



FIRST SUNDAY
in

LENT

**“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.”
~ Luke 4:1**

First Sunday in Lent

*** Please stand in body or in spirit**

Ten o'clock

March 9, 2025

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”
“O God, Be Merciful to Me”

Mark Sedio
Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Jesus, We Love to Meet”

Text: Elizabeth Parson
Music: A.T. Olajide Olude

Jesus, we love to meet on this, your holy day.
We worship round your seat on this, your holy day.
O tender heavenly friend, to you our prayers ascend;
over our spirits bend on this, your holy day.

We dare not trifle now on this, your holy day.
In silent awe we bow on this, your holy day.
Check every wandering thought, and let us all be taught
to serve you as we ought on this, your holy day.

* Opening Hymns: “Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name”
“To My Precious Lord”

#501:1,4,5
#136:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 130)

* Assurance of Pardon: “Assurance: No Condemnation in Christ”

#694

* Hymn of Assurance: “And Can It Be”

#695:1,4

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

back 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.

Anthem: “Lord, We Beseech Thee”

Text: Church liturgy

Music: Adrian Batten

Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers,
and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts
by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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: “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

#134:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **TEMPTED BY POWER**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

- * Hymn of Response: “Go to the World” #925:1-4
- * Invitation to Offering: Carol DeJonge
- * 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: “All Praise to You, My God, This Night” #394:4
**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- * Postlude: “Canzona” Domenico Zipoli

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Pianist: Lisa Meyer
Percussion: Jan Postma
Scripture Reader: Suzi Steketee
Audio/Video: Don Buist, Arc Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 9, 2025

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM The First Sunday in Lent

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Luke 4:1-13, and the Sanctuary Choir leads us in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday in Lent

Morning worship: We will welcome Rev. Jeff Munroe to preach from John 11:17-37, “Stories in the Dark.” Jeff is a minister in the Reformed Church in America, editor of the Reformed Journal, and author of *Telling Stories in the Dark*. The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Staff Notes: Melanie Tolsma will be filling in as secretary, the week of March 10. The office will be open on Monday (3/10) and Wednesday (3/12) from 9 AM-4:30 PM. bulletins announcements are due Wednesday by 9:00 AM.

COUNCIL NEWS

Giving statements can be found in your member mailbox. An error was discovered in our tracking software where certain gifts were marked as not tax deductible. This is incorrect, any gift given to the church is tax deductible. If you would like a corrected statement, please contact the office.

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

Join us TODAY for “**Coffee with the Council President**” after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. 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

We extend our sympathy to the family of Audrey Prince (district 2) after her death on February 22. A funeral was held at Zaagman on Friday, February 28.

We wanted to express our sincere thank you for all the cards, kind words, flowers, visits, and hugs after the death of our dear mom. She loved Calvin Church and was very proud of the fact that she and dad were the first couple to have been married in this church. She also loved the organ and so we were especially thankful too that Ken was willing to play at her funeral.

Sincerely, Mike & Kathy Cok, Tom & Laura Prince, James & Allyson Koeman

Dear Calvin Church Family, thank you for your kindness and support during this time. Your prayers and messages have meant so much to us.

The John Joling Family

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 carved wooden bowls and trays in the display case near the nursery. Read the description of how she brings diseased, damaged wood back into service, and the analogy of Christ changing us so we can serve.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are due by 9 AM this Wednesday, March 12.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on March 12 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Vandenberg, Feenstras, and Bordewyks will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

BON APPETIT BREAKFAST: Our next get together at the Kentwood Russ' on Friday, March 14 at 9:30 AM. Please, RSVP to Sue Keegstra so she knows how big of a table to get.

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the April *Courier* are due to Doris Ridders (drikkers@aol.com) by Saturday, March 15.

BOOK DISCUSSION: You are invited to a 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 16 with the author. Discounted copies of the book are available at the table in the narthex for \$10, cash or check payable to Calvin CRC.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00, starting on March 26. We gather in room 1, and plan to discuss the book of Ephesians using a study guide provided by Calvin University, which is doing a campus-wide study of Ephesians this spring. Copies of the study guide are available at the table in the narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca with questions.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you are new to Calvin Church and would like to learn more about our community, you are very welcome to join with the members of the pastoral team and the Enfolding Committee for supper and conversation on Sunday, March 23 at 5 PM at the home of Pastor Rebecca. Attending the class does not commit you to membership; you're welcome to attend if you just want to learn more about our church community. Contact Kristy Ippel or Pastor Rebecca for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS: Do you have some time to read? 'Check out' the book display of Pulitzer Prize winners on the table just outside the church library door. Think you're too old to read a young adult novel? Think again! Check out the book display in the library.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, March 9, First Sunday in Lent</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Erin Hubka
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwyn Zwiers, Nate Meyer
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Coffee with the President in the Fellowship Hall
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Dan Hubka
3:30p	CYG Bible study
	<i>Monday, March 10</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Tuesday, March 11</i>
	Church office closed
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, March 12</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
6:10p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	78ers and Kids' Club
	<i>Thursday, March 13</i>
	Church office closed
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Friday, March 14</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Saturday, March 15</i>
9:00a	West Michigan Decorative Artists meet in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday in Lent</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Curt Overbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Christine Coulter, Alison Coulter
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Stoner
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Book Discussion in Room 1
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bob Houskamp
3:30p	CYG activity



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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 black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Sun of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- 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 this week:

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday and Wednesday

Bulletin deadline: 9 AM Wednesday

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