



**THE EARTH
HAS
YIELDED
ITS
INCREASE;
GOD,
OUR GOD,
SHALL
BLESS US.**

PSALM 67:6, ESV

**Calvin Christian Reformed Church
October 21, 2018**

“In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.” 2 Corinthians 5:19

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

October 21, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

- Prelude: “Voluntary in C Major” John Stanley
“Voluntary in A Minor” John Stanley
- Welcome and Announcements Bobby Houskamp
- Call to Worship: “Shout to the North” arr. Patricia Cota
- * Opening Hymns: “Seek Ye First” #899:1-3
“In Christ Alone” #770:1-4
- * God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

- Call to Confession Grace Poortenga
- Prayer of Confession Grace Poortenga
- Hymn of Confession: “God, Be Merciful to Me” #623:1-3
- Assurance of Pardon Clara Tolsma
- * Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed front cover of hymnal
- * Song of Response: “Now Thank We All Our God” #543:1-3
(Children may come forward during the last stanza)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

- Message for Children Tyler Koeman
- 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: "My Soul Finds Rest" [#370:1-3]

Aaron Keyes, Stuart Townend

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Annika Baker, Carolyn Prince, Erin Hubka, Tyler Stafford

* Hymn of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"

#755:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Jacqueline Lanning

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Sermon: **NEW WORLD AMBASSADORS**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

#268:1-5

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kris Bergh

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: "Song of Joy"

Arnold Sherman

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* 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.

Choral Closing "We Receive Your Blessing"

#947

Postlude: "Ever Joyful" (1 piano, 6 hands)

R. Manuel

Erin Hubka, Annika Baker, Linda Fridsma

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Youth Choir

Choir Director: Amy Netz

Scripture Reader: Jacqueline Lanning

Calvin CRC Announcements for October 21, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Our middle school and high school youth lead our time of worship, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, which is the youth group theme verse for this year.

Evening worship: Brad Zwiers preaches from Hebrews 4:14-5:10, and the offering is for Global Gifts. We gather in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 28

Morning worship: We will continue our series on the Christian spiritual disciplines as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Acts 15:1-21 on the discipline of guidance. The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Baxter Community Center.

Evening worship: We will hold a service of Remembrance and Hope, remembering those members of Calvin Church who have died in the past two years. Rev. Karl Van Harn will give a meditation from Psalm 90, and we will have a time of refreshments and conversation after the service. The offering will be for Home Repair Services.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers are in loving memory of Win and Jean Ettesvold and in thanksgiving for the Lord's blessing on our 58 years of marriage. *Gert and Hans Bokhout*

David Williams, the father of **Yvonne Triezenberg** (district 7), passed away on October 15 after being diagnosed with cancer a few months ago.

Dot Duthler (district 2) is at Butterworth Hospital continuing to recover from her surgery. Pray for continued improvement and healing.

Marie VanderPloeg (district 10) has moved to Raybrook nursing. Pray for her and for John in this time of transition.

John Primus (district 1) has moved to Raybrook nursing. Pray for him and for June in this time of transition.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Psalm 23"

KaraMarie, Erin

K - 2nd grade "Exodus"

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

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem (Jerusalem: The Golden City and the Contested City). Presenter: Bob DeVries

President Trump's 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 UN vote to condemn the US decision on Jerusalem? We meet downstairs in Room 1.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Food Club Model: Food Security with Dignity and Choice. Presenter: Kendra Valkema, Community Food Club of Greater Grand Rapids.

The Community Food Club is a nonprofit grocery store in Grand Rapids that offers an innovative and dignified approach to food security rooted in consumer choice, member participation, and access to healthy foods. The Food Club model has proven to be a successful way to improve not only a household's food security but also financial security and overall health. During this presentation, you'll learn more about the Food Club's history, current programming, and how you can get involved in building a more food-secure Kent County.

PETER FISH: Children in TLC, Worship Center, and grades 3 and 4 Church School received Peter Fish today. World Renew uses donations to work toward immediate and long-term solutions to world hunger, including improving farming techniques, teaching adult literacy, and providing small loans to businesses. Children should plan to turn in their fish on November 11.

ATRIUM ART GALLERY: Painting is a form of worship for our featured artist, Nora Faber Overvoorde. It is a way to express thoughts and prayers through abstract renderings of songs, Bible passages, and nature. Read her artist's statement on the gallery wall in the Atrium.

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:

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Wednesday, October 24, at 9:30 AM to discuss Revelation 4 and the spiritual discipline of worship. Study guides are available on the table in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our approaching blood drive is this Wednesday from 2:30 - 7:30. Walk-ins are welcome! We have open times and can fit you in. Would you consider joining our efforts? Please phone or email Judy Bode with questions or to choose a time. Many thanks!

FOOD TRUCK: Calvin CRC is again sponsoring a food truck on Thursday, October 25, at 1250 Sigsbee Street SE. Food distribution will take place beginning at 4:00 and ending around 6:00, depending on how many people come and how long the food lasts. Volunteers are needed and can arrive at 3:45 to help with set up. If you are willing to help with this event, please email Kathy Cok at mkcok@comcast.net. The Ministry Committee thanks you in advance for your service.

MEMBER DIRECTORY: Members and Associate Members, check your family's listing in the yellow 2017 directory. If you have any changes, inform the office via note or email (office@calvincrc.org) by Sunday, November 4.

ATTENTION CALVIN CHURCH CLEVER COOKS: Once again we need your delicious contributions to the Calvin Church Freezer Ministry. We need soups, stews, baked goods, and applesauce. Please label your food items as follows: Name of item, date, and any nut ingredient you may have used in the food item. You may place your food in the freezer in the large kitchen by the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to label your items for the Freezer Ministry. Be on the lookout for the November issue of the Courier for an article about this ministry. Thank you for your contribution of food that will help your fellow church members in need.

KIDSHOPE is looking for new and past KidsHope mentors to become a special someone to a child at Campus School this school year. We have 16 faithful mentors at present, who show up every week and spend time with their KidsHope student. But already we have been asked by teachers whether we have someone who could step up to mentor a certain child in their classroom. A mentor meets with only one child, one hour, once a week throughout the school year. Are you at a stage in your life where you could be a mentor? We would LOVE to hear from you! Please contact us at calvinkidshope@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for considering participating in this vital life-changing ministry. Please don't wait, a child needs you NOW!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wycliffe Associates is an organization which translates the words of God into people's heart language. Yet the annual banquet fundraiser is not always well attended. Please consider attending or contributing generously as you are able. This dinner event celebrating the power of God's Word will be held at the Delta Marriott in Grand Rapids on Thursday, October 25, at 7 PM. Dinner is free with an opportunity to give. Reservations are required. Please call or text Irene Hazenberg @ (616) 401-4215

Looking for a way to make a difference? Consider getting involved as a volunteer at Global Gifts, a completely Fair-Trade non-profit gift and specialty item store located at 2055 28th Street SE, a ministry supported by Calvin Church. Global Gifts is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. Purchases from Global Gifts change the lives of struggling artisans in developing communities around the world. Fair trade guarantees these artisans a fair wage, safe working conditions, and supports the conservation of the environment. Fair trade particularly empowers women and minorities.

Come help us make a difference! Come shop in the store, or better yet, join our team! On Tuesday, October 30, at 11 AM at Calvin CRC, we are having a volunteer recruitment and appreciation event. You are invited! Talk to Marilyn Bratt to RSVP or for more information.

The Calvin College Alumni Choir, under the direction of interim conductor Randy Van Wingerden and accompanied by Dr. Kenneth Bos, will present their fall concert "All That Hath Life and Breath" on Saturday, November 10, at 8 PM in the Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium at Calvin College. The concert will include music both familiar and new, from the Renaissance to the present and representing many genres. Tickets are not required, but a free will offering will be taken. Seating is first come, first served, with a reserved section for patrons. If you have a question or would like to become a patron, email alumnichoir@calvin.edu.

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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<i>Today, Sunday, October 21</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Tim & Lindsay Molenbeek
	East Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Dale & Joanie Rosema
	Tyler Koeman, Morgan Burghgraef
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem. Presenter: Bob DeVries
	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
	Congregational Care Committee meets in the Prayer Room
12:00p	District 3 Brunch in the Narthex
3:30p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meets in the Lounge
<i>Tuesday, October 23</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Personnel Committee meeting in the Conference Room
<i>Wednesday, October 24</i>	
9:30a	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
2:00p	Blood Drive in the Narthex
6:15p	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, October 25</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
3:45p	Food Truck at Sigsbee School
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Next Sunday, October 28</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Brian & Jackie Noordewier
	East Greeters: Randy & Elly Nyhof
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Stapert
	Nursery Helpers: Dwight & Tammy Baker
	Ella Jansen, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Jansen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: The Food Club Model: Food Security with Dignity and Choice. Presenter: Kendra Valkema
	College-Age Lunch in the Catacomb
	Safe Church Training downstairs in Room 16
6:30p	CYG in the Catacomb