



**March 12, 2023**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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**“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” – Luke 18:14**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**\* Please stand in body or in spirit**

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood, Rev. Karl VanHarn,

Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Suzi Steketee

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Sarah Frisch

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**Ten o'clock**

**March 12, 2023**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “By Water-Brooks of Babylon”

Johann Pachelbel; Friedrich Zachau; Johann Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Introit Prayer”

Text and music: Trudi Huisman Huizenga

Holy Father, loving Savior, blessed Spirit, hear us.

Be among us; lead and guide us. May we ever feel your presence.

Bless our worship; keep your promise. As your children, feed us.

Through your Word and Spirit's presence, O refresh us for your service.

Amen.

\* Opening Hymns: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

**#538:1-3**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

**#492:1-4**

\* God's Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

**All: Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “God, Be Merciful to Me”

**#623:1,3**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: “Glory Be to the Father”

**#961**

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**All: The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

**All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Anthem: “Psalm 130”

Music: Paul Manz

Out of the depths have I cried unto you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word do I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord for with the Lord there is mercy,  
and with him is redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all her iniquities.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding 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 forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Be Still, for the Presence"

**#532:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE**

Prayer Response: Psalm 131

Leader: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

**All: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.**

## **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**#863:1,3,5**

Moment for Mission: David and Hiroko Sytsma

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

**#538:4**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Fanfare for Organ"

Richard Proulx

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for March 12, 2023**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM, Third Sunday of Lent**

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*Morning worship* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 18:9-14, "Not Like Other People." The Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent, 10 AM and 5 PM**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Mark 10:35-45, "What Is It You Want?" The Sanctuary Choir and Allegro Ringers will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

*Evening Worship:* We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Lisa Meyer will preach from Isaiah 42:14-21.

**Sermon Series:** Here's what's coming up in the season of Lent at Calvin Church: "Thinking of Ourselves Rightly: Following the Humble and Life-Giving Way of Jesus."

March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Mark 10:35-45

March 26: Fifth Sunday in Lent – Pastor Brad preaches from 1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7

If you'd like to add some devotional reading to your worship this Lenten season, may we suggest *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* by Tim Keller, *Learning Humility* by Richard Foster, or *Humble* by Daryl Van Tongeren.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

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**Ruth Lobbes** (district 2) continues to be in nursing care. Please pray for growing strength so that she may return home soon.

Eli Baas, the son of Matthew and Kaitlyn Baas, and the grandson of **Suzi Steketee** (district 2), died on Wednesday, March 1, after living for a short while postpartum. Eli did not develop kidneys in utero, which also meant that his body was unable to develop lungs as he grew. Please pray for God's immense comfort and presence to be near to Matthew and Kaitlyn, Suzi and Bill, and Eli's many family members and friends (some of whom are part of our Calvin Church community).

We rejoice with our former seminary intern Lynette van de Hoef Meyers and her husband Dan in the birth of their son, Nathaniel, on Sunday, March 5.

**Kyle Visker** (District 5) is scheduled for surgery to remove a tumor on his pituitary gland this Wednesday, March 15.

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

**Great TRIP News!** In the first two months of 2023, many more Calvin Church members have been using TRIP to pay for things they buy frequently, earning nearly \$500. That's more than three times what we earned in Jan/Feb 2022. If you have been on the sidelines, it's time to get into the game! Lists of vendors who accept TRIP are on the table in the Narthex.

***I'm Still Here by Austin Brown Book Club:*** we had a great start at our first meeting. If you missed attending, but would still like to take part, please come to our next meeting today at 5:00 PM. We'll be discussing chapters 1 - 9. This is a link to the author's website - <http://austinchanning.com/>. If you have any questions or would like more info, please contact Tamara Baker at (616) 540-2626.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on Wednesday, March 15, for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Districts 2, 4, 8, and Gord and Jane Vandenberg will serve food from 5:00–6:30 PM.

**CALVIN CHURCH BREAKFAST CLUB:** March 15 at 10 AM at Russ' (28th Street SE). All are welcome! Talk to Pastor Kelly if you have any questions.

**TEA SETS:** Our church owns a collection of retired tea sets, and these dishes are available to our members on a first-come, first-served basis. Teapots and cups are displayed in the case by the Nursery and in the Conference Room by the offices. Wrapping supplies are in the bins under the table. Dishes remaining after April 1 will be donated to Breton Woods.

In the **DISPLAY CASE** is a sampling of teapots that were used when Calvin Church had tea parties. These get-togethers were organized and hosted by Fran Baker for the women and girls of the church.

**The Community Engagement Discovery Team (CEDT)** invites you to be on your feet, praying for our neighbors. All are welcome for a neighborhood walk on Thursday, March 16, at 10 AM. We'll meet at church and walk for a few blocks around the neighborhood. We'll talk as we walk, and we may stop and pray together as the Spirit leads us. We're committed to prayer and to growing in love for our community together.

**Calvin Church is hosting The Cultural Intelligence Building workshop offered by the CRCNA.** The workshop focuses on concrete skills to improve our ability to act and react in positive ways across cultural lines. Through carefully tailored interactive exercises, participants become aware of their personal lifelong journey in cultural intelligence, as they build their own capacity to improve their CQ over time. This workshop is available for anyone who is interested in breaking down cultural barriers and developing a better understanding of the diverse people

who make up the kingdom of God. The workshop will be held March 17, 8:30 AM — 4 PM. Registration is required at <https://crcna.regfox.com/cultural-intelligence-cq-building-workshop> Registration is free for members of Calvin Church, as a thank-you for our hosting the event! Contact the church office for the free registration code.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Classis Grand Rapids East**, as founding member of Together West Michigan is inviting you to attend the annual Delegate Assembly, rescheduled for April 15. We will be receiving an in-depth look at the recommendations being formed from the five research teams: housing, childcare, immigration/refugee care, community safety, and mental health access. A link to further details is on the Calvin Church website at the bottom of the homepage. The gathering will be on Saturday, April 15, 10:00-11:30 AM, at First Community AME Church, 500 James Street SE. You are welcome whether you have been to a TWM event before or not.

### **In Worship:**

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126, CCLI#2532147, and CSPL#175060.
- 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 "Sun of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- 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 in the nursery 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.

### **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)
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCblmHBbe8AlzEyQxUM1VjA>

# CALENDAR

	<b><i>Today, Sunday, March 12</i></b>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Hendrikse, Kate Triezenberg
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Joanie Rosema
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Graham Rayburn
3:30p	CYG Activity
5:00p	Book Group: <i>I'm Still Here</i> meets in the Atrium
	<b><i>Tuesday, March 14</i></b>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<b><i>Wednesday, March 15</i></b>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
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	<b><i>Thursday, March 16</i></b>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	Neighborhood Prayer Walk
	<b><i>Friday, March 17</i></b>
8:30a	Cultural Intelligence Workshop
	<b><i>Saturday, March 18</i></b>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<b><i>Next Sunday, March 19</i></b>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Leanne Hendrikse
	Nursery Volunteers: Christine Coulter, Annaliese Hendrikse
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Laura Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bruce Tiejema
5:00p	Worship Service
6:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb