



August 27, 2023

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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**“We, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.”
– Romans 12:5**

Ordinary Time

Liturgist: Roger Konyndyk
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Ben Mohr
Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys
Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Sarah Frisch

Ten o'clock

August 27, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” [#374]

Alec Wyton; Charles Ore; Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Take My Life and Let It Be” [#863] Text: Frances R. Havergal
Music: H.A. Cesar Malan

* Opening Hymns: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

#374:1-3

“Come, All You People, Praise Our God”

#495:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon (from Romans 8:31-39):

Leader: What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God’s elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,

who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

* Hymn of Assurance: “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

#121:1,4,5

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

back 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: “An Offering”

Text: Eileen Berry

Music: Dan Forrest

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
what would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?

Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride
what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands my heart shrinks from the cost,
teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,
my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.

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: "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

#252:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **ORDINARY BODIES**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Lord of All Good"

#879:1-3

* Offertory Prayer for Community Care: Cindy Brink

* Benediction

* Doxology: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

#374:4

All glory be to God Most High; to God the Son let praises rise;

Whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forevermore.

Amen.

* Postlude: "Toccata Brevis"

Daniel Gawthrop

Calvin CRC Announcements for August 27, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Romans 12:1-8, and we welcome Ben Mohr to lead us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 3, 10 AM

Morning worship: We will begin a worship series during the Season of Creation. Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Genesis 2:4b-14 and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Trudi Huizenga will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Benevolence.

Evening worship: Due to the holiday weekend, we will not hold our usual first-Sunday-of-the-month service of prayer and singing. It will be postponed to another date.

Season of Creation: The River

Rivers are beautiful, powerful, live-giving, and frightening. In scripture, they are often a metaphor for the presence of God. During the Season of Creation this fall, we will spend four weeks hearing texts about rivers. The Bible invites us to consider what this image can tell us about the presence of God in our lives and in our world today.

September 3: "A river flows out of Eden to water the garden"

– Pastor Brad preaches from Genesis 2:4b-14

September 10: "Everything will live where the river goes"

– Pastor Rebecca preaches from Ezekiel 47:1-12

September 17: "Flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb"

– Pastor Rebecca preaches from Revelation 22:1-7

September 24: "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty" – Pastor Brad preaches from John 4 and 7

Staff notes: Pastor Brad is on study leave August 21-28.

COUNCIL NEWS

"Loving and Learning Together" feedback session: Sign up for a final session on Sunday, August 27 at 5:00 PM, or contact your district Elder or Deacon or one of the pastors if you are unable to attend. Your voice is important to us as council leaders, and we are grateful for your prayers as we continuing to pursue God's mission together at Calvin Church.

SECURE ONLINE GIVING is now available to those who find it convenient. Please use the "giving" link on <http://www.calvincrc.org> or on mobile by using the QR code.



CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:

9/13 Nick Lanning (86)

9/29 Bill Smit (93)

9/7 David Huisman (87)

9/14 Elaine VanKley (87)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAY: 9/5 Maria Poortenga (23)

The flowers today are to celebrate the 56th wedding anniversary of LeRoy and Anjean Stegink. Their children wish them congratulations and many more happy years!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

9/2 Grace Spoelma (18)

9/14 Lane Molenbeek (12)

9/15 Nate Meyer (11) and Lazarus Heys (6)

9/24 Nora Nunn (11)

9/26 Emilia Schipper (7)

9/28 Allison Coulter (12) and Annaliese Hendrikse (10)

CHOIR NEWS: The Cherub and Covenant choirs will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:15 PM in the children's choir room downstairs. All children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited and welcome to attend. Hope to see you there to begin our choir season for 2023. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 24, Music Dedication Sunday. Of course, the beautiful voices of the Cherubs and Covenant Choristers will be singing. We are "Lonely" for you! 😊

Calvin University welcome: If you're on the Calvin University campus this Thursday, August 31, stop by our table at the ministry fair from 5:30-7:00 PM. Pastor Brad will be greeting Calvin students who are new to campus and looking for a church to engage with this fall. Let's extend them a warm welcome!

TLC, CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, WORSHIP AND WONDER, AND CATECHISM begin September 17.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

FALL OFFICE HOURS: The church office is open from 8 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Thursday.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for coffee, cookies, puzzles, games, and conversation August 28 in the Atrium from 1-3 PM.

LOVING AND LEARNING BOOK STUDY: Copies of *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church*, are available at the table in the narthex. *Goodreads* claims: "Unique among most debates on homosexuality, this book presents a constructive dialogue between people who disagree on

significant ethical and theological matters, and yet maintain a respectful and humanizing posture toward one another.” Be aware that the book contains frank discussions of sex. The first discussion will be held on September 24, and we will address the first section of the book. The following three sections will be discussed on October 8, October 22, and November 12.

FALL KICKOFF LUNCH: It’s time to sign up for the Fall lunch which will be held after the morning service on Sunday, September 10. Please join us as we celebrate the Fall season of our church year. Many programs will be starting up again and representatives will be available to answer questions. Check the flyer in your mailbox and turn in your reservation slip to the box at the TRIP table. Reservations can also be made by emailing or calling the church office. Hope to see you there.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICTS 1 & 5 are invited to save Sunday, October 22 for a district get together after church and coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Classis GR East Racial Justice committee is planning a road trip to Detroit on Saturday, September 23. Join us on a bus tour that will leave Calvin Church at 7:30 AM. We will first visit and tour the Second Baptist Church and the underground Railroad Museum, have lunch, and then tour the Charles Wright Museum of African American History arriving back to Calvin Church later that evening. The cost is \$30. Contact Cindy Burch to register or if you have questions.

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 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.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- 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
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, August 27</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Joanie Rosema
	Nursery Volunteers: Melisa Hubka, Lydia Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Kim Wierenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: LeRoy Stegink
5:00p	“Loving and Learning Together” Feedback Session in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, August 28</i>
1:00p	Seniors Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, August 29</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, August 31</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, September 3</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Cindy Lanning Burch
	Nursery Volunteers: Lori Feenstra, Hannah Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Paul and Tanya Bulthuis
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
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