.

Evening worship: Candidate Beverly Weeks preaches from Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, "Putting Up With Weeds."

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 11

Morning worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will finish our series on the Belhar Confession with a sermon on justice from Luke 4:16-21, "Good News to the Poor." The offering will be for Mission Outreach.

Evening worship: The Rev. Arianna Tolsma will lead our time of worship, and the offering will be for Wings of Mercy.

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Calvin Church will hold a 7:00 PM worship service with our Covenant and Cherub choirs, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys offering a meditation from Joel 2, and the imposition of ashes to all who desire.

CHURCH FAMILY

Our apologies to Catherine VandeZande, her birthday is in June and she will be only 84 years old. The date and age printed for February are that of her late husband.

Thank you for the numerous cards, calls, visits, and assurances of prayer that we received as we mourn the sudden loss of our son and brother David Brouwer. Your support and comfort mean a great deal to us as we travel this difficult journey.
Marcia Brouwer and family

Thank you, Congregation, for the lovely Christmas and New Year greetings sent my way individually and in the charming hand-decorated “congregational” bag. I am deeply moved.
Carl Kromminga

Thank you for the cards, concerns, prayers, and visits from our pastors. You are all a blessing to me.
Ruth Lobbes

Thank you for your kind words and remembrances for my 90th birthday. It was a great day and I received many cards from church members! I am deeply appreciative of your cards and saying, “I am missed.”
Bob Talsma

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	“The Ten Commandments”	Merri, Annika
Kindergarten	“Jesus and Bartimaeus”	
1 st & 2 nd grade	“The Gift of the Poor Widow”	

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

CHILDREN’S BANNER: The idea for a banner to lead the children to their own worship time came from Mark Vanderhill and it was beautifully designed and constructed by Judy Bode. Dan Bode made the pole and stand from one of our old church pews, reminding us of the Calvin Church family through the years. The image of the Good Shepherd is an important theme in Worship Center: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who watches over his sheep and calls them by name; they know his voice and follow him. Our Good Shepherd seeks and finds the lost sheep and even lays down his life for them. The borders of the banner are similar to our stained glass windows and the material and shape of the shepherd reminds us of the wooden figures we use in Worship Center. The footprints, dark mountain, and blue water encourage us to follow Jesus and assure us that he is with us wherever we go, even in the dark places and by the still waters.

PETER FISH: Children in TLC, WC, and grades 3 and 4 should bring their Peter Fish today. 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.

CATECHISM: Catechism Students, please remember to attend Adult Education in room 1 this morning for a conversation about *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary Schmidt.

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:** "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.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** "The Golden Rule and Economic Life" Presenter: John Tiemstra. The increased concentration of wealth in our society is partly due to a cultural change from an expectation of mutual gain in transactions to a sports model, where there must be a winner and a loser. We should go back to a model based on the Golden Rule: treat others as you would wish to be treated.

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 wilkinsj@grps.org if you have questions.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Mark and Julie DeKoster are providing lunch for students in the Catacomb today. We would love for all who are able to join.

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 SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on February 7 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 9 and 10 will serve food from 5:00-6:30, and provide nursery care from 5:30-7:00.

FISH FOR MY PEOPLE: FISH day for Calvin Church is Thursday, February 8. Volunteer drivers can expect a call on February 7 if you are needed. With thanks.

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

Leadership Development Grant: For the academic year 2018-2019 Classis Grand Rapids East will provide need-based financial aid to students who are members of a church in our Classis, planning to enroll in an approved M. Div. program, and committed to entering ordained ministry in the CRC. The application deadline is March 1, 2018. Details and the application form are available on the Classis website under “Leadership Development Grants” at <http://classisgreast.org/index.php/ministry-grants/>

FINANCIAL MENTOR TRAINING: At the request of church leaders, Volunteers In Service is seeking individuals to be trained as financial mentors. There are thirty-five mentors who have been trained and are connected and we could use fifty more to fill the high demand! This training is at no cost to you and is held four consecutive weeks, on Monday nights beginning February 12 from 6:30PM —8:30PM. For more information visit the VIS website at visgr.org. To register or for questions please contact Bernita Tuinenga at btuinenga@visgr.org or 459-7500 ext. 15.

GEMS Girls’ Clubs is celebrating its 60th birthday this year, and we plan to kick off the celebration at the 2018 Conference. Any woman is invited to attend! Will you help us celebrate? Join us in Ancaster, Ontario at Redeemer University College on July 13-15, 2018. You can find more details on the GEMS website. Discounted individual and group rates are available until March 10. Register soon!

Women Helping Women: Are you a woman wrestling with how to think and communicate biblical truth regarding sexual issues? Join the women's staff of Harvest USA as they present this one day seminar which provides practical training to think biblically and minister graciously to sexual strugglers. We will discuss God's design for sexuality, how patterns of sexual and relational sin develop, and discover biblical wisdom regarding the discipleship process. Join us March 10 at First Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center, MI. Tickets are \$20 per person, lunch will be provided. The seminar is Saturday, 9:00AM – 3:30PM. To purchase tickets go to: womenhelpingwomen2018.eventbrite.com

Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

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, 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
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: "Conversation about <i>Orbiting Jupiter</i> " Presenter: MaryAnn Walters
6:15p	Search Committee meeting in the Conference Room
<i>Tuesday, February 6</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
10:30a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
6:00p	Executive committee meeting in the Conference Room
6:30p	Building & Grounds committee meeting
7:30p	Elders meeting in Room 16
<i>Wednesday, February 7</i>	
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Molenbeek)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, and 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, February 8</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Saturday, February 10</i>	
7:30a	Eastown Community Association Pancake Breakfast
	78ers Outing
4:00p	Fellowship Hall Rental
<i>Next Sunday, February 11</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Jim & Maria VandenBosch
	East Greeters: Roger & Ruth Westrate
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Amy Netz
	Arie TerBeek, Clara Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Trap
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: "The Golden Rule and Economic Life" by John Tiemstra
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall

Prelude: Two Songs without Words

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

#179:1-3

Hymnsing

Revised Common Lectionary Reading: Psalm 84

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* Hymn of Preparation: "In Thee is Gladness"

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

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Sermon: **PUTTING UP WITH WEEDS**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "Within the Shelter of the Lord"

#459:1-3

* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

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Evening and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offering for Home Repair Services

Offertory: "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Lani Smith

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

#179:4

(concluded with sung **Amen**)

* Postlude: "Invention in B^b Major"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Preaching Pastor: Beverly Weeks

Pianist: Kenneth Bos