



September 10, 2023

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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**“But let justice roll down like waters, and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”
Amos 5:24**

Season of Creation

Ten o'clock

September 10, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Two Settings of “The Lord’s My Shepherd” Mark Sedio; Harold Darke

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling” [#507]

text: Psalm 84

music: Justin H. Krecht

* Opening Hymns: “Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise”
“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

#515:1,2,4

#516

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness.

In your great compassion,

cleanse us from our sin.

All: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence,

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: "Have Mercy on Us, God Most High"

#13:1-2

Assurance of Pardon

Testimonies from CYG Service-Learning in Philadelphia

Commissioning of Erin Hubka, Children's Ministries Coordinator

* 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: "God Is My Shepherd"

text: Psalm 23

Music: Antonin Dvořák

God is my shepherd; I want for nothing.

My rest is in the pleasant meadows,
he leadeth me where quiet waters flow.

My fainting soul he doth restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace,
to glorify his name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander,
my spirit shall not fear, for thou art by me still;
thy rod and thy staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

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: "Ancient Words"

#762:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-12

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **HOW'S THE FISHING?**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Let Justice Flow"

#295:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Ron Rozema

* Offertory Prayer for Mission Outreach

Deacon: God, your generosity to us is abundant and gracious.
Everything we have comes from you.

**All: Receive our gifts of our time, our selves, and our possessions.
Help us to grow in gratitude and joy as we follow Jesus.**

* Benediction

* Doxology: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

#551:6

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

* Postlude: "The Emperor's Fanfare"

Antonio Soler, arr. E. Power Biggs

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Helen Van Wyck

Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Brian Netz

Calvin CRC Announcements for September 10, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our series in the Season of Creation with a sermon from Ezekiel 47:1-12. We welcome Helen VanWyck to lead us in ministry of music. We hear testimonies from our CYG high school youth group participants in the Philadelphia Service-Learning trip. We commission Erin Hubka as our new Children's Ministries Coordinator.

Evening worship: We gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of singing and sharing prayer requests.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 17

Morning worship: We will continue our series in the Season of Creation as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Revelation 22:1-7, "The Healing of the Nations." Our prayer of lament and confession will reflect Abuse Awareness Sunday. The Sherman Street Quartet will lead us in ministry of music, and we will commission Kim Wierenga as Director of Family Assistance and Evie Dykhous as pastoral intern. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

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 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

COUNCIL NEWS

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



New Seminary Intern: We are delighted to announce that Calvin Theological Seminary has assigned us another pastoral intern! Evie Dykhous is a M.Div. student from Byron Center, Michigan, and a graduate of Trinity Christian College. She plans to serve with us here at Calvin Church for two academic years. Please extend a warm welcome to Evie and pray for our partnership with her in ministry.

CHURCH FAMILY

Betty Wiersma (district 3) has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently receiving hospice care. Please pray that God's Spirit may be near to Betty and her family to comfort and to bring peace.

Grayden Slowins (district 4) has begun hospice care. May our God be close to him and bring him all comfort and peace.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

78ers and CYG both begin very soon! Our first CYG activity is on Sunday, September 17, at 3:30 PM and the first 78ers evening will be Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 PM. The Fall 2023 schedules for both ministries were sent out to parents. Please contact Pastor Brad if you have any questions, or if you did not receive the schedule.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

FAMILY ASSISTANCE: With cooler weather coming, Family Assistance is starting to get requests for blankets. We would appreciate any contributions of single, double, or queen size blankets. They can be brought to the office and placed on the cart by the door.

GALLERY WALL: The artwork on display is by Allory Netz, a life-long member of Calvin Church who has been active in our children's programs, music ministries, and flute duets with her mother. She is Brian and Amy Netz's daughter, a ninth grader at Unity Christian High School. Allory has always enjoyed making art. Drawing and painting portraits and landscapes are her favorites.

BOOK CLUB begins a new season on Monday, September 11 at 3:00 PM in the Lounge. Our book is *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. The reading list is available in the Library. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Pat Elders.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: If you are between the ages of 11 and 101 and if you love to sing, we have a place for you in the Sanctuary Choir. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Balcony.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Save the date – we will begin on Wednesday, September 20 at 2:30 PM in Room 1. Contact Pastor Rebecca for a copy of the study guide or with any questions.

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.

Book Discussion on September 24: Please sign up if you plan to attend the book study as part of our Loving and Learning project. You can sign up at the table in the narthex or call Kim in the office. Pastors Brad, Rebecca, and Lisa along with our former intern Kelsey will be facilitating the discussions, and they need to know how many will be attending.

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.

Welcome to Calvin Church

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 Prayer of Confession is from *The Worship Sourcebook*
- 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:

- Ages 0-2: 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: www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighbor opportunity: Our neighbors at Easttown Community Association cordially invite volunteer help for this year's 50th Annual Street Fair on Saturday, September 16. Please visit <https://www.easttown.org/volunteering> to help with set-up, clean up, or anything in between.

	<i>Today, Sunday, September 10</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Elly Nyhof
	Nursery Volunteers: Marissa Dierlam, Jenna Buist
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda Sytsma
11:45a	Ministry Fair and Church Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Marissa Dierlam
5:00p	Praise and Prayer Service in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, September 11</i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, September 12</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, September 13</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
	Joyringers rehearsal in the Narthex
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, September 14</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, September 17</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Maria Knapper
	Nursery Volunteers: KaraMarie Lizewski, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Catechism in the Catacomb
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Roger Konyndyk
3:30p	CYG activity
5:00p	Communion Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall