



Fifth
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

April 7, 2019

Worship Services: 10AM and 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

**“I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Ron Rozema
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Handbell Duet: Stephanie Wiltse and Penny Kindraka
Flute: Amy Netz
Violin: Julie Bowden
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, Handbell duet
Scripture Reader: Bobby Houskamp

Ten o'clock

April 7, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” J. Pachelbel, F. Zachau, J. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” arr. Penny Kindraka

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.

* Opening Hymns: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

#667:1-3

#527:1-2

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.

Forgive us, gracious God.

**Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your grace;
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: "Behold, the Lamb of God"

#110:1,14

The congregation sings stanza 1 and the refrain.

Annika Baker reads stanzas 10 and 11.

The congregation sings stanza 14 and the refrain.

Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of the hymnal

* Song of Response: "And Can It Be"

#695:1,3,4

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: "Beneath the Cross" [text #825]

Dan Forrest

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#366:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

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Sermon: **A NEW THING**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

#43:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Corrin Meyer

Offering for the Micah Center

Offertory: “Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

arr. Jeanne Warzyn

I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger,
A traveler through this world of woe.
But there’s no sickness, toil, nor danger
In that fair land to which I go.

I’m going there to see my father.
I’m going there no more to roam.
I am just going over Jordan.
I am just going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me.
I know my way is rough and steep,
But beautiful fields lie just before me
Where God’s redeemed their vigils keep.

I’m going home to see my mother.
She said she’d meet me when I come.
I’m only going over Jordan.
I’m only going over home.
I’m just a going over home.

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

#873:1,3

**Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring
Unto our Father for every good thing.
All together, joyfully sing!**

**May we go out from here sharing God’s love.
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.
All together, joyfully sing! Amen.**

* Postlude: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” J. Bender, D. Hruby

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 7, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Isaiah 43:16-21. We are singing hymns that have been requested by the congregation, and the offering is 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 preaches 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 is 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.

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca is on vacation through April 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 14, Palm Sunday

Morning worship: On this Palm Sunday, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 19:28-40. Our Junior Bells, Covenant Choir, and Cherub Choir will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Missions.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Philippians 2:1-11, and the offering will be for Home Repair Services.

Home Repair Services serves low-income homeowners in a variety of ways, including offering a wide variety of home repair and financial classes, loaning tools for folks to make their own repairs, and offering low-cost paint and building materials.

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

Jean Ryskamp (district 5) passed away on Thursday, April 4. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Bernie Ritzema (district 7) is receiving hospice care.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CLASS SCHEDULES: TLC, Children's Worship Center, and Church School classes do not meet today. 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.

THE COVENANT AND CHERUB CHOIRS will be finishing their season next week Sunday, April 14, with the traditional singing of "Look at the World." Parents of choristers and former choristers are invited to join us for this anthem. Parents will rehearse with the choirs at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning, April 14. Please plan to join your sons and daughters at that time. All former choristers may join us after the last hymn that morning. See you all there!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**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?

FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST: Welcome spring by joining fellow seniors for breakfast tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM. A room at Russ' Restaurant has been reserved for us. A chair will be waiting for you! It is an excellent occasion to invite newer members to become better acquainted with other Calvin Church Seniors.

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 8 as we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, April 10, at 9:30 AM. We will study God's question "Stand Up! What Are You Doing Down on Your Face?" from Joshua 7:1-15. A study guide is available on the table in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, April 10 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Anyone dealing in any way with the effects of cancer is invited to attend. We will take a break this summer and not meet during June, July, and August.

FAMILY SUPPER: A pizza supper will be provided at church on April 10 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Triezenbergs and Rozemas will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

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 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? 0, 0, 9, 12, 11! Calvin Church can help **Kids' Food Basket** feed hungry kids in Grand Rapids by filling snack bags with trail mix. We have enough volunteers for Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM.

0 more large boxes of Cheerios

9 more bags of pretzels

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

11 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 Saturday, April 13 if you are also volunteering. Let's help build a better nourished, healthier future for our community's kids.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our Spring Blood Drive is Wednesday, April 24, 2:30-7:30. Due to winter weather, our last drive was canceled. Would you consider donating to make this event our best ever? Email Judy Bode with your preferred time slot. Thank you!

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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Planning for Peace of Mind: Monday, May 6, 7 PM. Church of the Servant, 3835 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids, MI. It’s a women’s night out! Join special guests Amy Bakker Baty, J.D. (estate planning attorney, Barnabas Foundation) and Andrea Prince Karsten (financial advisor) for a candid and informative conversation for women of all walks of life, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced. Gain practical, confidence-building insight on money and planning — both from Scripture and the experience of other women. Learn more and register at www.BarnabasFoundation.com/PeaceofMind.

CALENDAR

<i>Today, 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
<i>Monday, April 8</i>	
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at the 28 th Street Russ’
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
7:30p	Quimby Organ Competition in the Sanctuary

	<i>Tuesday, April 9</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meets in the Conference Room
6:30p	Building & Grounds
7:30p	Elders meet in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, April 10</i>
9:30a	Women's Bible Study meets in Room 1
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:00p	Family Supper
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:00p	Family Assistance Building open for volunteers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Netz)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	Lenten Prayers in the Lounge
	Cadets, GEMS, 78ers
7:30p	Festival Choir
	<i>Thursday, April 11</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, April 12</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Saturday, April 13</i>
9:00a	Kids Food Basket in the main floor Kitchen
	<i>Next Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Curt & Gwen Overbeek
	East Greeters: Doug & Anne Poortenga
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Dwight & Tammy Baker
	Isaac Hubka, Annika Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Trap
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Son of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- 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-2nd: 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
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

Prelude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" [#175] S. Eithen, D. Forrest

Welcome and Opening Prayer

* God's Greeting

* Opening Hymn: "We Are People on a Journey" #142:1,2,4

Hymnsing

Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 126 page 499

* Hymn of Preparation: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #175:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:2-14 page 954

Sermon: **FOREVER BECOMING**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: "I Surrender All" #739:1-3

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

Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offerings for Baxter Community Center

Offertory: "I Surrender All" [#739] Mark Hayes

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" #43:1
(concluding with sung "Amen")

* Postlude: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" [#43] Timothy Shaw

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Charles Fullmer
Pianist: Kenneth Bos