



*Fourth*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

**March 31, 2019**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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# “This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!”

## Luke 15:24

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Organist: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Calvin College Capella  
Director: Pearl Shangkuan  
Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

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Ten o'clock

March 31, 2019

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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Partita on O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” [#111]

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Sing Joyfully unto God”

William Byrd

Sing joyfully unto God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon,

Even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

\* Opening Hymn: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

**#111:1,3,4,5**

\* God's Greeting

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: “Behold, the Lamb of God”

#110:1,14

The congregation sings stanza 1 and the refrain.

Stanzas 8 and 9 are read.

The congregation sings stanza 14 and the refrain.

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

Anthem of Response: “Jubilate”

Philip Stopford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

And into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,

And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Understanding Baptism

Prayer

Parental Confession

Congregational Pledge: **We do, God helping us.**

Children’s Hymn “Jesus Loves Me”

#709:1-3

(Children may come to the font)

Baptism of Olivia Jean Dierlam

Baptismal Prayer

Baptismal Hymn: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

#863:1-3,6

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Call to Prayer: “God Be in My Head”

John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
(stanza 4 to be sung in unison)

#175:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **THE FATHER RAN**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: “Far from Home We Run, Rebellious”

#122:1-5

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Bruce Tiejema

Offering for 70 X 7

Offertory Anthem: “And Can It Be”

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
He left his father’s throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love and bled for Adam’s helpless race.  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown through Christ my own.  
Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” #111:6  
**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad—  
The Trinity, whom we adore forever and forevermore.  
Amen.**

Choral Response: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Philip Stopford  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
Amen.

\* Postlude: “Allegro, from Concerto in G Minor” Karl Heinrich Graun

## *Calvin CRC Announcements for March 31, 2019*

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

*Morning worship:* We welcome Olivia Jean Dierlam into the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. The Calvin College Capella, under the direction of Pearl Shangkuan, leads us in worship. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 15:11-32, “The Father Ran,” and the offering is for 70 X 7.

70 X 7 provides services to offenders, victims, and their families. Services include pastoral counseling, workshops, and support groups for women and children, transportation for children visiting parents in prison, educational seminars, client advocacy, re-entry mentoring, and the promotion of religious programming in Michigan prisons. One of 70 X 7’s programs, Take Charge (an educational program for women), takes place at Calvin Church every Thursday morning, virtually year-round.

*Evening worship:* We welcome the congregations of Woodlawn and Plymouth Heights CRCs to join us here at Calvin Church. Rev. Jack Roeda preaches from Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-11, “What Does the Lord Require of Us?” The offering is for Wedgwood Christian Services.

Wedgwood provides numerous services for adolescents and their families, including both inpatient and outpatient counseling, alternatives in education for high-risk kids, and substance abuse treatment and prevention services.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation April 1-8. If you desire pastoral care during that time, contact Pastor Brad, Pastor Jake, your district Elder, or the church office.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 7**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Isaiah 43:16-21. We will sing hymns that were requested by the congregation, and the offering will be for the Micah Center.

The Micah Center holds first and third Tuesday meetings where people can learn about and become involved in social justice issues. In 2013, Calvin Church became one of about forty five supporting churches of the Micah Center.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Charles Fullmer will preach from Philippians 3:2-14. Rev. Fullmer is a minister in the United Methodist Church and an active participant in the life of Calvin Church. The offering will be for Baxter Community Center.

Baxter Community Center helps individuals and families meet their emotional, physical, and spiritual needs so they can create a future rooted in hope. Its services include a child development center, a health clinic, a mentoring program, a food and clothing pantry, financial counseling, and nutritional programs.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a brief meeting following the morning service on April 14. The congregation will be asked to approve the slate of Elder and Deacon nominees to replace those who have concluded their terms. In a separate item, the congregation will be asked to approve a motion to call Rev. Arianna Tolsma to her new position as Chaplain at Wedgwood Christian Services. Deacon Nominees (5 needed): Brian Netz, Kim Spoelma, Rob Stafford, Yvonne Triezenberg, Gord Vandenberg, Kathy Van Oss. Elder Nominees (6 needed): Gary Burghgraef, Julie DeKoster, Jan Dykgraaf, Dale Rosema, Bob Schoone-Jongen, Dwight Baker (serving a 4th year).

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

<b>85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:</b>	4/1 Win Miersma (91)
4/2 Al Bratt (86)	4/19 John VanderPloeg (91)
4/24 Miriam DeLange (85)	4/30 Barb Hoekwater (86)

**COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAY:** 4/12 Doofanter Nyamor (21)

**Jack Holwerda** (district 6) has moved to the Cook Center at Raybrook.  
2121 Raybrook St SE #211, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Art Jongsma** (district 10) had surgery on his neck this past week and is recovering at Metro Hospital.

We are so grateful for your prayers for healing after my two surgeries. We give God all the glory for you and his presence during this time. *Jan & Dave Dykgraaf*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:** 4/11 Olivia Coulter (5)  
4/14 Andrew and Jacob Brink (10) 4/30 Molly Netz (9)

**CLASS SCHEDULES:** *Today and April 7:* TLC, Children's Worship Center, and Church School classes do not meet. TLC children may attend nursery or the sanctuary for worship. Busy Bags are on the picket fence in the Atrium. Bulletins for older children are in the holder in the Narthex.

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans. Presenter: Randal Jelks, the author and Professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies at the University of Kansas, will discuss his latest book (available in the Library and at Schuler Books). The book explores the faith stories of four African Americans: Ethel Waters, Mary Lou Williams, Eldridge Cleaver, and Muhammad Ali. For them, liberation was not simply defined by material or legal well-being, but by a spiritual search for community and personal wholeness.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Tax Policy Under President Trump  
Presenter: John Tiemstra. What are the recent tax cuts intended to do, and what are the effects they have had on economic growth, the government budget, and the distribution of income?

**COLLEGE LUNCH:** If you are a college student or college-aged, join us today at 11:30 AM down in the Catacomb for a taco bar. That's right, tacos! We'll eat together and share good conversation. See you there!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will not meet this week. We will resume our study next week Wednesday, April 10. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

**LENTEN PRAYERS:** You are invited to join a short time of evening prayer each Wednesday during Lent. We'll gather from 7:00-7:30 PM in the Lounge on April 3, 10, and 17 to follow a liturgy of evening prayer together. Consider including this in your observance of the season of Lent this year, and invite friends to join. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Pastor Brad if you have questions.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** We are planning a Festival of Hymns, Anthems, and Readings for Eastertide on Sunday morning, April 28 (one week after Easter Sunday). Our Sanctuary Choir invites all interested singers to join them for three Wednesday rehearsals (April 10, 17, and 24 at 7:30 PM) to prepare for singing on Easter Sunday and for the Festival on the following week. Please talk to Ken or any choir member if you are interested in singing, or just show up for rehearsal.

**WHAT ARE THE NEW NUMBERS? 4 - 5, 0, 9, 13, 12!** Calvin Church can help **Kids' Food Basket** feed hungry kids in Grand Rapids by filling snack bags with trail mix. We now need: 4 - 5 more volunteers on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. All ages are welcome!

0 more large boxes of Cheerios

9 more bags of pretzels

13 more boxes of Cheezits, Goldfish, or other cheesy crackers

12 more large bags of raisins—no small boxes, please!

Sign up outside the Fellowship Hall today to volunteer and/or bring the trail mix ingredients. Please bring the food donations by Sunday, April 7, or by Saturday, April 13 if you are also volunteering. Let's help build a better nourished, healthier future for our community's kids. **KIDS FOOD BASKET**

**LENTEN BREAKFAST:** Come and remember our Lord's journey to the cross as we gather on April 17 at 9:30 AM for the Lenten breakfast. The program will include audience participation, special music, prayer, and a meditation. ALL are invited including friends and neighbors. Sign-up sheet is on table in the narthex or call church office: 451-8467 or Gert Bokhout: 460-6002.

**SECRETARY SUBSTITUTE:** Looking for someone familiar with MS Word who would be interested in working in the church office when the secretary goes on vacation. A daily schedule is available. Contact Kim Fredricks 616-451-8467.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Today, at 3 PM, Church of the Servant will be hosting a solo and chamber music concert featuring talented young Calvin alumni playing works by Bartok, Telemann, Bach, and more. A free-will offering will be taken for Sonido del Movimiento, a Christian nonprofit working to promote resiliency and community building through music and dance in Xela, Guatemala. SDM is the organization that Bethany Cok, Wally Bratt's granddaughter, is working with, and Bethany will be giving a brief presentation at the concert. We hope to see you there!

**The Calvin College Alumni Choir**, under the direction of interim conductor Sean Ivory and accompanied by Kenneth Bos, will present their spring concert "Creation Sings" on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 PM at the Basilica of St. Adalbert, 654 Davis Ave. NW, Grand Rapids. The concert will also feature special guests, the Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Chorus.

The concert will begin with Aaron Copland's "In the Beginning." Other repertoire will focus on the different aspects of creation mentioned in Genesis, then turn toward the creation of music as a means to express our gratitude to God for his creation. The concert will include music by Paul Christiansen, Josquin des Prez, Charles Wood, Charles Villiers Stanford, Paul Halley, and Grand Rapids composer Mark Thomas.

Tickets are not required, but a free will offering will be taken. Seating is first come, first served, with a reserved section for patrons. All are welcome!



# CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, March 31</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	East Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Jan Wilkins, Karen Trap Clara Tolsma, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Vanderhill
11:30a	Adult Education: Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans Presenter: Randal Jelks
11:30a	College Lunch in the Catacomb
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Tuesday, April 2</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, April 3</i>
7:00p	Lenten Prayers in the Lounge
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, April 4</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, April 7</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	East Greeters: Randy & Elly Nyhof
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Stapert
	Nursery Helpers: Dale & Joanie Rosema Jacqueline Lanning, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Trap
11:30a	Adult Education: Tax Policy Under President Trump. Presenter: John Tiemstra



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

### **Welcome to Calvin Church**

#### **In Worship:**

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The baptismal banner's abstract design is inspired by the motion of falling water. As Christ used water to signify the washing away of our sinful nature and the instilling of his divine Spirit, we use this symbol as a reminder of God's covenant with his children.
- 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.



Prelude: "Our Father"	G. Bohm
Welcome and Opening Prayer	
* God's Greeting	
* Opening Hymn: "Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"	<b>#500:1,4,5</b>
Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 32	page 440
* Hymn of Preparation: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"	<b>#286:1,2,4</b>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8	page 757
Matthew 5:1-11	page 785
Sermon: <b>WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF US?</b>	
Prayer of Application	
* Hymn of Response: "We Are Called"	<b>#296:1-3</b>
* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed	back cover of hymnal
Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer	
Presentation of Offerings	
Offerings for Wedgwood Christian Services	
Offertory: "Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith"	D. Buxtehude
* Benediction	
* Doxology: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (concluding with sung "Amen")	<b>#928:1,4</b>
* Postlude: "Magnificat"	D. Buxtehude