



# Calvin

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



**April 8, 2018**

**Worship Services 10 AM and 5 PM**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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**“You shall put these words of mine  
in your heart and soul.”  
Deuteronomy 11:18**

**Sunday after Easter**

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**Ten o'clock**

**April 8, 2018**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude: “The Day of Resurrection”                      Gerhard Krapf; Alice Jordan;  
Ann Slowins

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Haec Dies”    William Byrd  
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
Alleluia.

\* Opening Hymn: “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”    **#191:1-4**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response: “If Ye Love Me”    Thomas Tallis  
If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter  
That he may ‘bide with you forever, e’en the spirit of truth.

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed    front cover of hymnal

Anthem: “I Know that my Redeemer Liveth”    arr. by Dan Forrest  
I Know that my Redeemer lives, glory hallelujah,  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives.  
Shout on, press on, we’re gaining ground, glory hallelujah,  
The dead’s alive and the lost is found, glory hallelujah.

He lives to bless me with His love, glory hallelujah,  
He lives to plead my cause above, glory hallelujah.  
He lives to crush the fiends of hell, glory hallelujah.  
He lives and doth within me dwell, glory hallelujah.

\* Song of Response: “Oh, to See the Dawn”  
(Children may come forward during the last stanza)

**#177:1,2,4**

## **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: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

**#763:1,3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18-21

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Sermon: **THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE**

Prayer of Application

## **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

**#179:1-3**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: “The Word was God”

Rosephayne Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

And the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him;

And without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

\* Doxology: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

**#179:4**

\* Benediction

\* Choral Benediction: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Amen.

\* Postlude: “Prelude and Fugue in F”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: The Wheaton Academy Choir

Conductor: Helen Westerfield

Student Conductor: Max Anliker

Scripture Reader: Grace Spoelma

### **Calvin CRC Announcements for April 8, 2018**

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

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our series on the Christian spiritual disciplines with a sermon from Deuteronomy 11:18-21 on the discipline of study.

Part of this morning's prelude on “The Day of Resurrection” was composed by Ann Slowins, a friend and regular attendee of Calvin Church who recently passed away. It is presented today to remind us of the Easter hope that we have in Jesus Christ and particularly for those who have recently lost loved ones.

This morning we welcome the Wheaton Academy Concert Choir to lead us musically in our worship. Founded in 1853, Wheaton Academy is a Christian, college-preparatory high school with 630 students in West Chicago, IL. Known as a singing school, its Choral Music Department currently has over 100 students enrolled in four choral ensembles and three extracurricular *a cappella* groups. The Concert Choir is thrilled to be able to share their passion for music this weekend not only with Calvin Church but also with Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Guiding Light Mission, and Covenant Village, and they also will enjoy singing in collaboration with the Calvin College Gospel Choir.

The Worship Committee is soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing #177, which was requested by Grace Spoelma.

*Evening worship:* We welcome Beverly Weeks to lead us in worship with a sermon from Isaiah 1. We gather in the sanctuary.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 15**

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*Morning worship:* We will welcome the Rev. Neal Plantinga, who will preach from Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14, "Clothed with Humility." Our offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

*Evening worship:* The Rev. Laura Smit will lead our time of worship, and the offering will be for Home Repair Services.

**Staff News:** Pastor Rebecca will be taking study leave to attend the Calvin Festival of Faith and Writing and will be out of the office April 12-18.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

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The Council is grateful for those who have agreed to serve as Elder and Deacon. We plan to share their names in the April 15 bulletin, and we plan to request the congregation's vote of affirmation for these names at a congregational meeting on April 22. If you received a nomination letter and have not yet responded, please contact Mark DeKoster or Walter DeBoer today.

Also, on April 22, candidate Brad Zwiers will preach at our morning worship service and engage in conversation with the congregation after worship. The congregation will be invited at a later date to vote on extending a call to Brad to serve as our Minister of Faith Formation.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

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The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given by Diane and Bill Woolsey in celebration of their forty-sixth wedding anniversary.

We are most grateful to the Calvin Church family for your support, prayers, cards, and concern during Chris' illness and her death. Special thanks to our pastors for visits made to our home and the hospital. Additional words cannot express how thankful we are for your prayers and support. *Don Ekdom and family*

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Calvin Church for the many expressions of support and comfort at the passing of LeRoy's mother, Evelyn Stegink. Please accept our deepest and sincerest thanks.

*LeRoy and Anjean Stegink, Curt, Gwen, Hannah, and Nick Overbeek*

Thank you for the kind thoughts and good wishes I received for my birthday.

*Marian Beltman*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**CLASS SCHEDULES:** *Today:* 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. All classes resume next Sunday, April 15.

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Even Border Walls Need Gates  
Presenter: Daniel Miller. When it comes to immigration policy, it wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say that the United States is schizophrenic—sometimes it wants them to come, sometimes it wants them to leave, and sometimes it wants both things at the same time. And always there is a reluctance to acknowledge how much the U.S. itself is responsible for their presence here.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem  
Presenter: Bob DeVries. President Trump's recent decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel once again shows what a flashpoint Jerusalem has become in Israeli-Palestinian relations. Why and how has Jerusalem become such a flashpoint? What are the possible repercussions of the President's decision about Jerusalem for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and for regional political dynamics? What is the significance of the recent UN vote to condemn the US decision on Jerusalem?

**COLLEGE LUNCH:** Pastor Rebecca and Kyle welcome college and career young people to their home (939 Giddings) for lunch at 12:00 PM.

**FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST:** Welcome spring by joining fellow seniors for breakfast tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM. A room at Russ' Restaurant has been reserved for us. A chair will be waiting for you! It is an excellent occasion to invite newer members to become better acquainted with other Calvin Church Seniors.

**BOOK CLUB:** Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 9 as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova.

**CALVIN FAMILY ASSISTANCE** has been closed 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.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We'll gather this week Wednesday, April 11 from 9:30-11:00 AM. We'll study Isaiah 58 and discuss the Christian spiritual discipline of fasting.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** Join us on Wednesday, April 11 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on April 11 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Ron & Joanne Rozema and Glenn Triezenberg will serve food from 5:00-6:30, and Lois Huisman and Gert Bokhout provide nursery care from 5:30-7:00.

**VISUAL ARTS:** The exhibition hanging in the atrium gallery celebrates Jesus' life on earth seen through the eyes and imagination of artists. Using a wide variety of media, artists from ten countries picture Christ's earthly life. These artworks come together to offer the viewer a rich experience of seeing afresh Jesus' life and mission. An article will be in the April *Courier*.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join Baxter Community Center for our annual Fix Up Day!** Starting at 8 AM on Saturday, April 21, volunteers will start a fun-filled day of cleaning, fixing and simply enjoying community. A complimentary lunch will be served at 12 noon. Visit [www.wearebaxter.org/fixupday](http://www.wearebaxter.org/fixupday) for more information and to sign up. 935 Baxter SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (616) 456-8593.

**Young Organist Competition:** On Monday, April 16 at 7:30 PM at First (Park) Congregational Church, the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be holding the annual Annamae Rotman Competition for Young Organists. Four young organists will be competing and will also lead the audience in hymn singing.

**CALVIN ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT:** In her final concert as the Music Director of the Calvin Alumni Choir, Pearl Shangkuan will lead the choir in a signature program of choral music through the ages filled with joy, grace and hope. Works by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Gjeilo, Forrest and more will be featured, along with beautiful arrangements of beloved hymns. The world premiere of a new commission of two Fanny Crosby hymns entitled "Beyond the River" and arranged by Calvin graduate and faculty member Sean Ivory will be a special highlight. Come join this celebration of song on Sunday, April 29 at 3 PM at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available through the Calvin College Box office.

**ATTENTION ALL FISHERMEN:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its sixteenth annual fishing tournament to raise funds to support its ministry – helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life. The fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2 at Gun Lake State Park in southwest Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext. 4, or check out the Cadet website under the "Events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available from your Cadet club's head counselor, or you can register at our website: [www.CalvinistCadets.org](http://www.CalvinistCadets.org). Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun filled day!

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, April 8</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	East Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Bob & Donna Houskamp
	Jacob Noordewier, Morgan Burghgraef
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Vanderhill
11:30a	Adult Education: Even Border Walls Need Gates. Presenter: Daniel Miller
12:00p	College and Career Lunch at Pastor Rebecca and Kyle's home
3:30p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
	<i><b>Monday, April 9</b></i>
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ'
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Conference Room
	<i><b>Tuesday, April 10</b></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 and Grounds meeting
7:30p	Elders meet in Room 16
	<i><b>Wednesday, April 11</b></i>
4:00p	Cancer Support 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 (Mrs. Triezenberg)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	78ers, GEMS, Cadets
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i><b>Thursday, April 12</b></i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i><b>Next Sunday, April 15</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	East Greeters: Ray & Jeannine Lanning
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Julie DeKoster, Karen Trap
	Louisa Houskamp, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Koeman
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