



November 26, 2023

**“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”
– Matthew 25:40**

Reign of Christ Sunday

Ten o'clock

November 26, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Three Preludes on “Jesus Shall Reign” [#219]

Allen Mahnke; Wilbur Held; Gerald Kemner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart”

traditional Spanish arr. Jorge Lockward

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart pours out my praise to you; you are holy, Lord.

* Opening Hymns: “Jesus Shall Reign”

#219:1,4,5

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

#225:1,3,4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Assurance: “There in God’s Garden”

#684:1,2,4

* Affirmation of Faith: Lord’s Day 19 of the Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 50-52

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* 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: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" [#224]

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: John Darwall, arr. Jonathan Wilcocks

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: "Across the Lands"

#775:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THE KING AND THE LEAST OF THESE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

#478:1-4

* Invitation to Offering: Graham Rayburn

* Offertory Prayer

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: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

#478:5

**Honor, glory, might, dominion to the Father and the Son,
with the ever-living Spirit while eternal ages run. Amen.**

* Postlude: "Festival Toccata"

Percy Fletcher

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for November 26, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 25:31-46, "The King and the Least of These," and the Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, December 3, 2023, First Sunday in Advent, 10AM and 5PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Isaiah 64:1-12 and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we begin the season of Advent. The Sanctuary Choir and children's 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.

COUNCIL NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to vote on the 2024 budget will be held on Sunday, December 3. The proposed budget is viewable on a password-protected page at www.calvincrc.org/leadership. Call the office if you need the password. Paper copies are on the information table in the Narthex.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:

- 12/10 Don Ekdom (93) and Roger Westrate (86)
- 12/19 Judy Boer (88) 12/21 Joanne VanderMey (97)
- 12/24 Sylvia Bordewyk (94)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

- 12/1 Erin Hubka (23) 12/22 Grace Poortenga (21)
- 12/27 Nick Overbeek (24)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 12/4 Lydia Meyer (10)
- 12/8 Nico Wierenga (8) 12/25 Olivia Dierlam (5)
- 12/28 Lucy Molenbeek (16)

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

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. **Baxter Community Center** was very appreciative of our donation of eight hundred cans of food last year and are hoping we can match it this year but with cans of **pie filling** instead. They found this to be easier than putting actual pies in their Christmas Dinner Baskets! Likewise, **Kid’s Hope** is grateful for the contributions that we put under their Christmas tree in our atrium. Additionally, we were 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.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on November 29 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Judy Jongsma, districts 1 and 6 will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: As 2023 draws to a close please consider making a gift to the Christian Education Endowment Fund (CEEF). This fund, set up many years ago, helps our Calvin Church families offset some of the tuition expense of K-12 Christian Education. Checks should be made payable to Calvin CRC with CEEF noted in the memo line. For more information please contact Rob Stafford at rjstaff1@gmail.com or 616-788-7757.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Choral Scholars, including Pastor Rebecca, will perform an evening of Christmas music, "Lead Me To See Him." Join us on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton St. E. No tickets required.

Advent in the Neighborhood Webinar: How do you share the hope and peace of the gospel with your neighbors this season?

Many of your neighbors may have no idea what Advent is, but most of them likely get into the festive spirit of Christmas and are eager to give, gather, and share some holiday cheer! This time of year is a wonderful opportunity for followers of Jesus to discover and unite with the Spirit on God's mission in their neighborhoods during this season.

Join us on Monday, December 4 from 7-8:30 PM for a webinar. We'll learn more about bearing witness to God who became one of us and share stories, ideas, and reflections that spread the love of Christ this holiday season. Led by Dr. Karen Wilk, Resonate's Go Local leader and long-time practitioner, you will:

- Reflect on Jesus dwelling among us
- Learn about the shift from "do for" initiatives to postures of ministry that focus on "doing with" and "being with"
- Learn and share creative ideas and tips for engaging your neighbors
- Learn how to bear witness to Christ at holiday events and gatherings

Sign up today by filling out the form in the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdELUE6SLmsRtlY8xOx43UScsc9t8MtpQpNgYk07wIl-2hl-Q/viewform>

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, November 26</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: KaraMarie Lizewski
	Nursery Volunteers: Joanie Rosema, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Rick Feenstra
	<i>Tuesday, November 28</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, November 29</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers 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, and GEMS
	<i>Thursday, November 30</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, December 3</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Karen Trap
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Cok, Kate Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Christmas Program Practice in Room 9
11:30a	Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
	Catechism in the Catacomb
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Mark Sytsma
5:00p	Prayer and Singing in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG Bible Study



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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.
- Our Thanksgiving banner makes use of a traditional symbol signifying harvest. The wheat suggests the bounty of the earth, and the vast field-like shape is reflective of God's unlimited grace.
- 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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