



First be reconciled
to your
brother or sister,
and then
come and offer
your gift.

MATTHEW 5:24, NRSV

November 12, 2023

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

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

November 12, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “This Is My Father’s World” [#21]

Anna Laura Page; Alice Jordan; Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” [#521]

arr. Larry Sue

* Opening Hymns: “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#585:1,3,4
#579:1-4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Loving God, you call us to be the salt of the earth,
but too often we consider your way to be bland,
and we miss the delight of life filled with flavor
that spreads from us to those around us.

All: Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus.

You call us to be the light of the world,
but too often our actions do not bring praise to you.
We make choices that help us blend into our culture
rather than stand out as your people.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus.

You call us to settle matters quickly,
but too often we nurse grudges
and look for ways to settle scores on our own terms.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus.

You call us to go the second mile,
but too often we consider our own convenience first,
passing up opportunities to show love to our neighbor.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

#627:1,3,4

* Assurance of Pardon

* God’s Guide to Grateful Living: The Ten Commandments

#718

* 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: “This Little Light of Mine” [#930]

arr. Kurt Meyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, including a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and 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: “Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path”

#759:1,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:17-26

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **GET RIGHT**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Affirmations of Faith: The Apostles' Creed front cover of hymnal

* Hymn of Response: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" **#746:1-3**

* Invitation to Offering: Ron Rozema

* Offertory Prayer for Missions

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: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" **#964**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, amen.**

* Postlude: "Toccata in C" Bohuslav Matěj Černohorský

Liturgist: Judy Jongsma

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers

Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Percussion: Amy Netz

Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Sarah Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for November 12, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: We conclude our series from the gospel of Matthew on practices of Christian conflict transformation as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 5:17-26, "Get Right." The Allegro Ringers lead us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, November 19

Morning worship: At 11:00 AM, we will gather for a combined service of worship with our sisters and brothers from St. Luke AME Zion Church. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Deuteronomy 8:7-18, and we will be led by musicians from both congregations, including the Calvin Church Junior Bells and Sanctuary Choir. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

WORSHIP Thursday, 10 AM, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music. Our offering will be for Family Assistance.

Staff notes: Pastor Brad is on vacation November 6-13. Pastor Kelly is on study leave November 12-18.

CHURCH FAMILY

Catherine VandeZande's new address is:

6125 Riverview Dr
Jackson, MI 49203

The families of Glenn Prince: **Mike and Kathy Cok, Tom and Laura Prince,** and **James and Allyson Koeman** would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the notes, cards and kind words spoken after the death of our dear dad. We are grateful for our church family who have loved us so well.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the December *Courier* are due to Doris Ridders (drikkers@aol.com) by Wednesday, November 15.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTERS REQUESTED: The CCSJ committee is seeking your support in helping children be *Ready By 5*. Please stop by the CCSJ tables and sign a support card. "Childcare is a challenge we face every day!" said a neighbor at Saturday's pancake breakfast. Let's be neighbors supporting neighbors.

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 TODAY. Contact Pastors Brad, Rebecca, or Lisa with questions.

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: In the next several weeks Calvin Church will have the opportunity to remember those in need and give to three different causes, two of which we have done in the past. **Baxter Community Center** was very appreciative of our donations of several hundred cans of fruit to add to their Holiday Dinner Baskets last year and we will be doing that again. Likewise, **Kid's Hope** is grateful for our contributions we put under their Christmas tree in the atrium. Additionally, this year, we have been petitioned by **Family Promise (IHN)** for small gifts to go in Christmas stockings. Look in your mailboxes for more detailed information on these three worthy causes that we can support in simple ways to show we care about our neighbors.

FESTIVAL CHOIR rehearsals begin soon! We will meet on three Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, beginning on November 29, to prepare for singing in the Candlelight Service on December 17. Please consider being a part of this happy group of singers and invite your friends to join us as well.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on November 15 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Vandenbergs, Triezenbergs, and Rick Feenstra will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, November 12</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Judy Stoner
	Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Lydia Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Faber
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
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: Cindy Lanning Burch
	<i>Tuesday, November 14</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Deacons meet in the Atrium
7:30p	Council meets in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, November 15</i>
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>Courier</i> article deadline
	<i>Thursday, November 16</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Saturday, November 18</i>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, November 19</i>
10:40a	Nursery Lead: Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Volunteers: Louise Nunn, Hannah Triezenberg
11:00a	Combined Worship with St. Luke AME Zion Church in the Sanctuary
12:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
6:00p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

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*.
- 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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