



March 2, 2025

**“Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone
because he had been talking with God.”
– Exodus 34:29b**

Transfiguration Sunday

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Choir Director and Organist: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Pianist: Lisa Meyer
Scripture Reader: Gwyn Zwiers
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Arc Frisch

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.

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

Ten o’clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Chorale Preludes on “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” [#763]
Egil Hovland; Piet Post; Charles Ore; Wayne L. Wold

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: “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”
“Remembering with Love and Hope”

#763:1-3
#809:1,3,4

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of transformation,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from your radiant face
and turned aside from the way of Jesus.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure
when we are stained and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

**All: Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Assurance: "By Grace We Have Been Saved"

#675:1,2,5

* 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: "Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain"

#131:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **WITH UNVEILED FACES**

Prayer of Application

CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

Summary of Scriptural Teaching: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 28 and 29
Our Faith p. 95-97

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit:

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.")

Preparing the Bread and Cup

Because there is one loaf,
we, many as we are, are one body;
for it is one loaf of which we partake.

When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Invitation

Distribution Anthems:

“May Your Life Be Filled with Gladness

Text: Rae E. Whitney

Music: Roy Hopp

May your life be filled with gladness which will grace you all your days,
and transfigure hurts and troubles into daily psalms of praise.

May your life be filled with passion, where delight and sorrow fuse,
teaching you to find, when suffering, gifts of joy you cannot lose.

May your life be filled with wonder at the whole world God has made;
and, although your sight may falter, may your vision never fade.

May your life be filled with beauty, from which angel light reflects,
and be waiting in excitement for what God will teach you next.

May your life be filled with Jesus and his love to all proclaim,
until every thought and action offer glory to God’s name! Amen.

“He Is My Savior”

Text: Oscar R. Overby

Music: J.S. Bach, arr. Leland B. Sateren

He leadeth me; he is my Savior.
In him, my Lord, I find release.
Befriended, now I live in peace.
Anguish is gone; nighttide is ending.
The day of grace is now ascending.
Christ, the Lord, has set me free.

Prayer

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory. Amen.

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#351:1,3,4

* Invitation to Offering: Jan Wilkins

* 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: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

#179:4

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory;
alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia, alleluia! to the triune Majesty. Amen.**

* Postlude: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” [#351] Ralph Vaughan Williams

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 2, 2025

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: On this Transfiguration Sunday, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Exodus 34:29-35, “With Unveiled Faces.” We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and the Sanctuary Choir leads us in music.

WORSHIP Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7PM

Evening worship: We will hold a service of worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. We will be led by the Covenant Choir, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will give a meditation from 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, and we will offer the imposition of ashes. An offering will be received for Community Care.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 9

Morning worship: Morning worship: The first Sunday of Lent. Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Luke 4:1-13, and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music. The offering will be for Mission Outreach.

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.

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

A sincere thank you for your prayers, your expressions of comfort, and cards in the loss of my sister-friend WinAnn Ettesvold Schumi. All these show love and the communion of saints as we confess each week. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Gert and Hans Bokhout

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

FAITH FRIENDS is a reciprocal discipling relationship between an adult member of Calvin Church and a young person. 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 what their shared discipleship might look like. We'd love to pair every Calvin Church young person 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 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.

BON APPETIT BREAKFAST: Mark your calendars now, for our next get together at the Kentwood Russ' on Friday, March 14 at 9:30 AM.

THANK YOU from all of us at Family Assistance for the large anonymous donation of blankets that were purchased and sent to church. It felt like Christmas morning over at the FAB when we opened them all up. We really appreciate your generosity.

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 TODAY, Sunday, March 2, to discuss the book. 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.

THANKS DONORS: Thanks to all who participated in the February blood drive, including those who baked the delicious treats. 24 units of blood were donated which results in 64 potential lives saved. It's strange to think that the blood you donated is now in someone else because they were in need. What is for us donors a couple of hours out of our day could be for others the difference between life and death. Thanks for your service! The second Calvin Church blood drive is Wednesday, April 16 from 2:30 - 7:30 PM. Sign up by contacting Cindy Burch or by clicking on this link:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11605006

<i>Today, Sunday, March 2</i>	
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Marissa Dierlam Nursery Volunteers: Lisa Schipper, Hannah Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
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: Phil DeJonge
<i>Monday, March 3</i>	
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<i>Tuesday, March 4</i>	
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16 Executive meeting in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meet in the Atrium
<i>Ash Wednesday, March 5</i>	
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
6:15p	Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
<i>Thursday, March 6</i>	
9:00a	Family Assistance
5:00p	Education Committee meeting in the Conference Room
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<i>Friday, March 7</i>	
10:00a	Enfolding Committee meeting in the Lounge
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
<i>Saturday, March 8</i>	
12:00p	Shower Rental in the Fellowship Hall
<i>Next Sunday, March 9</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



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 Prayer of Confession is adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- 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

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
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