



**September 23, 2018**

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

**“Then my soul shall rejoice in the Lord,  
exulting in his deliverance.”**

**Psalm 35:9**

**Ordinary Time**

Liturgist: Brad Zwiers  
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Organist: Bruce Klanderma  
Ministry of Music: Lynn Bardolph McBroom  
Scripture Reader: Gert Bokhout

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**Ten o'clock**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Johann Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,  
And bid's me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known!  
In seasons of stress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare, they return, sweet hour of prayer!  
Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear.  
To him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless;  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
Amen.

\* Opening Hymns: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

**#224:1-4**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**#223:1-4**

\* God's Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

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,  
cleanse 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.**

Hymn of Assurance: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

#422: 1-4

Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

#140:1-3

## 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: "How Can I Keep from Singing" [#443]

arr. Richard Walters

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "My Spirit Glorifies the Lord"

#383:1,3,4,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 35

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Sermon: **STRONG DELIVERER**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”  
(verse 4 in unison)

**#776:1-4**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tammy Baker

Offering for The Micah Center

Offertory: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Friedrich Marburg

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “To God Be the Glory”

**#956**

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,**

**To God be the glory for the things he has done!**

**With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.**

**To God be the glory for the things he has done!**

**Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Prelude in C Minor”

Vincent Lübeck

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for September 23, 2018**

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

*Morning worship:* The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Psalm 35, and Lynn McBroom leads us in ministry of music. We recognize Abuse Awareness Sunday.

*Evening worship:* Brad Zwiers preaches from 1 Peter 4:12-19, “Suffering for What?” This sermon will be part of Pastor Brad’s Classis evaluation for ordination. We gather in the sanctuary.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 30**

*Morning worship:* We will commission our music leaders for the next year on this Music Dedication Sunday. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Isaiah 6 on the spiritual discipline of worship. The offering will be for Inner City Christian Federation.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Laura Smit will lead our time of worship. The offering will be for Eastown Community Association.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

**BENEVOLENCE:** Our congregation is always extremely generous when an offering is received for the Benevolence Fund. The funds are used by the Benevolence Committee to answer urgent requests for help from people in the community. In the last several months your generosity has helped a number of people avoid eviction, pay past-due utility bills, pay for much needed repairs to a home and an automobile. The recipients of our assistance are always deeply grateful.

Recently, requests for help have been frequent and our funds have been severely depleted. Our next scheduled offering for Benevolence in a morning service is not until November 4. Contributions to the Benevolence fund prior to that would be much appreciated. If you would care to help out, your check can be placed in the offering plate during any Sunday collection. Please clearly designate on the memo line of the check that it is intended for Benevolence. The Benevolence Committee thanks you for considering this need.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by **Kris Bergh** in loving memory of her parents, Thor and Josephine Bergh, and her brother Tom.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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

2 - 4 year-olds "Cheerful Giving"

Cheri, Morgan

K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade "The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep"

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

**JOYRINGERS:** 7th-12th grade we need 2-3 ringers. If you would like to join a great group, we would love to have you ring with us! If you've played piano, a band or orchestra instrument, or sung in a choir, you can ring bells. We need your hands! Please contact Melanie Tolsma at [edmeltolsma@yahoo.com](mailto:edmeltolsma@yahoo.com).

**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL:** CYG (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and 78ers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) begin this week! CYG kicks off tonight (9/23) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM downstairs in the Catacomb. 78ers starts Wednesday, September 26 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM, also in the Catacomb. Can't wait to see you there! If you have any questions, email Pastor Brad at [bzwiers@calvincrc.org](mailto:bzwiers@calvincrc.org).

## MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

**IHN VOLUNTEERS:** It takes about fifty of us to host our IHN guests every rotation. If you helped this time around, thank you. We were able to be the “hands of Christ” this past week to a vulnerable and grateful group. Our next rotation begins Sunday, December 9.

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Unaccompanied Children in West Michigan: How Bethany Christian Services is Helping. Presenter: Kathy Van Oss, LMSW, Bethany Christian Services Refugee Foster Care Licensing Supervisor

The news is full of stories of families and unaccompanied children coming across the border from Central America and about the wall that President Trump wants to build to keep them out. Why are these unaccompanied children leaving their homes and taking this dangerous journey across the border and what happens when they arrive in foster homes in West Michigan? Kathy Van Oss will explain how Bethany Christian Services is providing homes for these youth and how you can help. We meet downstairs in Room 1.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Not-so-Promised Land: A Dutch Colony in Crisis. Presenter: Janet Sjaarda Sheeres

The story of the failed Dutch colony in Amelia County, Virginia (1868-1880) has not received much attention in the annals of Dutch immigration history. Perhaps it was neglected because it was such an embarrassment to the founder, Rev. A.C. Van Raalte. Nevertheless, over eighty families were enticed to settle there with disastrous results. This presentation will give a history of the founding of the colony, the people involved, and state reasons for its failure.

**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!

**SAFE CHURCH:** Our Safe Church Policy has been significantly updated. Because of this all those age 18 and older who teach or volunteer in programs involving our nursery through high school age children will be required to attend a training session this year. All trainings will be held in room 16 and will last about 30 minutes. Training dates are:

Wednesday, October 10 at 6 PM and 6:45 PM

Sunday, October 21 at 9:15 AM

Sunday, October 28 at 11:30 AM

Please inform the office if you are unable to attend any of these sessions.

**DISTRICT 3 FRIENDS:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 PM. We’ll enjoy brunch/lunch food and renew relationships at church. Looking forward to seeing you then! Ron Rozema, elder; Sam Poortenga, deacon; Evonne Kok, care coordinator.

# CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, September 23</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Gord & Karen Bordewyk
	East Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Mark & Sue Hoekstra
	Isaac Hubka, Annika Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Sytsma
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Unaccompanied Children in West Michigan Presenter: Kathy Van Oss, in Room 1
3:30p	Light of Christ Community in the Fellowship Hall
<i>Tuesday, September 25</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Christian Climate Courage: Bipartisan Solutions for People of Faith in the Fellowship Hall
<i>Wednesday, September 26</i>	
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	Cadets and GEMS
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, September 27</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Next Sunday, September 30</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	East Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Jan Wilkins, Wanda Sytsma
	Arie TerBeek, Abby Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: The Not-so-Promised Land: A Dutch Colony in Crisis. Presenter: Janet Sjaarda Sheeres
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting in the Lounge



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

### **Welcome to Calvin Church**

#### ***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 spiritual growth during the season of the Lord's life and ministry.
- 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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