



February 11, 2024

**When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,
“Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”
Matthew 9:2**

Transfiguration Sunday

Ten o'clock

February 11, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “We All Believe in One True God”

Samuel Scheidt

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Judy Endean

* Opening Hymns: “Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

#6:1-3

“We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#10:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have praise you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.**

Have mercy on us, we pray,

for our weak faith that fades under pressure,

for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,

for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.

Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,

that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness

by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

#123:1,2,4

* Assurance of Pardon

* God’s Guide to Grateful Living (based on Matthew 22:37-40)

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?

All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What is the second commandment like it?

Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does this mean?

Love is the fulfilling of the law.

To what does this call us?

To a life of faith working through love.

* Song of Response: "Gloria Patri"

#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: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. Larry Sue

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, 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: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

#140:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **BEYOND OUR WILDEST ESTIMATIONS**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#348:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Ron Rozema

* Offertory Prayer for Mission Outreach

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: “To God Be the Glory”

#956

**To God be the glory for the things he has done!
With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me –
to God be the glory for the things he has done! Amen**

* Postlude: “With the Lord Begin Your Task” David Cherwien; Theodore Beck

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Preacher: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse
Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers
Director: Stephanie Wiltse
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer
Audio/Video: Don Buist and Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 11, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhoush preaches from Matthew 9:1-8, “Beyond our Wildest Estimations.” The Allegro Ringers lead us in music.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7 PM

Our Ash Wednesday worship will include musical leadership by the Covenant Choir, the imposition of ashes, and a meditation by Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys from Psalm 51.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 18

Morning worship: On this first Sunday in Lent, we will begin a series of sermons from the gospel of John, looking at the “I am” statements of Jesus. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from John 8:12-20, “I am the Light of the World.”

Lent sermon series:

February 25 – “I am the Good Shepherd” John 10 – Pastor Brad

March 3 – “I am the Bread of Life” John 6 – Pastor Rebecca

March 10 – “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” John 14 – Pastor Rebecca

March 17 – “I am the True Vine” John 15 – Pastor Brad

(We will take a break for Palm Sunday and Easter, and conclude the series the Sunday after Easter.)

April 7 – “I am the Resurrection and the Life” John 11 – Pastor Brad

Staff note: Pastor Brad is on vacation February 8 – 12.

CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Van Zytveld (district 3) died February 6. We pray for God's comfort for Jack and their family and friends, and we place our hope in the resurrection of Jesus. We will let you know of funeral arrangements as they are made.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: We invite you to our first Blood Drive of 2024, on Wednesday February 21, from 2:30-7:30 PM, in the church narthex. One hour, one poke, one pint, lots of goodies! Appointments are preferred to guarantee ample staffing, but walk-ins are welcome! You may call or email Cindy Burch to reserve your time slot or sign up online.

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132602

FAMILY PROMISE/IHN SUPPORT: One more volunteer is needed! Calvin Church partners with Grace Episcopal Church to support families who are temporarily homeless while they are assisted by Family Promise/IHN to secure a more permanent residence. We are committed to hosting families in the Grace

facility from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 24. We need one more volunteer willing to partner with one of our veteran volunteers for a two-hour shift. If you can help, please contact Don Trap at djtrap46@gmail.com or 616.916.7867.

THE DEACONS ARE COOKING!: The deacons would like to invite you to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 25 at noon. A flier is in your box with details and an opportunity to RSVP. The main course will be provided by the deacons and the accompanying sides are assigned by last name. Please do respond by February 21 so the deacons can plan accordingly. Reach out to any deacon with questions. We are looking forward to the fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE: The next Bon Appetit breakfast will be held March 1. More details will be coming soon.

IT'S A WRAP! We had great attendance from both the neighborhood and church for our movie night. We had many wonderful volunteers help make the night a success. Thanks to all who donated products and money, wore costumes, made decorations, and helped set up and clean up. Special thanks to Graham Rayburn who made our night successful by supplying the large screen, speakers and all our projection needs. Stay tuned for our upcoming spring and summer events. Another opportunity to donate or volunteer.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE is getting very low on bath towels and blankets of all sizes. We would appreciate any extras laying around at your home that are still in good condition. Donations can be brought to the blue cart just inside the church office.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Using funds granted by Classis Grand Rapids East and matching funds approved at our congregational meeting in December, we invited applicants for a part time Community Connector position. We were delighted to have four exceptional candidates, any one of whom would have been an excellent fit. Now we can confirm that the position was offered to and accepted by Heather Conklin, a neighbor from the Ottawa Hills neighborhood, who brings remarkable experiences and qualifications. She will help us engage more deeply and more extensively with our neighbors around Calvin Church. Heather is beginning her orientation and will be commissioned at our morning service next Sunday, February 18.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, February 11</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Corey Visker and Aubrey Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda Sytsma
11:30a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Marissa Dierlam
3:30p	CYG activity
	<i>Tuesday, February 13</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, February 14</i>
6:00p	Joyringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Ash Wednesday Service
	<i>Thursday, February 15</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, February 18</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Wanda Sytsma
	Nursery Volunteers: Erin Hubka and Kate Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Faber
	Coffee Servers: Joanie and Dale Rosema
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: Bruce Van Oss

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now Hiring... Hey college students! Are you looking for an opportunity to have the best summer ever? Then we're looking for you at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds in Grand Haven! We are a family campground and ministry center located on the shores of Lake Michigan. We're currently accepting applications for the store team, Bible School teachers, and a youth leader (female). These are full-time paid positions for the summer and include your living accommodations. If you enjoy serving in an atmosphere of faith and community, this might be the place for you! To apply for store/Bible School teacher positions, please email ministry@crcg.org. To apply for Youth Leader, please email youthministry@crcg.org. Or you can give us a call for more information at 616-842-4478. We are looking forward to hearing from you!



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 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-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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