



February 2, 2025

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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**And Jesus said, “Truly I tell you,
no prophet is accepted in his hometown.”
– Luke 4:24**

Ordinary Time

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Ten o'clock

February 2, 2025

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Prayer”
“Communion”

Eduardo Torres
Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “I Worship You, O God” Text: Psalm 30, vers. James Seldon
Music: Norman L. Warren

I worship you, O God, for you have raised me up;
I cried to you for help, and you restored my life.
You brought me back from death and saved me from the grave.

My mourning you have turned to dancing and to joy;
my sadness you dispelled as gladness filled my soul.
And so I'll sing your praise, my God, through all my days.

* Opening Hymns: “God is Here”
“All Are Welcome”

#246:1-3
#269:1-3,5

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

We confess that we so often live with divided hearts –
we are anxious for control over our lives
while simultaneously offering our whole lives to you.
We try and manufacture our own peace without
relying on Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,

and we trade in the practice of your presence
for immediate but temporary relief.

**All: Please God, forgive us from our sin and have mercy on us.
Send us your Holy Spirit so that we might live for you,
and speak comfort to our hearts day after day.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Assurance: "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

#706:1-2

* 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: "Ancient Words"

#762:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21-30

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **DOCTOR, CURE YOURSELF**

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 by his life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All: 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!**

Most righteous God,
we remember in this supper
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross
by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the sin of the whole world.
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 to Me, O Weary Traveler" [#123]

Text: Sylvia Dunstan

Music: William P. Rowan

"Come to the Water"

Text and Music: John Foley

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.

How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.

Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

Prayer

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Lead On, O King Eternal”

#328:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Kris Bergh

* 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: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#946:1,3

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free. Amen.**

* Postlude: “Lead On, O King Eternal” [#328]

Robin Dinda; Alice Jordan

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 2, 2025

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 4:21-30, "Doctor, Cure Yourself." The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in the ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 9

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Luke 5:1-11, and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music. The offering will be for Missions.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that giving exceeded expenses for 2024! Thank you for your generous giving! If you are interested in further details you will find a financial summary on the member section of the website.

The Personnel Committee is beginning the process of the regularly scheduled evaluation and encouragement for our pastoral staff. If you have any input for the review of their ministry, you are invited to contact either Kurt Frisch, chairperson of the Personnel Committee, or Philip DeJonge, president of the Council.

At the meeting last Tuesday night, the Council set the date for the **Congregational Meeting** required to affirm our decision to disaffiliate from the CRCNA for March 23, 2025.

The next "**Coffee with the Council President**" will be held on March 9. Updates will be given on the disaffiliation and reorientation process. There will also be an opportunity for the Council members to hear questions and comments from the congregation.

CHURCH FAMILY

"Thank you for your prayers, cards, and support following the recent loss of Anjean and Maria's sister and LeRoy's brother. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family."

The Stegink, Overbeek, and VandenBosch families

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: If you volunteer with any youth or children's ministries here at church, please attend the Safe Church policy training being held TODAY from 11:30 AM—12:00 PM in Room 1. Thank you!

FAITH FRIENDS is a reciprocal discipling relationship between an adult member of Calvin Church and a covenant youth. Here are some things that may be included: connection at church on Sundays, sending cards and/or letters, service projects or activities outside of church (with parental permission, of course!), and

prayer. Participating in this ministry will by no means be an overwhelming time commitment; each Faith Friends pair can decide together what their shared discipleship might look like. Who is involved? Any child whose parent has opted them into the program and any adult older than 22 who has volunteered to be a Faith Friend. So, hopefully you! We'd love to pair every Calvin Church youth in grades 3–12 with an adult Faith Friend. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry, fill out the form in your mailbox, and return it to the church office.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

GALLERY ART: Annelies Dykgraaf, who was born and raised on the African mission field while we supported her parents, has some of her linocut and woodcut art on display. These are depictions of religious themes and stories. Many of her prints include a lizard, which is a good luck symbol. See how many you can find.

DISPLAY CASE: Judy Bode has a display of self-carved wood bowls and trays in the display case by the nursery. Read the background story of how she brings diseased, damaged wood back into service, and the analogy of Christ changing us so we can serve.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: The new year is a great time to start fresh with the Sanctuary Choir as we begin the second half of our season! We welcome singers of all ages and skill levels to sing a wide variety of music from different time periods and cultures. It's a great way to lift up your voice to God, explore the global bond of faith, and find community. Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the balcony.

GET IN THE GAME at Games, Goodies, Golf & S'More on Sunday, February 2 (3-5 PM). Give a warm welcome to neighbors, enjoy some play, and consume yummy treats. If you plan to attend and want a way to be involved, please connect with Jan Wilkins.

BOOK CLUB: Join us at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 3, when we meet in the Lounge to discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.

EASTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST: We continue our tradition of providing a space for the Eastown Community Association to host their annual meeting and pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 8, 8:30-10:00 AM. We are thankful for our partnership with the ECA in promoting a thriving neighborhood.

Our next **BON APPETIT BREAKFAST** will be February 14 at 9:30 AM at Russ's in Kentwood. Mark your calendar. All invited. Please, RSVP to Sue Keegstra by February 10.

PICKLEBALLERS: Mark your calendars for a time of drop-in pickleball with our Eastown and nearby neighbors. Saturday, February 15 from 9 AM - 2 PM. Two courts and learning space will be set up in our Fellowship Room. Bring a paddle and a friend!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Winters can be tough. Versiti Blood Center of Michigan has a great need for blood donations due to the harsh winter weather and a rise in illnesses. If you're able, please sign up to donate on Wednesday, February 19 from 2:30 to 7:30. You can sign yourself up at: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11604998 or by contacting Cindy Burch. And if you've never given before, consider stepping up to the plate. It's rewarding, relatively painless and you'll be treated afterwards to some delicious snacks!

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTOR: Our first Community Conversation was a hit!

Please save the date for our next Conversation - Travis from John Ball Zoo will talk about his Monarch project and recent trip to the Monarch sanctuary in Mexico. He has some fantastic photos to share. **Thursday, February 27 from 6-7 PM.**

Please contact Heather Conklin (hconklin@calvincrc.org or 907-978-5166) if you've completed the Safe Church paperwork/training and are willing to show your love by providing this service. Have a specific interest in any of these topics? I'd love to include you as a special volunteer for the event.

BOOK DISCUSSION: You are invited to a book-club-style discussion of *Telling Stories in the Dark: Finding Healing and Hope in Sharing Our Sadness, Grief, Trauma, and Pain* by Jeffrey Munroe. We will gather at 11:30 AM in Room 1 on Sunday, March 2 to discuss the book together. Discounted copies of the book are available at the table in the narthex for \$10, cash or check payable to Calvin CRC. Rev. Munroe will lead us in a follow-up conversation on Sunday, March 16. He will preach in worship that Sunday morning, and we will have a time of conversation with him following the service. You may attend on March 2, March 16, or both.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, February 2</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Laura Prince
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Overbeek, Jubilee Heys
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Paul Bulthuis, Judy Alphenaar
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Safe Church training in Room 1
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Elly Nyhof
3:00p	Game Gathering in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, February 3</i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Tuesday, February 4</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
7:00p	Elders meet in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, February 5</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
5:45p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, February 6</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Friday, February 7</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Saturday, February 8</i>
8:30a	Eastown Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Next Sunday, February 9</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Cindy Lanning Burch
	Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Aubrey Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
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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

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