



October 22, 2023

“Pray then in this way” – Matthew 6:9a

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “All Glory Be to God on High” [#542]

Johann Walther; Andreas Armsdorf

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Will You Come and Follow Me” [#742]

Traditional Scottish, arr. Larry Sue

* Opening Hymns: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”
“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

#223:1,3,4

#224:1,2,4

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from memory,
or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely,
bestows pardon and peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Assurance: “Built on the Rock”

Music: Ludwig M. Lindeman

Text: Nikolai Grundtvig, trans. Carlo Doving, arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Built on the rock, the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling.
Christ builds his church in every land; bells still are chiming and calling,
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

Not in a temple built with hands God the Almighty is dwelling;
high in the heavens his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heaven above chooses to live with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.
Yet to this place, an earthly frame, we come with thanks to praise his name;
God grants his people true blessing.

* 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: "For the Beauty of the Earth" [#19] Conrad Kocher, arr. Jason Krug

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

All: 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: "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart" **#761:1-2**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-15

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **GO GODWARD**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth” **#919:1-2**

* Invitation to Offering: Gwen Overbeek

* Offertory Prayer for Community Care

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. Amen.**

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” **#933:1-2**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O direct us and protect us Traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Two Short Marches”

David N. Johnson

Liturgist: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhous

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist and Sanctuary Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir

Guest Allegro Ringers Director: Melanie Tolsma

Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Brian Netz

Calvin CRC Announcements for October 22, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers continues our series with a sermon from Matthew 6:5-15, “Go Godward.” The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir lead us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 29

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our series with a sermon from Matthew 20:29-34, “Get Curious,” and some of our youth will lead us in worship. The offering will be for Family Assistance.

Sermon Series: Our upcoming sermons will focus on practices of Christian conflict transformation as seen in the life of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew. See the handout in your church mailbox for more background about this series.

Oct. 29: Get Curious – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Matthew 20:29-34

Nov. 5: Go Deep – Pastor Kelly preaches from Matthew 26:36-46

Nov. 12: Get Right – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Matthew 5:17-26

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca will be on study leave October 16-23.

COUNCIL NEWS

Since returning to evening worship after Covid, regular services have been held the first (singing and prayer time) and third (communion) Sundays of the month, with encouragement to the congregation to have small group meetings on other weeks and a time to gather for a meal on any fifth Sundays. The Worship Committee has been monitoring this format and has come to the conclusion that the first and third Sunday services are not a wise use of our resources because of low attendance. The committee recommended to the elders that the current format be replaced by occasional special evening services instead, and the elders, with some regret, approved that plan. Beginning in January, there will be no more regular evening services on the first and third Sundays.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:

11/1 Ken Lobbes (89)

11/15 Jay Lindquist (89)

11/29 Jim Workman (85)

11/1 Vivian Kleinhuizen (90)

11/5 Anne Mae Holwerda (95)

11/26 Jack VanZytveld (90)

11/30 Marilyn Lobbes (93)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

11/1 Jacqueline Lanning (21)

11/21 Annika Baker (20)

Sanctuary Flowers have been provided by Carol DeJonge.

I have received so many kind expressions of sympathy and care following my dear sister Elaine Bardolph's death. My deepest thanks to all for your thoughtfulness.

Mary Brummel

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 11/19 Gracie Lizewski (8)
11/23 Alison Buist (16) and Kate Triezenberg (14)
11/25 Jubilee Heys (10) 11/26 Luke Spoelma (14)

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: Thank you, Life Savers, for donating 29 pints of blood! Calvin Church has impacted 77 lives at our local hospitals with your gifts. A special thank you to our 4 first time donors. We encourage you to join us again! And congrats to two members who reached milestone donations of 3 gallons and 4 gallons. It's not too early to save Wednesday, Feb 21 for our Winter Blood Drive.

GALLERY DISPLAY: For the month of October our gallery display is dedicated to our supported mission outreach causes. It seems a good use of the space and a way to help us and our visitors become a bit more familiar with the mission causes we support.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE REQUEST: We are in a big need for mittens and gloves. Specifically for kids 2–4-year-olds and men's. If you are willing to donate any used, new, or hand knit, we would really appreciate it.

LOVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER BOOK STUDY: You are welcome to a discussion of *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church*. Be aware that the book contains frank discussions of sex. Section 4 will be discussed at 5:00 PM November 12. Please sign up at the table in the narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Pastors Brad, Rebecca, or Lisa with questions.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES: We are gathering photos for an online picture directory. Email a photo by October 31 (.jpg format) to office@calvincrc.org. The online picture directory will be kept current just as we do for the phone directory. If you would like a paper copy, contact the office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday, October 25 at 2:30 PM in Room 1.

WHAT'S BETTER THAN PANCAKES? Free Pancakes! Even better? Free pancakes, sausage, juice, fall fun and NEIGHBORS! Please return your sign-up by October 22 and mark your calendar for October 28 (9:30-11:00 AM). Sign-ups were in your mailbox, or you can let the office know of your plans. There are still a few opportunities to donate items; see the whiteboard by the kitchen. Please bring

your donations to church by October 22 as well. Don't miss this chance to fill up on the joy of pancakes and community!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Racial Justice Team of Classis Grand Rapids East invites you to Calvin CRC on Monday, October 23, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM for a time of fellowship and ideas. Meet the team and learn more about their mission. Calvin University’s Jodi Van Wingerden will grace us with a presentation entitled “The Danger of a Good Story” in which we’ll learn about an often-overlooked piece of Classis Grand Rapids East’s history and why it’s important to embrace, rather than run-from, our messy stories.

	<i>Today, Sunday, October 22</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Overbeek, Hazel Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Norma Spears
	Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
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: Gwen Overbeek
12:00p	Districts 1 & 5 Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
5:00p	Book Discussion <i>Two Views on Homosexuality</i>
	<i>Tuesday, October 24</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, October 25</i>
2:30p	Women’s Bible Study in Room 1
6:00p	Joyringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Narthex
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, October 26</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, October 29</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Laura Prince
	Nursery Volunteers: Lisa TerBeek, Aubrey Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Paul and Tanya Bulthuis
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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 Assurance of Pardon is from The Worship Sourcebook.
- Our Ordinary Time Banner represents how our faith is fed by streams of living water, rooted on the everlasting rock of God's love, preparing us to branch out in service for his kingdom.
- 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-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.

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

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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