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MATTHEW 2:11, NIV

**January 5, 2025**

**“...they knelt down and paid him homage.  
Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered  
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
~Mathew 2:11b**

### **Epiphany**

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ's body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ's body.

*We serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preacher: Rev. Arianna Hiskes

Organist: Jan Ourensma

Ministry of Music: Lisa Walhout

Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

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**Ten o'clock**

**January 5, 2025**

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### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Three settings of "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" [#407]

J.S. Bach; P. Manz; Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" [#104]

\* Opening Hymns: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**#104:2-3**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

**#102:1-4**

\* God's Greeting

### **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

**#422:1,2,4**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: My friends, Epiphany is good news!

The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us.

Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.

In his name I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving,  
and live without shame or anxiety.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!**

\* 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.)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen, amen.**

**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: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

#407:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **UNEXPECTED EPIPHANY**

Prayer of Application

## CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God,  
for you have created heaven and earth,  
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us –  
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who came as the light of the world  
to show us your way in truth in parables and miracles.  
Therefore, we join our voices  
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

In sending Christ, the light of the world,  
you revealed your glory to the nations.  
You sent a star to guide seekers of wisdom to Bethlehem,  
that they might worship Christ.  
Your signs and witnesses in every age  
lead people from every place to worship him.  
We praise you that in him we become your children,  
baptized into your service.  
Therefore we proclaim our faith  
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
that the bread which we break  
and the cup which we bless  
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
Grant that, being joined together in him,

we may attain to the unity of the faith  
and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.  
And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,  
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,  
grant, O Lord, that your whole church  
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.  
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

\* 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: "Come unto Him" from Handel's *Messiah*  
"We Gather at Your Table, Lord" arr. Walter Ehret

Prayer

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Here I Am, Lord" **#869:1-3**

\* Invitation to Offering: Marissa Dierlam

\* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence

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: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" **#936:1**

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh now be extended  
the fruits of the spirit in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call. Amen.**

\* Postlude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" P. Manz, J, Bender

# Calvin CRC Announcements for January 5, 2025

## WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

*Morning worship:* Rev. Arianna Hiskes preaches from Matthew 2:1-12, and we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Lisa Walhout leads us in ministry of music.

## WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 12

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Isaiah 43:1-7, and Kurt Frisch will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Mission Outreach.

**Staff Notes:** Pastor Brad is on vacation December 30-January 6.

## COUNCIL NEWS

We are beginning the yearly process of nominating Elders and Deacons to serve for a 3-year term. We invite your prayerful nominations of gifted members of Calvin Church to serve in these roles. Please contact Council President Phil DeJonge or Clerk LeRoy Stegink before January 14.

## CHURCH FAMILY

A funeral service for **Ann Boermans** (district 8) is scheduled for Friday, January 10 at 3:00 PM at the Raybrook Chapel.

**Marcia Brouwer** (district 7) has moved to:

Sunset Manor

725 Baldwin Apt 1013

Jenison, MI 49428

phone: 616-457-7862

Thank you for the Christmas cards. They meant a lot to me, especially this year. I appreciate my Calvin church family.

- Hap Hecker

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Worship and Wonder, Worship Center,** and **TLC** will resume Sunday, January 12 in the new year. We look forward to beginning these children's ministries once again after a break for the holidays.

## MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

**GALLERY ART:** For Advent, two of Elly Nyhof's quilts are on display in the Atrium. Can you see the words the Christmas trees in the center of each quilt spell?

**FRENCH CHRISTMAS MANGER (Crèche):** Be sure to stop by the display case in the Atrium to view the French Christmas Manger (*Crèche*) collection put there by Irene Konyndyk, who has been collecting figurines for more than 50 years. Read the written explanations on the nursery windows above the display.

According to the tradition in the South of France, not only did the 3 kings come to bring gifts to the baby Jesus, the townspeople did also – each one with something particular to their life and work: a bundle of sticks, a basket of eggs, a rabbit or chicken, some lavender, or a dance expressing great joy. The *santons* (little saints), handmade from clay and hand painted by artisans, are dressed in clothing that expresses who they are.

Bring your children to take a look and have them pick out their favorite *santon* and tell you what that person is bringing and why they like it best!

**THE FINAL DAY:** Today is the last day to dispose of your broken Christmas lights and/or electrical holiday decorations in the Comprenew bin. But don't worry, Comprenew accepts all broken/unwanted electrical equipment year-around. Throughout the year we'll provide information on ways to safely and responsibly recycle/reuse through Comprenew. Or simply visit their website at [Comprenew.org](http://Comprenew.org).

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Monday, January 6 at 3:00 PM in the Lounge. Our book is *The Little Liar* by Mitch Album and we hope to have a very lively discussion. Please join us.

**SAVE THE DATE:** January 17 is our next **Bon Appetit Breakfast**. We hope to go to the closer Russ's.

**DISTRICTS 2 AND 6 LUNCHEON:** Districts 2 and 6 (Elders-Cindy Lanning Burch, Suzi Steketee; Deacons-Kristy Ippel, Bob Houskamp; Care Coordinators-Joanie Rosema, David Meyer, Anjean Stegink) will be having a soup and salad luncheon following the morning service on Sunday, January 19. Members of those districts will be contacted by their district ministry teams in the next couple of weeks in hopes they can attend this time of food and fellowship!

**THE GIVING TREE:** KidsHope has a Christmas Tree with yellow stars hanging from its branches in the Atrium. Each star has a school supply item written on it. We would like you to take a star, purchase the item, bring it to church, and put it under the Giving Tree TODAY. Thank you!

**GAMES, GOODIES, GOLF & S'MORE:** Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 2 (3-5 PM) for an afternoon of fun and meeting new friends. Our next community event will feature treats, activities and games for all ages. More details to come.

**CALLING ALL BLOOD DONORS:** The first of our three 2025 Calvin Church blood drives is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 from 2:30 - 7:00 pm. Start the new year out right by giving life-saving blood to those who need it. You can sign-up yourself up by visiting [https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11604998](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11604998)

or by contacting Cindy Burch who will do it for you.

**RESOLUTION FOR 2025:** How about boosting the Calvin Church budget by using TRIP for your purchases at Meijer, D&W, Forest Hills Foods, Family Fare, Walmart, Sam's Club, and Gordon Foods? And groceries are just the beginning. It's the one way to contribute to the Ministry Fund without spending any money you wouldn't be spending anyway. See Donna in the narthex before and after services or send her an email at [dhousekamp@grcs.org](mailto:dhousekamp@grcs.org).

**Calvin's ongoing donations to Baxter Community Center** are an important way to express our thanks to God for all that He has given us and to share those blessings with others. In this advent season, and throughout the month of December, **we will be collecting non-perishable items for Baxter's "Marketplace" in the Baxter cart in the atrium.** Contributions such as boxed and canned foods, hygienic supplies such as shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, dish soap, and laundry detergent are excellent choices to help Baxter restock their pantry shelves. Baxter neighborhood is in a "food desert," meaning there are no grocery stores within a walkable distance for those without transportation. Baxter's Marketplace plays a vital role in neighborhood care and outreach. Thank you from the Community Care/Social Justice Committee.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Please join 70x7 Life Recovery at a free Mentor Relaunch Luncheon on Thursday, January 30 at 11:30 AM at Christ Memorial Church (595 Graafschap Rd, Holland). We will share more about our ministry, the importance of mentorship to those returning from incarceration, and the blessing you could be to them during their recovery. For more information and to register visit [70x7liferecovery.org](http://70x7liferecovery.org) or contact Carly at [carlyj@70x7liferecovery.org](mailto:carlyj@70x7liferecovery.org).



# CALENDAR

## *Today, Sunday, January 5*

9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tom Prince
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Hendrikse, Ruby Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Karen Bordewyk
	Coffee Servers: Gord and Jane VandenBerg
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Suzi Steketee

## *Monday, January 6*

3:00p	Book Club in the Lounge
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16

## *Tuesday, January 7*

9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	Executive Committee meets in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meet in the Atrium

## *Wednesday, January 8*

5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
6:15p	Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9

## *Thursday, January 9*

9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16

## *Friday, January 10*

6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
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## *Next Sunday, January 12*

9:40a	Nursery Lead: Curt Overbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwyn Zwiers, Lydia Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Irene Konyndyk
	Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie 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: Kristy Ippel



## **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.
- During the Epiphany season we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the world. Light floods the surface of our Epiphany banner to reflect the light that Christ's incarnation brought to a world of darkness.
- The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon were written by Bruce Prewer.
- 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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