



**Water**  
will gush  
forth                      in the  
&                              wilderness  
                                 streams  
                                 in the  
                                 desert.

**Isaiah 35:6**

**September 9, 2018**

**Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM**

**“Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!’ Here is your God.”  
Isaiah 35:4**

**Ordinary Time**

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**Ten o'clock**

**September 9, 2018**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Variations on “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” [#407] S. Porter

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” Giovanni Gastoldi

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!

Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;

Sing of the seed from barren earth greenening; sing of creation, alleluia!

Sing of the stream from Jesus’ side flowing;

Sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia!

\* Opening Hymns: “Amid the Thronging Worshippers”

**#511:1-3**

“This is My Father’s World”

**#21:1-3**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance: "Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

#796:1-3

Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "Soon and Very Soon"

#482:1-3

(children may come forward for the Children's Message)

## **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.**

Anthems: "Do Not Be Afraid"

Philip Stopford

*Refrain*

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;

You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,

You will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,

Then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,

Remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,

And I love you with a perfect love.

"As the Deer"

Greg Scheer

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs for you, my Lord.

When can I come to you again to praise you as before?

Why should I let this sorrow fill my soul?

My life is in your hands, my hope is in you.

And you, I know, will be my Savior still.

Commissioning of Student Pastor Lynette van de Hoef

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “Hark, the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes”

#60:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35

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Sermon: **HERE IS YOUR GOD**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “When the King Shall Come Again”

#475:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Emphasis

Offertory: “My Faith Looks up to Thee” [#426]

Mark C. Jones

\* 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: “Canzona in F”

Domenico Zipoli

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preaching Pastor: Brad Zwiers

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sherman Street Quartet

Scripture Reader: Bobby Houskamp

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for September 9, 2018**

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

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*Morning worship:* Brad Zwiers preaches from Isaiah 35, and the Sherman Street Quartet leads us in ministry of music. We commission Lynette van de Hoef as our student pastor.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Mark 7:24-30, "Gone to the Dogs." We will gather in the sanctuary.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 16**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our series on the Christian spiritual disciplines with a sermon from 1 John 1:5-2:2 on the discipline of confession. Jay Lindquist will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

*Evening worship:* We will welcome our friends from St. Luke AME Zion Church to join us for a time of worship and fellowship here at Calvin Church. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will give a homily, and Rev. Dwight Guttridge will lead prayers and liturgy. The offering will be for Baxter Community Center.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Brad will be on vacation September 12-16.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

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Dear Calvin Church, I want to thank all the people of Calvin Church for the many things you have done for me during my years of being a member here. Your visits and cards have been a real blessing to me.

*Dorothy Kelling*

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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**THE LITTLE CHILDREN (TLC)** gathers downstairs in room 19 prior to the morning worship. Today's lesson: "Let's Go to Church" Melanie, Tyler

**WORSHIP CENTER** begins September 16. Children in grades K-2 will be dismissed after the children's message to participate in their own worship downstairs. Parents are invited to attend the first class to ease their child's anxiety (if there is any) and to become (re)acquainted with the Worship Center. Parents should plan to pick their children up from the WC classrooms each Sunday at 11:15, unless the children have permission to come upstairs on their own. We're looking forward to another year of leading the children in worship!

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** The school year has started, and now the church school year begins as well! Our activities for children and young people in kindergarten through high school will kick off on September 16. Worship Center (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) kids head to class following the children's message in the 10 AM worship service, while SongTime/Church School (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) meets at 11:20 AM and Catechism (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) at 11:30 AM. Please join us as we grow together in Christ.

**JUNIOR BELLS:** We are beginning a new group of ringers! We need eleven new ringers, 3rd-6th grade. Rehearsal is September 19 at 5:30-6:15 for the Bell Peal at the Music Dedication service September 30. Please contact Melanie Tolsma at [edmeltolsma@yahoo.com](mailto:edmeltolsma@yahoo.com).

**GAMES NEEDED:** The Wednesday night dinner group is planning to provide the children in grades Pre-K – 6 with some games to be used in the fellowship hall before choir, GEMS, and Cadets. Donations of any table-top games, board games, or lawn games like beanbag toss would be greatly appreciated. The games will be locked in a storage area at church between scheduled dinners. Donations can be brought to the church office any time before September 26. Questions can be directed to Nancy Triezenberg at: [gtriezen@comcast.net](mailto:gtriezen@comcast.net).

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

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Real Opportunities for Criminal Justice Reform in Michigan. Presenter: David LaGrand, State Representative.

This presentation gives a brief overview of criminal justice realities in Michigan, pointing to the state's biggest problems and pointing out how the state is different from other states and from common narratives such as those found in the documentary "13<sup>th</sup>" and the book *The New Jim Crow*. The presentation will then lay out six avenues for big reforms that could be accomplished in the next five years and which need public support.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Putting an End to Domestic Violence. Presenter: Kent Bosma, Safe Haven Director of Development.

Safe Haven Ministries began in 1990 when six CRC churches (including Calvin CRC) saw the need to provide help and safety for women and children experiencing domestic violence. What started as an emergency shelter with four rooms has grown into a comprehensive domestic violence agency. Join us to learn about the extensive impact of domestic violence, how Safe Haven Ministries serves our community now, plans for the future, and how you can join the Safe Haven team to put an end to domestic violence.

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Please join us for our annual ministry kick-off which will be held in the fellowship hall after the morning service today. Enjoy some special treats and consider volunteering for one or more of the great ministry opportunities here at Calvin church.

**KIDSHOPE:** Come check out our table! We need new mentors, prayer partners, and goodie treat bakers! If you are able to help this vital Calvin CRC outreach partnership with GRPS Campus school, we would love to have you join our team. When visiting our table, drop your change in the Coins for Campus jar.

**FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST:** Enjoy breakfast with fellow Calvin Church seniors at 8:30 AM tomorrow morning at Russ's restaurant on 28<sup>th</sup> St SE. You won't want to miss the camaraderie and friendly conversation.

**BOOK CLUB:** Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, September 10 as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS** will begin on Wednesday, September 12. We welcome anyone who loves to sing to join us! The choir meets weekly at 7:30 PM and sings for approximately three services each month.

**BON APPETIT:** If you were unable to attend Ministry Sunday and are interested in one of the Bon Appetit groups that are offered, please fill out the form that is available at the information table in the foyer. Please place your completed form in Judy Jongsma's church mailbox before September 30. There is a meal sharing group that would love to have you join them!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Save the dates - we will meet for six weeks beginning Wednesday, October 3 at 9:30 AM. We'll be led by Pastor Rebecca in a continued discussion about biblical texts related to the spiritual disciplines. All women are welcome to join!

**GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER:** The annual golf outing fundraiser for Family Promise is Wednesday, September 12. If you have not been contacted for a pledge, please contact Roger Rice, Tom Prince, or Ken and Jan Oosterhouse. Family Promise will send you a statement later. For the past few years Calvin Church has been the top fundraiser, so we would love it if we could say that every member helped contribute.

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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# CALENDAR

	<b><i>Today, Sunday, September 9</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer
	East Greeters: Fay Bos, Cindy Lanning Burch
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	Ethan Baker, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Burghgraef
11:30a	Ministry Kick-off in the Fellowship Hall
	Adult Education: Real Opportunities for Criminal Justice Reform in Michigan. Presenter: David LaGrand
	<b><i>Monday, September 10</i></b>
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at the Kentwood Russ's on 28 <sup>th</sup> Street
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<b><i>Tuesday, September 11</i></b>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<b><i>Wednesday, September 12</i></b>
4:00p	Cancer Support meets in the Conference Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Mrs. Triezenberg )
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<b><i>Thursday, September 13</i></b>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<b><i>Next Sunday, September 16</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef
	East Greeters: Mike & Kathy Cok
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier
	Jacqueline Lanning, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Koeman
11:30a	Adult Education: Putting an End to Domestic Violence Presenter: Kent Bosma