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ACTS 2:42-47



November 11, 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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“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Acts 2:42

Ordinary Time

Ten o’clock

November 11, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Partita on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” [#575] Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord” Claude Frayssé

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonder of your ways and glorify your name.

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonder of your ways and glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

* Opening Hymns: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Ten Thousand Reasons”

#575:1,3,4

#559:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have other gods before you.

We have worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.

We love to praise our own glory more than yours.

We have taken your name in vain.

We pray prayers to impress other people.

We have uttered your name countless times without reverence or love.

We have forgotten how to rest.

We overwork ourselves and demand the same from others.

We ignore the command to remember the Sabbath.

We have failed to honor our father and mother.

We ignore or despise other generations.

We reach for relevance rather than welcome and hospitality.

We have murdered in our hearts.

We destroy our neighbor with the words we use against them.

We plot revenge when we are sinned against.

We have committed adultery in our hearts.

We love temptation rather than fighting it.

We desire things that move us away from you.

We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others.

Our lives are filled with discontent, ungratefulness, and envy.

We try to exalt ourselves by owning more.

We have lied to you and to others.

We tell distorted truths, half-truths, and untruths.

Even in our confession, Lord, we look for ways to hide our guilt.

Forgive us, O God. Have mercy on us!

Through Jesus Christ, cleanse us from our sin. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#426:1,2,4

Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "We Will Extol You, God and King"

#562:1,3,4

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children (Children are invited to return Peter Fish for World Renew)

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: "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Jody Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,

He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,

and bear thee through the evil days;

who trusts in God's unchanging love

builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content

to take whate'er thy Father's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent;

nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to him who chose us for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be,

and trust his word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee;

God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Keep What You Have Believed”

#769:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 2:37-42 and 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

pages 886 and 967

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THE APOSTLES’ TEACHING**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “God of the Prophets”

#853:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”

Jan Bender

* Benediction

* Doxology: “God of the Prophets”

#853:5

**Make us disciples, heralds of your cross;
Forth may we go to tell all realms your grace:
By you inspired, may we count all but loss,
And stand at last with joy before your face.
Amen.**

* Postlude: Fanfare on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Charles Callahan

Liturgists: Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiens

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

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.

Calvin CRC Announcements for November 11, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5, the first in a series on the activities of the church. The Sanctuary Choir leads us in music.

The Worship Committee has been soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing “Ten Thousand Reasons,” #559, which was requested by Henry TerBeek.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer preaches from 1 Samuel 17, “Giants in the Earth.” The offering is for The Micah Center

Sermon Series: For the next four Sunday mornings, we will look at the activities of the early church described in Acts 2:42: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Pastor Rebecca and Pastor Brad will lead us in this series as we think together about what the church is up to today. November 18 - Fellowship, Pastor Rebecca; November 25 - Breaking of Bread, Pastor Brad; December 2 - Prayers, Pastor Rebecca

WORSHIP Next Sunday, November 18

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our series on the activities of the church with a sermon on fellowship from Hebrew 10:19-25. The Allegro Ringers will lead us in music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Romans 6:1-14. The Junior Bells will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Calvinist Cadet Corps.

WORSHIP Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day

We will gather for worship at 10:00 AM. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Psalm 116, and our Sanctuary Choir and Scripture Proclamation Team will lead us in worship. The offering will be for Family Assistance.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers today are in honor of Judy Jongsma’s mother’s (Evelyn Landis) 95th birthday. We are blessed to have her as the Christian matriarch of our family. God bless you, Mom.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds “Noah’s Ark Part 2”

Kim, Clara

K – 2nd grade “The Promised Land”

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:** Teaching in a Corrections Facility for Youth.
Presenter: Jim Grayson

For over twenty years Jim taught incarcerated youth, ages 13-23, at a correctional facility in California. Due to the nature of their crimes and their age, the judicial system determined they should not be in an adult corrections facility. Jim will share insights from his observations and interactions with his students.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** After the Election: What Now for Politics in Michigan and Washington? Presenter: Doug Koopman

This presentation will try to make some sense of the election results of earlier in the month. A little time will be spent on the relative fate of the candidates of the two parties, particularly local candidates, as well as the ballot initiatives, trying to derive both partisan and moral lessons from the results. We will also discuss what the election's meaning might portend for Christian engagement in politics and government for the future.

COLLEGE LUNCH: We are serving a lunch in the Catacomb after the worship service this morning! If you're a college student, college-aged, or someone who would like to be involved in the college ministry at Calvin CRC, come downstairs to the Catacomb around 11:30 to enjoy food and conversation.

FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST: November 12 is the second Monday of the month, and the Calvin Friendship Breakfast will be held at Russ' Restaurant at 8:30 AM. Reservations are not needed. Donna has \$10 TRIP cards to use as cash to pay for your meal, and our education fund will earn 5%. Come and enjoy a meal together if your schedule is open.

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, November 12, as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *The Women of the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Wednesday, November 14, at 9:30 AM to discuss Psalm 47 and the spiritual discipline of celebration. Study guides are available on the table in the Narthex. This is our final meeting for the season. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, November 14, at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Anyone dealing in any way with the effects of cancer is invited to attend.

SOUP SUPPER: The CYG Soup Supper fundraiser is Wednesday, November 14, from 5-7 PM. All are welcome! We'll have plenty of food! If you think you might want to bring a soup, please email Pastor Brad at bzwiers@calvincrc.org.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Once again the Thanksgiving offering will be for the work at Family Assistance. A flyer has been placed in your mailbox regarding the offering and the food drive that benefits Baxter Community Center. Please also look in the Atrium and Narthex for the large informational posters made by John

Hendrikse's senior sociology class to see what the students learned regarding people served by this congregation through Family Assistance.

THE CALVIN CHURCH ORCHESTRA will be playing on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2. We will rehearse that morning at 8:20 and play in the 10:00 service. We would love for you to join us! Please let Amy know if you are interested in playing: amy.netz@gmail.com

CAMPUS ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY SHOPPE is coming early December, and it is time to donate new toys for children, ages 5-11. Suggestions include games and arts and crafts for children over 8 years, and any game or activity related to science, technology, engineering, or math. Culturally diverse dolls, building sets, family games, and superheroes are also appreciated. Donations of cash are also welcomed. Any questions, please see Jan Wilkins.

AUDIO-VISUAL VOLUNTEERS: The Calvin Church A/V team would like to find one or two persons who would be willing to assist *occasionally* with the sound system, especially for a weekday event if regular operators are unavailable. If you, or someone you know, has an interest in this request, please call the church office.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Legacy Christian School has a wonderful Spanish Immersion Program and we want to give you more details, so you can better understand how this program can benefit your child both academically and culturally. A parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 PM at the LCS Elementary Library. Come with any questions, and meet our fabulous teachers.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, November 11</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	East Greeters: Glenn & Audrey Prince
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	Tyler Stafford, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Bulhuis, Crothers
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Teaching in a Corrections Facility for Youth. Presenter: Jim Grayson
	College-Age Lunch in the Catacomb
	New Member Enfoldng Committee meeting in the Prayer Room
	Safe Church Committee meeting in the Conference Room
11:45a	Refugee Luncheon in Room 9
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb

	<i>Monday, November 12</i>
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ' on 28 th Street
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, November 13</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Elders meet in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, November 14</i>
9:30a	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:00p	Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:00p	Family Assistance Building open for volunteers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Rayburn)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, November 15</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, November 16</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Saturday, November 17</i>
10:00a	78ers and CYG volunteer at Family Assistance
12:00p	CYG Lunch and Outing
	<i>Next Sunday, November 18</i>
8:30a	Education Committee Meeting
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Tom & Laura Prince
	East Greeters: Dale & Joanie Rosema
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Laura Prince
	Tyler Koeman, Arie TerBeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Feenstra, Rosema
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: After the Election: What Now for Politics in Michigan and Washington? Presenter: Doug Koopman
	Worship Committee meeting in the Lounge
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meeting