



SECOND SUNDAY
in Lent

February 25, 2018

Worship Services 10 AM and 5 PM

“Abide in me as I abide in you.”

John 15:4

Second Sunday in Lent

Ten o'clock

February 25, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth” [#919] F. Zachau, G. Böhm

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Holy, Holy, Holy” Jorge Lockward

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart pours out my praise to you; you are holy, Lord.

* Opening Hymn: “He Leadeth Me” **#440:1,2,4**
“Shout to the Lord” **#603:1-2**

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,
cleansing us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem: "Create in Me, O God"
Create in me, O God, a pure heart,
And grant anew a right spirit within me.

Johannes Brahms

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: "Behold the Lamb of God" #110:1,14
Verse 1: choir, verses 4 & 5: readers, verse 14: congregation

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

* Hymn of Response: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #325:1,4

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: "Jesus Shall Reign" #219:1-4

*We join with congregations around the world in singing this hymn on
February 25 as part of the Global Hymn Sing, an expression of the united
mission of the church.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-11 page 878

Sermon: **CONTINUING AND BEGINNING**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #348:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Lois Huisman

Offering for Holland Home Foundation

Offertory: "I Am the Holy Vine" [#851] Benjamin Culli, Karl Osterland

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Glory Be to the Father”

#961

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

* Postlude: “Prelude in D Minor”

J.S. Bach

Liturgist: Bailey Sarver

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Proclamation Team: Julie DeKoster, Brian Netz

Lenten Readers: Annika Baker, Carolyn Prince

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 25, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our once-a-month series on the spiritual disciplines with a sermon from John 15:1-11 on prayer.

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

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 4

Morning Worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Psalm 19, and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music. The offering will be for Inner City Christian Federation.

Evening Worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Rev. Laura Smit will preach from Ephesians 5. The offering will be for Eastown Community Association.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council Update: At Council three major items were discussed and passed. The first, a list of names was approved by Council to receive letters for service to Calvin Church as an Elder or Deacon. These letters will be mailed by March 1 and we ask that if you receive a letter that you prayerfully consider serving. For the next session of Council we will be needing five Deacons and four Elders. We need persons in administrative roles and in shepherding roles in both bodies.

After that discussion, a recommendation to create a Personnel Committee was brought forward and approved. This comes from work done as we revised Pastor Rebecca's position and created the Minister of Faith Formation. This committee will clarify lines of oversight and communication between all Staff and Council and reports to the Executive Committee. The next steps are to create the mandate and to find persons to serve on it.

Council then reviewed and passed a proposal to revise the structure of Committees and Council oversight. Rather than report directly to Council, Committees will now report to and be overseen by either the Deacons, Elders, or Executive. Committees will be asked to review their mandates and be advised of lines of communication and oversight. While this may sound as if we are increasing the bureaucracy we anticipate the opposite. Elders, Deacons, and Executive will have greater authority to approve requests coming from the committees and to make requests of the committees. Council is still the final authority for the big decisions. It is anticipated that Council will not have to meet as often under this new structure.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	3/1 Ellie Zwier (89)
3/1 Loren Rupke (88)	3/4 Marian Beltman (98)
3/5 Joy DeBoer (86)	3/8 Celia Steele (87)
3/9 Dave Tuuk (92)	3/10 Wayne VanWylen (89)
3/20 Marian Heerema (85)	3/23 Rich Wevers (85)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

3/4 Jonathan DeKoster (23), Terlumun Nyamor (22)
3/11 Emily DeKoster (19) 3/22 Ian Ezinga (20)

Marilyn Brumels (district 2) is at Trillium Woods receiving hospice care.

Lauris Pruis (district 9) has moved to:

Raybrook Manor, 2121 Raybrook St. SE #356, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given in loving memory of
Vonnie Poortenga. *Jim Poortenga and family*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS:	3/7 Abi Lizewski (10)
3/12 Wesley Visker (3)	3/21 Jackson Rayburn (3)
3/23 Lydia Tolsma (13)	

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"Ruth and Naomi"	Kara, Clara
Kindergarten	"Jesus and Zaccheus"	
1 st & 2 nd grade	"A Woman Anoints Jesus for Burial"	

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

CYG: Due to Midwinter Break, CYG will not be meeting this Sunday evening, February 25. We will meet next week, Sunday, March 4 instead. After next week, we will resume the regular schedule.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**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.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Homes Initiative
Presenter: Ryan VerWys CEO, President, Inner City Christian Federation

The presentation will explore the affordable housing crisis we are currently experiencing in Grand Rapids. You will learn how ICCF got started after the 1967 race riots, when racial discrimination, unfair lending practices, and laws prevented minorities from having adequate housing. For forty-four years, ICCF has provided affordable housing solutions and services for low to moderate income families and individuals.

COMMUNITY CARE/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet today at 3:45 PM in the Lounge.

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 an email at calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org

SAVE THE DATE: Lenten Breakfast is March 28 at 9:30 AM (details to come). Once again we remember our Lord's journey to the cross and we do so in solemn reflection through fellowship, music and spoken word. Romans 3:25a, 26b “. . . God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood . . . he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.”

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.

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- 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.
- 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, 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
	<i>Tuesday, February 27</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, February 28</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Spoelma)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, March 1</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, March 2</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Next Sunday, March 4, Third Sunday in Lent</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Dwight & Tammy Baker
	East Greeters: Rich & Fran Baker
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Wanda Sytsma, Kyle Heys Isaac Hubka, Annika Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Simone Gibson
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Sytsma
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Homes Initiative. Presenter: Ryan VerWys
6:30p	CYG in the Catacomb