



**January 12, 2025**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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**“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.”  
– Isaiah 43:1b**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

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

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**Ten o'clock**

**January 12, 2025**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” [#407]

Johann Walther, Georg Boehm

“How Bright Appears the Morning Star” [#101]

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “The Kings”

P. Cornelius

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
to Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travelers three,  
where the newborn King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold,  
incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
the Kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
as Mary’s child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King,  
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man—lo, to Bethlehem  
the Kings are traveling—travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
offer thy heart to the infant King, offer thy heart!

\* Opening Hymns: “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”  
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

**#101:1-3**  
**#109:1,3,4**

\* God’s Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (verses from Psalm 25)

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**All: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.  
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Hymn of Confession: "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

#123:1-4

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* God's Guide for Grateful Living: The Ten Commandments 2

#718

\* 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: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago.  
Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter a stableplace sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel which adore.  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,  
if I were a Wise Man I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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

**#407:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **THROUGH WATER AND FIRE**

Prayer of Application

\* The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "How Firm a Foundation"

**#427:1-5**

\* 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: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

#965

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Postlude: "How Firm a Foundation" [#427]

Wilbur Held

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiars  
Organist: Dorothy Frisch  
Ministry of Music: Kurt Frisch  
Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp  
Audio/Video: Arc Frisch, Steve Triezenberg

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for January 12, 2025**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiars preaches from Isaiah 43:1-7, and Kurt Frisch leads us in ministry of music.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 19**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from John 2:1-11, "A Sommelier Behind the Scenes," and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

### **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**

We grieve with the **Stegink** (district 6) and **Overbeek** (district 5) families following the death of LeRoy's brother, Keith Stegink. May the God of all comfort be near to them as they mourn Keith's death and celebrate his life.

We pray for **Hap Hecker** (district 4) as he continues to receive hospice care at home.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Worship and Wonder, Worship Center, and TLC** resume TODAY. We look forward to beginning these children's ministries once again after a break for the holidays.

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING:** If you volunteer with any youth or children's ministries here at church, please attend ONE of two Safe Church policy trainings being held in the next few weeks. The first is on Wednesday, January 15 from 5:30—6:00 PM, in Room 1 and the second will be on Sunday, February 2 from 11:30 AM—12:00 PM. Thank you!

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR:** January 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 begin this Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00 PM in the balcony.

**The Courier** starts publishing again in February. Please send any news, articles, photos, and updates to the editor, Doris Ridders, [drikkers@aol.com](mailto:drikkers@aol.com) by January 15.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** Join us on Wednesday, January 15 at 5:00 PM when we serve a buffet-style dinner for family and friends of those participating in evening activities. Dinner servers are District 1 and Ron Rozema.

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

**DISTRICTS 2 AND 6** will be having a soup and salad luncheon next week Sunday, January 19. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15. Bring nothing but your appetites and a desire for fellowship.

It's "**Game On**" for our next neighborhood gathering! Friends, neighbors, and you are invited to meet new people, play giant versions of classic games, or enjoy some special crafts. Come and toast s'mores on the patio, enjoy hot cocoa and treats inside, and putt some indoor miniature golf. Mark your calendar for Games, Goodies, Golf & S'More on Sunday, February 2 (3-5 PM).

**Have you met your 2025 walking goals?** The most effective way to welcome neighbors to our community events is via flyers. Pick up a bundle next week, follow the attached map to get healthy, and help deliver the good news!

**GOT BLOOD?** 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 outright 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.

**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).

#### **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.
- 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)

<b><i>Today, Sunday, January 12</i></b>	
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
11:30a	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge Enfolding Committee meets in the Conference Room
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary Calvin host for St. Luke: Kristy Ippel
3:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
<b><i>Monday, January 13</i></b>	
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<b><i>Tuesday, January 14</i></b>	
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<b><i>Wednesday, January 15</i></b>	
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room Safe Church Training in Room 1
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
6:15p	Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony Kids' Club and 78ers
<b><i>Thursday, January 16</i></b>	
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<b><i>Friday, January 17</i></b>	
9:30a	Bon Appetit meets at Russ'
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<b><i>Next Sunday, January 19</i></b>	
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Lori Feenstra Nursery Volunteers: Melisa Hubka, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
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: LeRoy Stegink
12:15p	Districts 2 and 6 Lunch in the Fellowship Room