



MATTHEW 2:2



January 6, 2019

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

“When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.” Matthew 2:10

Epiphany

Liturgist: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Penny Kindraka

Scripture Reader: Suzi Steketee

Ten o'clock

January 6, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “How Bright Appears the Morning Star” [#101] F. Peeters, R. Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “We Three Kings”

arr. Linda Lamb

* Opening Hymns: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come”

#104:1-3
#103:1,2,4,5

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Assurance: “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

#102:1-4

Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Jesus, the Light of the World”
(Children may come forward.)

#100:1,2,4

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

* Hymn of Preparation: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" **#101:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THEY SAW THE STAR**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "As with Gladness Men of Old" **#105:1-4**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kathy Cok

Offering for Wedgwood Christian Services

Offertory: "As with Gladness Men of Old" [#105]

Henry J. Markworth; Ineke Prins; Alice Jordan

* Benediction

* Doxology: "As with Gladness Men of Old" **#105:5**

* Postlude: "I Saw Three Ships"

arr. Sandra Eithun, Linda Lamb

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 6, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: On this Epiphany Sunday, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 2:1-12, “They Saw the Star.” Penny Kindraka leads us in ministry of music.

Evening worship: Rev. Arianna Tolsma preaches from Matthew 15:21-28, “Holy Persistence.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 13

Morning worship: We will begin our series of six sermons on the Heidelberg Catechism with Rev. Brad Zwiers preaching from Genesis 11:27–12:9. Our Sanctuary Choir leads us, and the offering will be for Missions.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from Mark 2:1-12, and the offering will be for Wings of Mercy.

Staff notes: Pastor Brad will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 8. Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation January 7-13. If you desire pastoral care during that time, please contact your district Elder, Pastor Brad, Pastor Jake, or the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOMING A NEW BABY: We are growing! Let’s celebrate the birth of our newest covenant child, **Olivia Dierlam**, born to **Nate and Marissa**. You are invited to place cards, small gifts, or baby items in the bassinet in the Narthex. The bassinet is there now to welcome her and will be there until Sunday, January 20. Please contact Pastor Rebecca or Maria VandenBosch with questions.

Bob and I are experiencing some ongoing health problems that seemed to happen mostly around the holidays. I took a bad tumble and now have problems with my back. Bob has been sick with a cold and just now seems to be getting better. Your cards, visits, and telephone calls mean so much to us. And the red poinsettia is simply gorgeous and brightens our spirits; thank you.

Bob and Bobbie Talsma

The Christmas cards and the poinsettia remind me of the grace of Calvin Church. Thank you for remembering me.

Charlotte Otten

Thank you for the many blessings through cards, visits, goodies, beautiful poinsettia plant, and many Christmas greeting cards from the church family. Your love is being felt and appreciated.

Win Miersma

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC: 2 - 4 year-olds “The Twelve Apostles”

Kim, Morgan

Worship Center will resume classes on January 13.

The new year has started, and now the Church School year resumes as well! TLC (preschool) gathers during the 10 AM worship service, while Song Time/Church School (3rd-8th) meets at 11:20 AM and Catechism (9th-12th) at 11:30 AM. Please join us as we grow together in Christ our Lord!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Grand Rapids, the Center of My World,
Presenter: Steven Huyser-Honig

Steven Huyser-Honig is a nature and landscape photographer who has made Grand Rapids his home for almost 40 years. For his ArtPrize 10 entry he took a departure from his usual work and turned his lens on the urban environment. “Grand Rapids, the Center of My World” is a playful exploration and celebration of the city that has nurtured his creativity.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Body and Soul: Insight from the Heidelberg Catechism #1, The Only Comfort. Facilitator: Rev. Brad Zwiens

The January 13 worship service and Adult Education session are the beginning of a 3-month series focusing on the Heidelberg Catechism. Every other Sunday (1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24), the sermon in morning worship will be structured around catechism themes, and after worship everyone from grade 9 through adult is invited to join a time of conversation based on M. Craig Barnes’ book, though you don’t need to have read the book to come to the conversation. If you would like to come to the discussion after worship on January 13 and need childcare provided, please contact Pastor Rebecca (rjordanheys@calvincrc.org) today.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, January 9, at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Anyone dealing in any way with the effects of cancer is invited to attend.


CALVIN ON-LINE: If you use **Facebook** and “like” Calvin Church, you will get weekly worship service information and weather-related announcements. Our church **webpage**, CalvinCRC.org, contains information such as the coming month’s worship and preaching schedule, video of our worship service, and Sunday’s bulletin.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Promise will be hosting its annual **A Heart for Kids, Families & Community** half-day training for IHN volunteers on January 19 from 9-1 PM at Cornerstone Church's Heritage Hill campus. This training will include an inspirational opening from Joy99's Tommy and Brook, breakout sessions, a light breakfast, lunch, and several updates from Family Promise. Please RSVP to Cassidy Dykstra by emailing Cassidydy@familypromisegr.org. We hope to see you there!

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- During the Epiphany season we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the world. Light floods the surface of our Epiphany banner to reflect the light that Christ's incarnation brought to a world of darkness.
- 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.
- 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
- 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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CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, January 6</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Marlene Vanderhill
	East Greeters: Bruce & Kathy Van Oss
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Dan & Melanie Yff
	Jacqueline Lanning, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Trap
11:20a	Church School and Catechism
11:30a	Adult Education: Grand Rapids, the Center of My World, Presenter: Steven Huyser-Honig
4:00p	Light of Christ Community in the Fellowship Hall
<i>Tuesday, January 8</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meeting in the Conference Room
6:30p	Building & Grounds Committee meeting
7:30p	Elders meeting in Room 16
<i>Wednesday, January 9</i>	
4:00p	Cancer Support Group in the Conference Room
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Jansen)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<i>Thursday, January 10</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Easttown Basketball
<i>Next Sunday, January 13</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Wayne & Barb VanWynen
	East Greeters: Kyle & Corey Visker
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Cindy Brink, Diane Joling
	Grace Spoelma, Abi Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Burghgraef
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Prelude: Variations on "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" [#101] C. Oliver

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **#109:1,2,4**

Hymnsing

Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 72:1-14 page 464

* Hymn of Preparation: "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" **#121:1-5**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28 page 797

Sermon: **HOLY PERSISTENCE**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" **#374:1-3**

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offerings for Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders

Offertory: "Moderato"

Robert Schumann

* Benediction

* Doxology: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" **#374:4**
(concluding with sung "Amen")

* Postlude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" [#405] Edwin T. Childs