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**February 4, 2024**

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**Ordinary Time**

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**Ten o'clock**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Clothe Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness”

David N. Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah” [#563]

Text and Music:  
J. Jefferson Cleveland

\* Opening Hymns: “The Lord Be with You”

**#535:1-2**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

**#538:1-4**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

**#638:1-4**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God,**

**and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence,**

**or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation**

**and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "O Praise the Lord, for It Is Good"

**#549:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 147

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **NEW ORIENTATION**

Prayer of Application

## **CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**#811**

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(God has given us his peace, and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

Institution and Invitation

Distribution Anthems:

“O for a Closer Walk”

Text: William Cowper

Music: Charles V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Text: Isaiah 12, adapt. Charles Guilbert

Music: Jack Noble White

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid,  
for the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of  
salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

**#672:1-3,5**

\* Invitation to Offering: Ed Tolsma

\* Offertory Prayer for the Benevolence 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: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**#965**

**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**

\* Postlude: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” [#965]

Jan Bender; Dolores Hruby

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

Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Flutist: Amy Netz

Scripture Reader: Karl Van Harn

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for February 4, 2024**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

*Morning worship:* We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys concludes our series from the Psalms with a sermon from Psalm 147, “New Orientation.”

**Staff note:** Pastor Brad will be on vacation February 8—12.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 11**

*Morning worship:* Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse will preach from Matthew 9:1-8, “Beyond our Wildest Estimations.” The Allegro Ringers will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

The Deacons gratefully thank you for your generous gifts to the ministry fund! In 2023 our giving/income was greater than our expenses. Details of the end-of-year results can be found in the “Members” section of our website.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

“Thank you for the wonderful outpouring of support following Jim’s death. So many of you sent cards and attended the memorial service. Also, a huge thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make the service and gathering time so memorable. Being a part of such a loving and caring church family has been a blessing.” The Workman and Stafford families

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed in loving memory of Greg Lanning.

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

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on February 7 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programs. Melanie Tolsma and Karen Trap will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

The ECA Annual Meeting and Pancake Breakfast: The Eastown Community Association will host their annual meeting here at Calvin Church on Saturday, February 10. We are grateful for our partnership with them in seeking the flourishing of this neighborhood that Calvin Church calls home.

## CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, February 4</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tom Hendrikse
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Cok, Olivia Coulter
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
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: Cindy Brink
	<i><b>Monday, February 5</b></i>
	The church office will be closed until noon
3:00p	Book Club
	<i><b>Tuesday, February 6</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Wednesday, February 7</b></i>
5:00p	Family Supper
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
7:00p	78'ers, Cadets and Gems
	<i><b>Thursday, February 8</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Saturday, February 10</b></i>
9:00a	Eastown Meeting and Pancake Breakfast
	<i><b>Next Sunday, February 11</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Corey Visker, Aubrey Visker
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	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda Sytsma
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## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Seeking Applicants for a Part-Time Safe Church Team Leader Position with Classis G.R. East. Classis G.R. East has an opening for a paid, part-time (normally less than 8 hours a week) Safe Church Team Leader to provide leadership, coordination, and support to the Safe Church Team in equipping Classis Grand Rapids East congregations and their leaders in raising awareness of abuse, preventing abuse, and responding appropriately to perpetrators and survivors of abuse. The full position description is found at <https://classisgreast.org/index.php/safechurchesteam/> If interested, please email your resume and letter of interest explaining your qualification for the position to [stevenrtimmermans@gmail.com](mailto:stevenrtimmermans@gmail.com)

Classis GR East Grants are available: (1) Leadership development grants for members enrolled in an M.Div. program who aspire to be Ministers of the Word and (2) for persons seeking to become other (non-M.Div.) church leaders; (3) Community engagement grants for church-based partnerships that promote signs of kingdom renewal; and (4) Starting and Strengthening grants to help churches seeking new vitality in their own church and to assist church plants and church-related disciple-making ministries. Grant Applications for 2024-25 are due by March 1, 2024. For details, application forms and how to submit applications, please see <http://classisgreast.org/index.php/ministry-grants/>



## **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.
- Our Easter banner represents our joy in our Lord's resurrection: the purple conveys the reality of Christ's royalty; the blackness, symbolic of His death, moves from the onset easing into light, symbolizing life out of death. It is a promise fulfilled, giving us reason for hope in the truth of the eternal life to come.
- 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)

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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