



October 28, 2018

Worship Services at 10 AM & 5 PM

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
616-451-8467 Office@CalvinCRC.org www.CalvinCRC.org

**“The apostles and the elders met together
to consider this matter.”**

Acts 15:6

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

October 28, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” [#776]

arr. Jan Zwart

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name” [#500]

* Opening Hymns: “How Firm a Foundation”
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#427:1,2,5
#776:1,3,4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

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.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, 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.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: “As the Deer”

#503

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

#363:1-3

(Children may come forward during the last stanza)

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: "A Shepherd Psalm"

Gilbert Martin

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "You Are Mine"

#430:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Proclamation: Acts 15:1-21

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Sermon: **TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TO US**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Spirit, Working in Creation"

#235:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kathy Cok

Offering for Baxter Community Center

Offertory: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

Martin Luther, arr. Sandra Eithun

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “All People that on Earth Do Dwell” (#1 & #965)

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!**

(brief interlude)

**O enter then his gates with joy, within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ, O bless and magnify his name.**

(brief interlude)

**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.**

* Postlude: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” [#581]

Paul Manz

Liturgists: Lynette van de Hoef and Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Allegro Ringers Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir and Allegro Ringers

Accompanist: Linda Fridsma

Scripture Proclamation Team: Art Jongsma, Lynn McBroom,

Brian Netz, Grace Spoelma

Welcome to Calvin Church

- 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.



WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We 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 lead us in the ministry of music.

Evening worship: We gather for a service of Remembrance and Hope, remembering those members of Calvin Church who have died in the past two years. Rev. Karl Van Harn gives 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.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, November 4

Morning worship: We will ordain Pastor Brad Zwiers as a Minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church. Brad's friend and mentor, Rev. Chris DeVos, will preach from Mark 1:1-15, "Two-Pocket Ministry." Rev. DeVos is a former pastor of Pillar Church in Holland and the current manager of Church Partnerships and Care at The Colossian Forum. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to stay for a coffee and cake celebration in the Fellowship Hall after worship. The offering will be for Safe Haven Ministries.

Evening worship: We will welcome Rev. Jack Roeda, who will preach from Mark 10:46-52, "Have Mercy on Me!" The offering will be for Pine Rest Assistance Fund.

CHURCH FAMILY

Ross Smith, brother-in-law of **Leroy and Anjean Stegink** (district 10) and **James and Maria Vanden Bosch** (district 9), passed away on Monday, October 22. A funeral was held on Saturday, October 27.

Don Schierbeek (district 9) is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery at St. Mary's next week.

ADDRESS FOR NICK OVERBEEK:

E-1 PVT Overbeek, Nicholas S.
D Co, 787th MP BN, PLT 3
7721 Iowa Avenue Building 900
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

Write #3 on the back of the envelope. Nick graduates in February 2019.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in gratitude for God's faithfulness as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Baked goods will be served during the coffee hour after worship.

Jim and Linda Fridsma

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "God the Magnificent Creator" KaraMarie, Erin
K - 2nd grade "The Ten Best Ways to Live"

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 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. We meet downstairs in Room 1.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Let's Talk about Race Relations in Grand Rapids. Presenter: Rev. Michelle Loyd-Paige.

Conversations about race relations are happening all over the country. Some conversations are fueled by celebrations of diversity; however, too many of the conversations are being fueled by racialized incidents that make the news. Talking about race isn't always easy, but not talking about race brings bigger problems. In this session we will talk about race relations, why we should be talking about race, and why we don't.

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. Today we have our final training session at 11:30 AM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Wednesday, October 31, at 9:30 AM to discuss Matthew 18:15-20 and the spiritual discipline of guidance. Study guides are available on the table in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

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.

PETER FISH: Last Sunday, children in TLC, Worship Center, and grades 3-5 Sunday school received orange Peter Fish. 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.

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

The Choral Scholars will be presenting a concert titled *I Believe* on Sunday, November 4, at 5 PM. The concert is part of the Sacred Sounds series at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids and will feature a variety of hymns, songs, and spirituals. No tickets required.

All One Body invites you to a milestone event: "Twenty Years Later: A Conversation with Rev. Jim Lucas." In 1998, Rev Jim Lucas was released from ordained ministry in the CRC, when no congregation was willing to call him to his pastoral ministry in the LGBT community because of his affirmation of same-sex unions. On Thursday, November 8, at 7:30 PM Rev. Lucas will reflect on developments in the church during the last 20 years of his ministry in the LGBT community. A conversation with several respondents will follow. Location: Sherman Street Christian Reformed Church, 1000 Sherman Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Admission is free.

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, e-mail alumnichoir@calvin.edu.

The staff and board of **Safe Haven Ministries** invite you to join us for a celebration on Wednesday, December 5, from 4:30-6:30 PM. The new facility at 2627 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 Is nearly complete. The celebration will begin with a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting. Immediately following the ceremony, the building will be open to the public. Parking will be available in the back lot of Pietro's on 28th Street. Accessible parking will also be available. Visit safehavenministries.org/ribbon-cutting for more information.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, October 28 Reformation Sunday</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
	<i>Tuesday, October 30</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
11:00a	Global Gifts Luncheon in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, October 31</i>
9:30a	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
6:15p	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, November 1</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Easttown Basketball
	<i>Friday, November 2</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, November 4</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Curt & Gwen Overbeek
	East Greeters: Doug & Anne Poortenga
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: James & Allyson Koeman
	Isaac Hubka, Jacqueline Lanning
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Trap
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