



MAY YOUR UNFAILING  
*love* REST UPON US,  
O LORD, EVEN AS WE  
PUT OUR HOPE IN YOU.

—PSALM 33:22

**January 21, 2023**

# **“Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.” - Psalm 33:22**

## **Ordinary Time**

Liturgist: Rev. Kelly Buist and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Steve Triezenberg

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**Ten o'clock**

**January 21, 2024**

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## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Voluntary in A Minor”

John Stanley

“Voluntary in D Major”

John Stanley

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “In the Stillness of This Hour”

Text and music: Danile Charles Damon

In the stillness of this hour, drawn again by grace,  
God of mercy, God of love, here we seek your face.  
We have wandered lost and lonely, living out our days  
but your spirit calls us back, bids us pray and praise.

In the stillness of this hour, help us hear your voice.  
As we lean your law of love, teach us to rejoice.  
We have wasted time and treasure in our wanton ways.  
but your Spirit calls us back, bids us pray and praise.

\* Opening Hymns: “Come, Worship God”

**#509:1-4**

“Gather Us In”

**#529:1,2,4**

\* God's Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession (from 1 John 1:5-7)

Leader: This is the message we have heard  
from him and proclaim to you,  
that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

**All: If we say that we have fellowship with him  
while we are walking in darkness,  
we lie and do not do what is true;  
but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn of Assurance: “My Soul Finds Rest”

**#370:1-3**

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

\* Song of Response: “Glory Be to the Father”

**#961**

(children may come forward)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

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: “Wait on the Lord”

Text and music: Willis L. Barnett

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks his will.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him.  
They that wait patiently shall find peace.

Wait, I say, on the Lord.

Believe his holy word.

Wait, I say, on the Lord.

He shall strengthen thy heart.

He will comfort thee.

The Lord will not cast us off forever.  
When we sin he shows compassion.  
Let us search our souls and change the way we live.  
They that wait patiently shall find peace.  
They that wait on the Lord God will renew their strength.  
They shall soar like angels with wings.  
They shall run and never become weary.  
They that wait patiently shall find peace.

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: "O Love of God, How Strong and True"

**#583:1,4,7**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 33

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **ORIENTATION**

Prayer of Application

## **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord"

**#22:1-3**

\* Invitation to Offering: Graham Rayburn

\* Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund

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: “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

**#953:1-2**

**Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,  
For he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel;  
For he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel.**

**And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;  
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;  
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.**

\* Postlude: “Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord” [#22]

Frank Stoldt

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for January 21, 2024**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 6 PM**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Psalm 33, and the Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

*Evening worship:* Rescheduled from last Sunday due to the weather: A community-wide worship service will be held at **6:00 PM** at New Hope Baptist Church (130 Delaware St. SW) in honor of the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our good friend Rev. Dwight Gutridge (pastor of St. Luke AME Zion Church) will be the keynote speaker.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 28**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Psalm 74. The Covenant Choir and Junior Bells will lead us in ministry of music, and we will celebrate our GEMS and Cadets children’s ministries. The offering will be for Community Care.

**Sermon Series:** The Psalms as the Anatomy of the Soul

John Calvin called the Psalms “the anatomy of the soul,” because they give expression to every part of our human existence. More recent scholars have put the Psalms into three rough categories for three parts of our human experience with God. Our lives are lived in the movement from one category to another. In this Epiphany season, we’ll hear one Psalm from each of the three categories. See the handout in your church mailbox but note that we have postponed each sermon by one week due to the weather cancellation last Sunday.

January 28: Psalm 74 – Disorientation

February 4: Psalm 147 – New Orientation

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

**Panel Discussion:** As our denomination and congregation continue to have conversations about sexual ethics and the church, we have committed ourselves to continued learning. This past fall, we held discussions about the book *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church*. Recognizing that this is not just an academic discussion but a lived reality for many of us, we will continue our learning with a panel discussion on **Saturday, February 3 at 10:30 AM**. A panel of three who identify as LGBTQ and have connections to Calvin Church will share about their own experience and respond to questions. We hear their stories in a posture of hospitality and humble learning. The discussion will be followed by refreshments and continued fellowship. If you have questions that you would like the panel to consider addressing, you may email them to [bzwiers@calvincrc.org](mailto:bzwiers@calvincrc.org) or [rjordanheys@calvincrc.org](mailto:rjordanheys@calvincrc.org) by Wednesday, January 31.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

**WELCOMING A BABY GIRL:** Let's celebrate the birth of a new covenant child: Zoe, born to Eric and Justine Ruvuna and welcomed by brothers Bright and Brandon. The family are from Rwanda and have been worshipping at Calvin Church since the summer. You are invited to place cards, small gifts, or baby items in the bassinet in the Narthex. The bassinet is there now and will be there until February 4. Please contact Pastor Rebecca or Maria VandenBosch with questions.

**Jim Workman** (district 3) died on Wednesday, January 10. We pray for God's comfort for Mary and for their children and grandchildren, including Susan and Rob Stafford (district 3), Brendan and Kelly, and Tyler. A memorial service is scheduled for Monday, January 22 at 4:00 PM at Calvin Church with visitation for an hour prior to the service.

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Join us for coffee, cookies, puzzles, games, and conversation Monday, January 22 in the Lounge from 1-3 PM.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on January 24 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.

### **ONE, TWO THREE - Let's get moving on Movie Night!**

- 1- Donations needed are listed on the white board by the kitchen. Please fill up all the slots and bring in your donations by January 29! Monetary donations should be designated for "Movie Night" and brought to Kim in the office.
- 2- This week Wednesday, January 24 decorations will be made, starting at 5:00 PM. Enjoy the family supper and help with the work bee as you can.
- 3- Join the fun and come on Friday, February 2 at 6:00 PM. Please help us estimate the number of guests by signing up at the information table.

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, January 21</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Amy Netz
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Cok, Allory Netz
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Norma Spears
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda Sytsma
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: Graham Rayburn
6:30p	CYG Bible Study
	<i><b>Monday, January 22</b></i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Lounge
3:00p	Visitation for Jim Workman family
4:00p	Jim Workman funeral
	<i><b>Tuesday, January 23</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meet in the Atrium
7:30p	Council meets in the Atrium
	<i><b>Wednesday, January 24</b></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, and GEMS
	<i><b>Thursday, January 25</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Next Sunday, January 28</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Volunteers: Laura Prince, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Julie DeKoster
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: LeRoy Stegink
3:00p	CYG activity



## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed 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 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.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers in the nursery prior to the morning worship.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams)

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