



FIRST SUNDAY
in Lent

February 18, 2018

Worship Services 10 AM and 5 PM

“ . . . we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ . . . ” Ephesians 4:15

Liturgist: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Preacher: The Rev. Laura Smit
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers
Director: Stephanie Wiltse
Cello: Corrin Meyer
Scripture Reader: Suzi Steketee
Lenten Readers: Grace Poortenga, Tyler Stafford

Ten o'clock

February 18, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” [#424] C. Parrish, D. Schelat, H. Willan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” arr. Dan R. Edwards

* Opening Hymn: “Jesus Is Our King” #602:1-4
“Take My Life and Let It Be” #863:1-3,6

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God
whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way,
yet was without sin,
we confess before you our own sinfulness;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk
in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: “Behold the Lamb of God”

#110:1,14

The choir will sing stanza 1,
and the congregation will join on stanza 14 after the readings.

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

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* Hymn of Response: “There is a Redeemer”

#833:1-3

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: “Meditation”

Brian Childers

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

#137:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4

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Sermon: **CLOTHED WITH THE NEW SELF**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Go to the World”

#925:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kris Bergh

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: “Aria”

Flor Peeters

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Go to the World”

#925:4

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry “Amen.” Alleluia!**

* Postlude: “Postlude in F”

Alexandre Guilmant

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 18, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: The Rev. Laura Smit preaches, and the Allegro Ringers lead us in music.

This morning the Youth Choir introduces the hymn, “Behold the Lamb of God.” Calvin Church will sing this hymn weekly throughout the Lenten season. The Sanctuary Choir or Youth Choir will sing the first stanza, followed by the reading of two stanzas by youth readers, and then the entire congregation will join hearts and voices together to sing the fourteenth stanza.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer preaches from 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, the Junior Bells lead us in music. Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

CHANCEL BANNER: The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord. The red expresses Christ’s suffering; the branch is a symbol of His crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering; the thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ’s victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens and comforts, so Christ as the “Son of Righteousness” gives new life to His own.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 25

Morning worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our once-a-month series on the spiritual disciplines with a sermon from John 15:1-11 on prayer. The offering will be for Holland Home Foundation.

Evening worship: We will welcome the Jubal Brass to lead our time of worship. The offering will be for Wedgwood Christian Services.

COUNCIL NEWS

From the Deacons: Thank you to all the children and their families who filled Peter Fish banks with gifts for World Renew. Calvin Church was able to give a gift of \$288.28.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers in front of the sanctuary are in loving memory of Greg Lanning who would have celebrated his 63rd birthday this month. He is forever remembered as our 25 year-old son and brother.

John & Bernie Hedrick and Cindy Lanning Burch

We pray for **Mark and Cheri Swets and John and Jenna** (district 5) after the death of Mark's father, Ken Swets, on February 12. A funeral was held on February 17 in San Angelo, Texas, Ken's home.

Marilyn Brumels (district 2) had a fall this week and broke her leg and her arm. She is at Blodgett Hospital.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"Samson and Delilah"	Kara, Clara
Kindergarten	"The Parable of the Mustard Seed"	
1 st & 2 nd grade	"The Most Important Commandment"	

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

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Church in Charts: A Look at CRC Survey Data. Presenter: Neil Carlson, Calvin College CSR

We'll review results from the 2017 "Our Journey 2020" survey of CRC congregants in the US and Canada, and discuss the dynamic and problematic relationships among theology, culture, demographics, and social-scientific methods.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Telling the Wonders of Creation's King. Presenters: Bill Hoogstrate and Julie DeKoster, Teachers at Ada Christian School.

Ada Christian School opened its doors to the first students in the fall of 1951. We remained in that location for 51 years. In the fall of 2002 we moved to our current campus situated on 37 acres endowed by our Creator with woods and wetlands to explore. Today we have a robust Integrated Outdoor Education Program with well-planned and cared-for spaces to engage our 3 year-old through 8th grade students. We look forward to sharing a bird's eye view with you and would also like to invite you to tour the space in the spring.

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the March *Courier* are due to Clare Walhout (clarewalhout@gmail.com) or Wally Bratt (wally.bratt@gmail.com) by Tuesday, February 20.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on February 21 for adults and their children. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Glenn and Nancy Triezenberg and Ron and Joanne Rozema will serve food from 5:00-6:30, and Lois Huisman and Gert Bokhout will provide nursery care from 5:30-7:00.

FOOD TRUCK: Calvin Church is sponsoring a food truck on February 22 at 1250 Sigsbee St SE from 4 PM to 6 PM. All volunteers are welcome. If you are planning on coming or have additional questions, please email Mark Sytsma mark@walkertool.com.

COLLEGE LUNCH: Julie and Bert Bowden have generously offered to provide lunch for college students on Sunday, March 4. We would love for all who are able and available to join. Please RSVP to Bailey by sending an email to calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org by 12:00 PM Thursday, March 1.

SOUP SUPPER: CYG Soup Supper will be Wednesday, March 21. If you're willing and able to bring soup, we would deeply appreciate it. If you're interested in helping, please sign up at the TRIP table or send Bailey and email at calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org

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. Contact Jan Wilkins at wilkinsj@grps.org if you have questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday morning women's Bible study led by Pastor Rebecca will meet this spring on March 14, 21, April 4, 11, 25, and May 2.

COMMUNITY CARE/SOCIAL JUSTICE: Do you have a passion for social justice issues? And a heart to "bring good news to the poor" and disenfranchised? Consider joining the Community Care/Social Justice committee. We meet once a month to focus on doing God's will in our broken world.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers In Service Fundraiser: A very exciting, fun, family (take your kids!) event is coming up on March 8. It includes a *not-so-silent* auction, activities for kids, supper, a pastor's faceoff with *Bad Dad* jokes, and River City Improv. To get your tickets register at www.visgr.org.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, February 18, First Sunday in Lent, Family Promise begins</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Kyle & Corey Visker
	East Greeters: Dan & Becky Baker
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Curt & Gwen Overbeek, Grace Poortenga, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: "The Church in Charts: A Look at CRC Survey Data" Presenter: Neil Carlson
	<i>Tuesday, February 20</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meet in Room 1
7:30p	Council meets in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, February 21</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Rayburn)
	Allegro Ringers
6:30p	Search Committee meeting in the Conference Room
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, February 22</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
4:00p	Food Truck at Sigsbee School
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday in Lent</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Dan & Melanie Yff
	East Greeters: Mark & Marlene Vanderhill
	Nursery Supervisor: Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Helpers: Henry TerBeek, Nick Overbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Bulthuis
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Telling the Wonders of Creation's King Presenters: Bill Hoogstrate and Julie DeKoster
3:00p	Light of Christ Community in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care / Social Justice committee meeting



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

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