



October 29, 2023

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” – Matthew 18:20

Reformation Sunday

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress”
“Glad Day”

Buxtehude
John C. Dare

Welcome and Announcements: Jenna Buist

Call to Worship: “Let All Things Now Living” [#5]

arr. Jane Kristenson

* Opening Hymns: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
“How Great is the Love of Our Father

#776:1-4
^83:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession: Jacob Brink

Prayer of Confession: Arie TerBeek

Leader: Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Come to the Savior Now”

#613:1,4

* Assurance of Pardon: Andrew Brink

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside 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: Allory Netz

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: "This I Believe"

Matt Crocker and Ben Fielding

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

Natalie Poortenga and Lucy Molenbeek

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: Ali Buist

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:29-34

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **GET CURIOUS**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Seek Ye First"

#899:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Tom Hendrikse

* Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance

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: "We Receive Your Blessing"

#947

**We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Raise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost. (repeat)**

Ending: **We receive your blessing as we leave this place. Amen.**

* Postlude: "Keep Us O Lord, within Your Word"

Buxtehude

Liturgists: Rev. Brad Zwiers and members of our high school youth group

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Youth Choir and Joyringers

Organist: John Tiemstra

Youth Choir Director: Amy Netz

Joyringers Director: Melanie Tolsma

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for October 29, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our series with a sermon from Matthew 20:29-34, “Get Curious,” and some of our youth lead us in worship.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, November 5

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and Rev. Kelly Buist will preach from Matthew 26:36-46, “Go Deep.” The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Benevolence.

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

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.

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

Staff notes: Rev. Lisa Meyer is preaching at Sherman Street CRC today.

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

Jim Workman (district 3) moved out of ICU to a general room where they will continue to work to control his infection. Please pray for continued healing!

Peter Kok (district 3) is progressing well following his recent surgery. However, he had something of a setback last week with a new infection, and he is on a new antibiotic. He is walking fairly well, and the doctor believes all the cancer has been removed. His recovery will be long and slow, and the family prefers not to have visitors at this time, but deeply appreciates prayers for healing and comfort.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

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.

BOOK CLUB: We will discuss the book, “Unsheltered” by Barbara Kingsolver. We will gather on Monday, November 6 at 3:00 PM to discuss this book. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Pat Elders.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday, November 1 at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will discuss chapter 6 of our study guide on 1 Timothy 2:1-8.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on November 1 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Districts 3 & 4 and Sue Keegstra will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE REQUEST: We have a big need for mittens and gloves, specifically for kids 2–4 year-old and men. 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. 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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for tangible ways to *show hospitality to strangers* (Matt 25:35; Heb. 13:2)? Treetops Collective is a local nonprofit that seeks to cultivate community and belonging across West Michigan by connecting with and investing in New American women and teens. We have a wide variety of ways for volunteers to get involved. From ongoing needs like our cross-cultural partnerships (walking alongside a New American woman or teen during their time in our program) to one-time needs like childcare and transportation, we need you! Group opportunities are also available if you're looking to serve alongside your small group, Bible study, etc. Visit treetopscollective.org/volunteer or email maryanne@treetopscollective.org to learn more!

And while your time and talents are such valuable gifts that we deeply appreciate, there are many ways to join in this welcoming work! If you are feeling like you don't have the capacity to support Treetops through volunteering at this time, would you consider making a gift at treetopscollective.org/give today?

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Catechism meets in the Catacomb
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Judy Jongsma
3:00p	Rental in Fellowship Hall
	<i>Tuesday, October 31</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, November 1</i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
5:45p	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
	78ers, Cadets, GEMS
	<i>Thursday, November 2</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, November 5</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Melanie Tolsma
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Van Oss, Allory Netz
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5:00p	Prayer and Singing in the Fellowship Hall



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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.
- Prayer of Confession is from the *Worship Source Book*.
- 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.
- 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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