



Calvin Christian Reformed Church

Growing in Discipleship ...

...Transformed for Ministry

September 11, 2016

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:2

Season of Ordinary Time

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 serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

Ten o’clock

September 11, 2016

Prelude: Three Preludes on “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” [#581]
Benjamin Culli; Adrian Mann; Albert Travis

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “The Road Home” Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know
There’s a way, there’s a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there’s a calling from far away,
There’s a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

“Rise up, follow me, come away” is the call,
“With the love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong.
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.”

* Opening Hymns: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #581:1,3
“We Will Extol You, God and King” #562:1,2,4

* God’s Greeting

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession (from Romans 6:3-4)

Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake;
Yet, we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone,
and we have wandered from your pathway.
As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

Song of Assurance "In Christ Alone"

#770:1-4

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Professions of Faith: Morgan Burghgraef, Aubrie Cok, Maria Poortenga, Olivia Prince, and Ismael Zuno

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

* Hymn: "Oh God, You Are My God" (include repeat) #743
(Supporters and children through 4th grade may come forward.)

Prayer for our newest professing members Char Bulthuis

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

PREPARATION AND PROCLAMATION

* Hymn of Preparation: "Like a River Glorious" #699:1-2

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: "A Taste of Cana's Wine"

David Evan Thomas

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10

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Sermon: **Lost and Found**

Prayer of Application

The Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

* 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

Anthems: "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 Saviour 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.

"O God, We Kneel before Your Throne"

Roy Hopp

O God, we kneel before your throne to honor you whose name is known
To all your family by your love on earth below and heaven above:

Refrain:

How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!

O Christ, we bow in faith to pray: come live within our hearts today
And fill us till we overflow with love surpassing all we know:

O Spirit, grace us with power so that our weakened faith may flower;
Come breathe your sacred harmony that we with all your saints may see:

Now to the One who can do more than we could dream of asking for,
Eternal glory to our King as generations rise to sing:

Prayer

Hymn of Response: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
(Offering for the Benevolent Fund)

#693:1-5

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#964

**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: “Trumpet Processional in G”

David Lasky

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Jan Postma, Barb Vis, Bill Vis, Gary Verstraete

Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp

Calvin CRC Announcements for September 11, 2016

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning Worship: We celebrate the Lord's Supper and the Professions of Faith of Morgan Burghgraef, Aubrie Cok, Maria Poortenga, Olivia Prince, and Ismael Zuno. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 15:1-10, “Lost and Found.” We welcome the Sherman Street Quartet who will bring the Ministry of Music.

Evening worship: John Klompmaker will preach on Joshua 1:1-11, “Courage in the Midst of Change.” John writes: “I love Jesus Christ. I am married to Jan. We have three children, two grandchildren. We have worked in Christian education for 38 years. I hold a license to exhort from Classis Illiana. We have recently returned from two years living and teaching in Beijing, China.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 18 Music Dedication

Morning worship: We will kick off a new year for our music ensembles and dedicate our music to God. Rev. Joyce Berger, editor of *Reformed Worship* and former member of Calvin Church, will preach from Psalm 98, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 13:10-17, "Standing Up Straight." Our offering will be for Global Gifts.

FROM YOUR COUNCIL

The work of the Planning and Vision Committee continues to move forward and they are interested in hearing from the congregation and receiving the prayers of the congregation. With the departure of Pastor Doug, the need to fill services with pulpit supply has been taken on and all morning and evening services are filled through the end of the year. Pastor Rebecca is taking on additional responsibilities that were in the planning stages prior to Pastor Doug's call. You may read more details about these ongoing plans and work in the next edition of the Courier. Please feel free to ask questions of, or make comments to, anyone on the Executive Committee and/or your Elder or Deacon.

The Elders approved the membership transfer of **Mark, Mary Carol, Claire, Sarah, and Katie Brouwer** to LaGrave Ave CRC. Ben's membership remains at Calvin Church. We will miss the Brouwers' wonderful contributions to the life of Calvin Church, and we pray for God's blessings as they contribute to his kingdom through another congregation.

The Elders received the membership transfer of **Janice Postma** from Central Reformed Church. We rejoice in welcoming Jan to Calvin Church.

CHURCH FAMILY

Bobbie Talsma (district 8) received a report that her lumpectomy had successfully removed all of the cancerous tissue in her breast. Doctors will continue to monitor her and determine if radiation is needed in future months. For now, she and Bob are rejoicing in this news.

Today's floral arrangement is in loving memory of Thelma Kiekover. My family and I have not forgotten the compassionate concern and loving, prayerful support of Calvin Church as Thelma became increasingly disabled and then died twenty years ago, on September 12, 1996. In and through your love we experienced God's love. With warm thanks we praise God for you.

Harvey Kiekover

Dear Members of Calvin CRC, Thank you for your expressions of kindness through calls, food, cards, and spoken sentiments after my father's passing. Our family was uplifted by your support and prayers as we traveled to Colorado for the funeral and celebration of his life.

Ed, Melanie, Arianna, Tabitha, Clara, Lydia Tolsma

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

9/14 Lane Molenbeek (5!)

9/15 Nate Meyer (4!)

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds: "We Come to Church"

Kim, Erin, Rachel

Kindergarten and 1st & 2nd grade: "The Light"

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

CLASSES BEGIN TODAY! Our TLC, Worship Center, Church School, and Catechism classes begin Today! Our Sunday morning classes meet on the lower level of church which can be accessed by the stairway near the nursery.

The Little Children (TLC) is our program for our 2 through 4 year-olds.

Parents may bring their children to room 19 in the lower level before the start of the morning worship service. We recommend that the children have graduated to pull-ups. Please talk with Melanie Burghgraef, coordinator, or Char Bulthuis, Youth Pastor, if you have any questions about our TLC program.

Worship Center Program: Following the Children's Message in the worship service, our Kindergarten through 2nd grade children will be escorted to their Worship Center rooms on the lower level of church.

TODAY, ALL parents are invited and encouraged to attend class with your child as they exit the sanctuary to observe this unique program for children. Dismissal time is 11:15 AM.

Church School for 3rd - 8th: Join us again for Song Time (see below) in room 9 after the worship service! Following Song Time, you will be dismissed to Church School class time in room #4 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, and room 6 for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Our teachers this coming year are Mike TerBeek for our 3rd through 5th class, and Donna Houskamp/Ed Tolsma for our 6th through 8th class. We are seeking ONE MORE teacher to share teaching with Mike TerBeek.

Catechism for 9th - 12th: Our high school class meets in the Catacomb from approximately 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Our teachers this year will be Rev. Karl VanHarn and Madeline Baas. The curriculum is HC & Me: The Heidelberg Catechism for Christian Living, Year 2, written by Bob Rozema.

SONG TIME RETURNS: Again this church school season we will be having a brief time of large group singing prior to our 3rd through 8th grade church school class time. Song Time begins at 11:20 or 10 minutes following the end of the worship service, and last approximately 10 minutes. PARENTS of third and fourth graders are encouraged to attend one of the first sessions to see what it is all about! Parents of all youth 3rd through 8th are encouraged and welcomed to observe a class any time.

JUNIOR BELLS: The Jr. Bells need a few more ringers! Would you help us lead worship this year? We would love to teach you some neat bell techniques and how to read a piano score! Come join a fun group, 4th grade and up! We rehearse weekly on Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:15 PM; meet in the upstairs bell room, and participate in a worship service each month, October - April. It's never too late to join! Contact Melanie Tolsma at 803-5162.

CALLING ALL BOYS 1st - 6th grade: Are you ready to Get into the Game? The CADETS need you! Would you like to blast off rockets? Build and race derby cars? Are you interested in learning how to become more Christ-like in all areas of your life? Then join us. Our first meeting is September 14, at 7 PM. We plan to meet twice per month and would love to have you join us. Please contact Tim Molenbeek or Mike TerBeek with any questions.

CYG (Calvin Youth Group): High school students, YOU are invited to the Catacomb NEXT Sunday evening, September 18, for our first CYG meeting of the year. This fall we will meet the first and third Sunday evenings of the month, from 6:30 to 9 PM. Please come for fellowship, pizza, activity and information about our coming year! Please bring friends!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

ADULT EDUCATION: Join us downstairs in room 1 at 11:30 AM as Bert de Vries discusses the seven months he has spent in Jordan since his presentation in March 2015, and comments on Scott Anderson's "Fractured Lands: How the Arab World Came Apart." See *The New York Times Magazine*, Sunday, 14 August 2016.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Can you have a vibrant, passionate faith at a public university? Yes! Through Reformed Campus Ministry, lives of college students at Grand Rapids public colleges are being transformed by the Word and Spirit by empowering passionate Christ followers to engage the campus with the life-changing love of God. Come and hear Noelle Jacobs, GVSU and Al Moss, GRCC as they tell us what God is doing on our campuses.

SENIORS: Start the new church calendar year by joining the Friendship Breakfast at The Omelette Shoppe in Breton Village the second Monday of each month . . . that's tomorrow morning at 8:30. All are invited and newcomers are encouraged to join the fellowship.

GOODIE BAKERS NEEDED: KidsHope is ready to begin its mentoring at Campus School soon. As in years past, Calvin Church members have provided goodies for Campus staff once a month during the school year. Please consider this vital mission and sign up to bake/make some goodies. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the narthex.

COINS FOR CAMPUS: We're starting up our collection for Campus School again. Help us raise school field trip scholarships for our neighborhood school kids. Look for the "Coins for Campus" water bottle in the Atrium and share your change (we accept bills too! 😊)

CALVIN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, September 14 at 4:00 PM in the conference room.

FAMILY PROMISE GOLF OUTING: The annual fundraiser will be Wednesday, September 14. If you have not been contacted for a pledge, please contact Rodger Rice, Bill Stevenson, or Ken or Jan Oosterhouse.

FOOD OFFERING FOR SAFE HAVEN: The shelter for victims of domestic violence relies on food donations to stock its pantry. Every year Calvin CRC gathers and delivers food to feed the women and children who have found refuge at Safe Haven. Here's how it works: in offering plates in the narthex, at the information tables, and near the fellowship hall are slips with items the food pantry manager has requested. Take as many slips as you would like, and bring those items to church on September 25. If you have refrigerated or frozen items, please label them "Safe Haven" and place in the kitchen near the fellowship hall. On the 25th, all items will be delivered to the house. Thanks in advance for your participation. You are a blessing to both the staff and clients by providing this food.

COME JOIN BON APPÉTIT: The Congregational Care Committee is excited to offer the opportunity for smaller groups to enjoy fellowship with fellow members while sharing a meal. If you didn't have a chance to stop by the Bon Appétit table on the 28th, there will be sign-up sheets available on the table in the foyer by the mailboxes. Please fill out the form and place it in Judy Jongsma's mailbox. Get a couple friends together and join the fun of fellowship in a smaller group setting. Once groups are organized (by the end of September), each group will decide how often to gather and where to eat. Bon Appétit!

FAMILY ASSISTANCE BUILDING PROJECT: As we re-commit to ministries and programs in a new church season it's a great time to re-commit to eliminating the one modest mortgage we carry. Our Family Assistance Program benefits the community immensely from its new, efficient, safe, and very functional building thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and strong support. Watch for financial updates in coming weeks and pray for wisdom and guidance on how your support will touch lives through this effort.

VOLUNTEER STILL NEEDED: We are seeking a volunteer to teach 3rd through 5th grade Church School. This person would team teach (as in teaching alternate Sundays) using the DWELL Marvel curriculum with Mike TerBeek. Classes take place Sundays from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Please contact Char Bulthuis at calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org or Kim Fredricks at office@calvincrc.org if you want to learn more about this opportunity.

COLLEGE TRANSPORT DRIVERS REQUESTED: Calvin Church had the privilege to transport a number of Calvin College students to and from Calvin CRC for Sunday morning worship last school year. We plan to offer transportation once again, please contact Char Bulthuis if you are interested in volunteering.

POLICY REVIEW TIME FOR ALL! Sunday Policy Review sessions available: September 18 at 11:20 AM in Room 16, and October 2, 9:15 AM in Room 16. The Health, Safety and Abuse-Prevention Policy is available for your yearly review. Copies can be checked out from the Information Desk, as well as from the Office. Electronic copies are also available by contacting Char Bulthuis or Kim Fredricks, office secretary. Policy Review sessions are held for all who volunteer 1 or more hours per year in youth ministry.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedgwood Christian Services' Manasseh Project, with the support of the Dominican Sisters and Servants of Jesus, is holding the 3rd Annual **Blue Candle Prayer Walk Against Human Trafficking** to raise awareness about local human trafficking and bring our community together in expressing solidarity with victims. This year we are partnering with an ArtPrize Artist, Stephanie Sandberg, and the walk will include a portion of her performance piece – Stories in Blue. Saturday 9/24/16 - LaGrave Ave CRC parking lot at 107 LaGrave Ave. SE at 7:00 PM: Welcome & Prayer. At 7:10 PM: 1 mile walk will commence. Ending at 7:50 PM around the 300 Monroe Ave NW area, joining with Stephanie Sandberg's "Stories in Blue" performers.

Volunteers In Service is seeking one or two persons to assist a woman living in the Calvin CRC neighborhood. Tasks include sorting items and disposing of them, and indoor painting of two rooms. For more information contact David at 459-7500 or dlundberg@visgr.org

<i>Today, Sunday, September 11</i>	
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Irene Wiersma, Fay Bos
	East Greeters: David & Sarah Williamson
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Lisa TerBeek, Sophia Bryson, Henry TerBeek
	Parking Attendant: Dan Yff
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Bulthuis
11:30a	Adult Education: How Fares the Middle East Today? Presenter: Bert deVries
	Worship Committee in the lounge
	Finance Committee in the Prayer Room
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meets in the lounge
4:40p	Parking Attendant: Steve DeKoster
<i>Monday, September 12</i>	
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at The Omelette Shoppe in Breton Village
7:00p	Book Club meets in the lounge
<i>Tuesday, September 13</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
5:00p	Community Living Experiment in the fellowship hall
7:30p	Mission Outreach committee
<i>Wednesday, September 14</i>	
4:00p	Cancer Support Group in the conference room
5:00p	Family Supper in the fellowship hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, and 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
<i>Thursday, September 15</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Eastown Basketball
8:00p	Calvin Church basketball
<i>Next Sunday, September 18</i>	
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Dan & Melanie Yff
	East Greeters: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Jan Wilkins, Wanda Sytsma, Abby Berkompas, Nathan Baker
	Parking Attendant: Dan Spoelma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Chris Ekdom
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Visker
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Campus Ministry Presenters: Noelle Jacobs and Al Moss
	Library Book Give-Away in the narthex
4:40p	Parking Attendant: Dale Rosema
6:30p	CYG

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In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents growth in this season of the church year.
- Large print resources are available at the information desk.
- 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.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- An introductory church DVD is available at the Information Desk.
- 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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