



# LOVE

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Herein is LOVE, not that  
we loved God, but that he  
loved us, and sent his Son.

1 JOHN 4:10, KJV

# “We love because he first loved us.” -1 John 4:19

## Eastertide

Liturgist: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Ministry of Music: Calvin Church Orchestra Choir

Director: Amy Netz

Pianist: Gwen Hendrikse

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Sarah Frisch

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Ten o'clock

April 28, 2024

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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Jean Pasquet

Welcome and Announcements

\* Opening Hymns: “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”  
“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

#184:1,3,5

#209:1,3,5

\* God’s Greeting

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “Nearer, Still Nearer”

#659:1-2

Assurance of Pardon

**All: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.**

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

\* 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.**

Anthem: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

arr. Funderburk/Netz

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

**#224:1,2,4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **WHAT IS LOVE?**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Rejoice O Pure in Heart"

**#353:1-4**

\* Invitation to Offering: Kathy Cok

\* Offertory Prayer for Community Care

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 Thank We All Our God"

**#543:3**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blessed, who reign in highest heaven—  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Oh How Good Is Christ the Lord"

Puerto Rican folk hymn

# Calvin CRC Announcements for April 28, 2024

## WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from 1 John 4:7-21, and the Calvin Church Orchestra will help lead us in worship.

## WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 5

*Morning worship:* We will install Elders and Deacons for a term of service. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from 1 John 5:1-21, "Power in Faith." The offering will be for Benevolence. With a full worship service this first Sunday of May, we will follow our tradition of celebrating the Lord's Supper the second Sunday of May, May 12.

## CHURCH FAMILY

<b>85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:</b>	5/16 Harvey Kiecover (91)
5/17 Cornie Huizinga (90)	5/20 Margaret Fullmer (89)
5/27 June Primus (90)	5/29 Lois Posthuma (93)

**COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAY:** 5/10 Jacob Noordewier

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

<b>MAY BIRTHDAYS:</b>	5/1 Stella Heyboer (12)
5/9 Arie TerBeek (17)	5/18 Jeremiah Lizewski (13)
5/25 Tatym Heyboer (14)	5/29 Hannah Triezenberg (12)
5/30 Hazel Nunn (13)	

## MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

**A huge thanks** to the members of Calvin Church for donating 33 pints of blood at last week's drive. This may be a record! You heard the need and answered the call. We can only imagine the lives and families impacted by your generosity at our area hospitals. Please save Wednesday, October 16 to donate again. Thank you!

**THANK YOU** to all of the artists who donated their work to the native plant fundraiser. And thanks to all who purchased their art. Because of you, over \$1000 was raised for the Growing Together Garden. Two planting days are scheduled, Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14 from 4:00 - 7:00. More details will follow.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will meet this Wednesday, May 1, from 2:30-4:00 PM in Room 1. Contact Pastor Rebecca with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The next Bon Appetit breakfast will be held May 3. RSVP to Marcia Huizinga 616-485-8077 by May 1.

**From the Christian Schools Committee:** In an effort to make Christian school education an affordable opportunity for all member families, this congregation provides K-12 tuition assistance. The tuition support request form for the upcoming school year is now available. Forms are due back to Lisa by April 28. If you have questions, need a form, or would like to know more, please contact Lisa TerBeek.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Classis-wide Pentecost Worship Service:** Over the past months, as the churches of Classis GRE have been discerning their relationships to the denomination and to each other, there have been opportunities for the members of Classis GRE to gather for communal prayer via Zoom. As we've moved through the themes of LAMENT, SURRENDER, and RESURRECTION, we've been able to celebrate our life together, seek the Spirit's leading, and surrender our hurts, fears, and desires to God's will. **We now look forward to gathering in person on May 19, 6:00 PM at the Calvin University Chapel, to worship, pray, and gather at the Lord's Table.** Everyone is welcome! Various pastors will guide us through prayer and communion, and we will pray over our classis delegates to synod. (Those who are interested in being part of a combined choir should plan to attend a rehearsal at 4:00 on May 19; please reach out to Chan Gyu Jang, director of music at Woodlawn CRC ([music@woodlawncrc.org](mailto:music@woodlawncrc.org)) to RSVP or request more information.)

# CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, April 28</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Volunteers: Sue Keegstra, Lane Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Karen Bordewyk
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
	Catechism
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Mark Sytsma
6:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
	<i>Tuesday, April 30</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, May 1</i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, May 2</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Friday, May 3</i>
9:30a	Bon Appetit meets at Russ' Restaurant
	<i>Next Sunday, May 5</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Deb Tiejema, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Julie DeKoster
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
	Catechism
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	Calvin host for St. Luke:
3:30p	CYG Bigger or Better end of year party



## **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.
- As the empty tomb revealed to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary that Christ had won for us the victory over death, so the bursting life-form radiates from a void to symbolize the dynamic and everlasting life of the redeemed. The metallic stitchery and satin trapunto express the concept of glory. The white background, which symbolizes purity, is borrowed from our medieval art heritage.
- 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  
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