

**“Hosanna! Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

**Mark 11:9**

**Palm Sunday**

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**Ten o'clock**

**March 25, 2018**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Four Preludes on “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” [#146]

Alfred Fedak, Georg F. Kaufmann, John G. Barr, Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Helen Kemp

“Hosanna! Hosanna!” the little children sing;

“Hosanna, Hosanna! For Christ, our Lord, is King.”

“Prepare the way,” the children sing,

“Hosanna to our Lord and King!”

\* Opening Hymns with Palm Processional:

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

#149:1,2,4

“Lift High the Cross”

#264:1,4

Anthem: “Hosanna in the Highest”

Hal Hopson

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you.**

**With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you.**

**Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you  
often deny or defy you. And we confess that the hands that seek  
to serve you often become fists. Lord, hear us as we confess.**

[Silence]

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

the Lord answered me and set me free.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!**

**In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

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

**#110:1,14**

Verse 1: Choir

Verse 11.5, 12: Reader:

See him ride in humble splendor; See their King draw near.

Hear the people singing, shouting their “Hosanna” cheer.

Sense the triumph they demand; See the crowd misunderstand.

Verse 14: Congregation

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**#146:1,3,5**

(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.**

Anthem: “Look Who’s Coming!”

Michael Bedford

Look who’s coming! Look who’s coming through Jerusalem today:

It is Jesus Christ, the teacher, spread palm branches on his way.

*Refrain*

Sing hosanna, loud hosanna! Let the joyful song be heard;

Sing hosanna, loud hosanna! Sound the trumpet, spread the word!

Look who’s coming! Look who’s coming through Jerusalem today:

It is Jesus Christ, the healer, spread palm branches on his way.

Look who’s coming! Look who’s coming through Jerusalem today:

It is Jesus Christ, the Savior, spread palm branches on his way.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “My Song Is Love Unknown”

**#148:1,3,4,6**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

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Sermon: **HOSANNA TO THE KING**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “Rejoice, O Zion’s Daughter”

**#151:1-4**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Judy Stoner

Offering for Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise

Offertory: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” [#146] J. C. Barr, B. Culli

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

**#111:6**

**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad—  
The Trinity, whom we adore forever and forevermore.  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: “The Palms”

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Liturgist: Bailey Sarver

Preacher: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Lenten Reader: Louisa Houskamp

Ministry of Music: Covenant and Cherub Choirs

Directors: Amy Netz and Maria VandenBosch

Accompanist: Gwen Hendrikse

Chimes: Charles Molenbeek, Molly Netz, Kate Rayburn,  
Luke Spoelma, Kate Triezenberg, Aubrey Visker, Lydia Visker

Handbells: Nathan Baker, Louisa Houskamp, Erin Hubka,  
Isaac Hubka, Lydia Tolsma

French Horns: Bobby Houskamp, Bert Bowden

Scripture Proclamation Team: Art Jongsma, Lisa Meyer,  
Brian Netz, Grace Poortenga

## *Calvin CRC Announcements for March 25, 2018*

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM**

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*Morning worship:* We remember Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Mark 1:1-11 and our Covenant and Cherub Choirs lead us in music.

*Evening worship:* The Rev. Karl Van Harn leads our time of worship.

### **Thursday, March 29, Maundy Thursday**

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*7:00 PM worship:* We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in a Tenebrae service of prayer and song.

**BENEVOLENCE:** Offerings for Benevolence will be collected by Deacons at the doors as you exit the Fellowship Hall following the Maundy Thursday Service on March 29. The balance in the Benevolence Fund is currently low and we are anticipating upcoming urgent requests for assistance. The Deacons and members of the Benevolence Committee are always grateful for the generous giving from members of our congregation toward this cause. We want to remind you that you can make a financial contribution toward Benevolence at any time by checking the "Benevolence" box on the new giving envelope. If you write a check, please also write "Benevolence" on the memo line. Many people in our congregation and in our community have been richly blessed by the assistance that we can lovingly provide through our Benevolence funds, and your generous giving makes that possible. Thank you.

### **WORSHIP Friday, March 30, Good Friday**

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**Ecumenical Good Friday Service:** You are warmly invited to an ecumenical Good Friday service that will take place at noon, March 30 at Central Reformed Church (10 College Ave. NE). Worshipers from churches all over Grand Rapids will gather for a time of word and song, prayer and silence, reflection and praise. Dr. Laura Smit, Professor of Religion at Calvin College, will offer a message based on Luke 23:26-43. We hope you can join us for a reflective hour at the foot of the cross.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, Resurrection Sunday**

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*Morning worship:* On this Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Mark 16:1-8, and our Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." All those who wish to join are welcome. Our offering will be for Safe Haven Ministries.

## COUNCIL NEWS

**Minister of Faith Formation Search Update:** This week Council received a report from the Search Committee for the position of Minister of Faith Formation.

Following a search that generated many qualified candidates and three outstanding finalists, this month the committee voted unanimously to recommend candidate Brad Zwiers for the position. Brad is a 2015 graduate of Western Theological Seminary and lives in Holland. During his interview Brad conveyed a mature and articulate expression of love for God, the church, our Reformed faith, and youth. He brings experience as a high school chaplain, enthusiasm and a sense of calling to this ministry, and strong references from multiple leaders who know him well.

Prior to a Council decision this spring, Brad Zwiers will be invited to lead a worship service and meet with our congregation.

## CHURCH FAMILY

**The flowers** in the sanctuary are from Chris Ekdorf's family.

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| <b>85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:</b> | 4/1 Win Miersma (90)       |
| 4/2 Al Bratt (85)              | 4/19 John VanderPloeg (90) |
| 4/29 Lauris Pruis (85)         | 4/30 Barb Hoekwater (85)   |

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAY:**

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After several months of recovery from a fall, **Win Miersma** (district 9) is thankful to be back in her home. On Easter Sunday, April 1, Win will be 90 years old. She would be blessed by cards from her church family.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Chris Ekdorf** (district 4) including her husband **Don** after her death on March 15.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Stan Lizewski** (district 3) including his wife **KaraMarie**, children **Harmoni, Abi, Jeremiah, and LydiaGrace**, in-laws **Dick and Jan Wilkins** (district 10), **Kim, Lee, and Nico Wierenga** (district 10), **Rich and Sylvia Wevers** (district 6), **MaryLou Wilkins** (district 5), **Dan and Judy Bode** (district 8), **Mark and Sue Hoekstra** (district 1) after his death on March 15.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### **TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

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| 2 - 4 year-olds                         | "Hosanna!"                | Cheri, Erin |
| Kindergarten                            | "The Road to Emmaus"      |             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade | "Jesus Appears to Thomas" |             |

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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

4/14 Andrew and Jacob Brink (9)

4/11 Olivia Coulter (4)

4/30 Molly Netz (8)

**CLASS SCHEDULES:** *April 1 and 8:* TLC, Children's Worship Center, and Church School classes do not meet. TLC children may attend nursery or the sanctuary for worship. Busy bags are on the picket fence in the Atrium. Bulletins for older children are in the holder in the Narthex.

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**THANK YOU** to all who brought in a wide variety of most delicious soups and another **THANK YOU** to all those who came to eat and supported the CYG's service and learning experience in Muskegon, MI this summer.

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** High Five for Francis: Assessing Five Years of Pope Francis After His Election. Presenter: Rev. René Constanza, CSP [Congregation of St. Paul's, known as Paulist Fathers]

On March 13, 2013, Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected the new spiritual leader of more than a billion Roman Catholics in the world. March 2018 marks five years since Cardinal Bergoglio became Pope Francis. The presentation focuses on five areas that Pope Francis has addressed that will likely be his legacy, while giving a snapshot of the unique imprint of his personality and spiritual journey.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** No class on Easter.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** This week Wednesday, we are welcome to attend the Lenten breakfast. We'll gather again for our next study session on Wednesday, April 4. We'll study our lesson that was postponed from March 21 on the spiritual discipline of prayer from Matthew 6:5-15.

**LENTEN BREAKFAST** is March 28 at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy fellowship, music, meditation, and food. An invitation has been extended to St. Luke AME to join us. Invite family, friends, and neighbors. For reservations: sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, church office: 616-451-8467, or Gert Bokhout: 616-460-6002, gbokhout@comcast.net *by tomorrow, March 26.* A free-will donation to cover expenses and support Family Assistance will be accepted.

**CALVIN FAMILY ASSISTANCE** will close for Spring Break during the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will re-open, Tuesday, April 10, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

**COLLEGE AND CAREER:** Pastor Rebecca and Kyle have graciously offered to host lunch on Sunday, April 8. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Bailey at calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org by noon on Thursday, April 5.

# CALENDAR

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|        | <i><b>Today, Palm Sunday, March 25</b></i>  |
| 9:30a  | Prayer Time (Prayer Room)   |
| 9:40a  | Atrium Greeters: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef  |
|        | East Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer  |
|        | Nursery Supervisor: Lindsay Molenbeek   |
|        | Nursery Helpers: Dwight & Tammy Baker   |
|        | Tyler Stafford, Maria Poortenga   |
| 11:15a | Library Volunteer: Kris Kamper  |
|        | Coffee Servers: Rosema, Hubka   |
| 11:20a | Church School   |
| 11:30a | Adult Education: High Five for Francis: Assessing Five Years of Pope Francis After His Election. Presenter: Rev. René Constanza |
| 3:00p  | Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall  |
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|        | <i><b>Tuesday, March 27</b></i>   |
| 9:30a  | Family Assistance   |
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|        | <i><b>Wednesday, March 28</b></i>   |
| 9:30a  | Lenten Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall   |
| 5:30p  | Junior Bells  |
| 6:15p  | Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Mrs. VandenBosch )  |
|        | Allegro Ringers   |
| 7:30p  | Sanctuary Choir in Fellowship Hall  |
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|        | <i><b>Thursday, March 29, Maundy Thursday</b></i>   |
| 9:00a  | Take Charge meeting   |
| 9:30a  | Family Assistance   |
| 7:00p  | Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall  |
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|        | <i><b>Resurrection Sunday, April 1</b></i>  |
| 9:30a  | Prayer Time (Prayer Room)   |
| 9:40a  | Atrium Greeters: Nate & Marissa Dierlam   |
|        | East Greeters: Mike & Kathy Cok   |
|        | Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn  |
|        | Nursery Helpers: Dave & Becky Baker   |
|        | Erin Hubka, Clara Tolsma  |
| 11:15a | Library Volunteer: Karen Bordewyk   |
|        | Coffee Servers: All Fellowship Committee members  |
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## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Safe Haven Ministries** has been helping women and children find freedom from domestic violence since 1990. That help is provided through Ramoth House (our emergency shelter), support groups, individual case management, and education of our community about prevention. Safe Haven has been able to do this important work because God has provided partners who care. Your church is part of that. Now we have some exciting news to share. An anonymous donor has generously provided a matching gift. Any gifts received from new donors, increased gifts from current donors, and any gifts from donors who renew their support (gave previously, but not this year or last year) between March 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. **We need your help to meet this match!** If you have questions or would like to send a gift, please contact Kent Bosma at 616-452-6664 or [kbosma@safehavenministries.org](mailto:kbosma@safehavenministries.org), or go to [www.safehavenministries.org/support](http://www.safehavenministries.org/support)

**West Michigan Prayer Summit:** Classis Grand Rapids South and Resonate Global Mission will host this event April 20-21 at Hillside Community Church in Grand Rapids. This will be an opportunity for the people of West Michigan to gather in prayer for our lives, churches, communities, and country. Featured presenters include Dr. Richard Mouw, Dr. Mary Vandenberg, Dr. Pildo Joung, Dr. Joseph Stowell, Pastor Jeffery Hough, and Mr. Jim Engen. Worship led by a wide variety of musicians including Calvin College Gospel Choir and the Grace Korean Church Student Choir. See [joinprayersummit.org](http://joinprayersummit.org) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Legacy Christian School Auction is coming and we would love to have you join us. The LCS Auction will be held on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 5:15 PM at our West Campus (67 68<sup>th</sup> St SW). Lots of awesome silent auction items and some fantastic live auction items will be up for bid. We look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!





## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed for Ministry**

### **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-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://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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- Prelude: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" M. Ham
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is with Us" **#600:1,3,4**
- Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 31 page 439
- \* Hymn of Preparation: "Lift Up the Gates Eternal" **#144:1,4,5,7**
- Prayer for Illumination
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 22 page 434
- Sermon: **WHEN HOPE SEEMS DISTANT**
- Prayer of Application
- \* Hymn of Response: "I Need Thee Every Hour" **#322:1-3**
- \* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal
- Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer
- Presentation of Offerings  
Offerings for Dégagé Ministries  
Offertory: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" J. Carter
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended" **#387:1,2,4**  
(concluding with sung "Amen")
- \* Postlude: "Con Spirito" T. Arne