



January 26, 2025

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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**“ . . . let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.”
~ Matthew 5:16b**

Ordinary Time

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

Ten o'clock

January 26, 2025

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” [#730]

James Biery

Junior Bells: “Step by Step”

arr. Peggy Bettcher

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

arr. Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Light of Hope”

Mark Patterson

Light of hope, light of peace, you are just the light we need.
Shine for all the world to see: Christ the living light.

Light of hope, light of peace, promise of the love he brings.
Shine for all the world to see: Christ the world’s true light.

Light of hope, light of peace, gift of joy that gladly rings,
shine for all the world to see: Christ our living light.

* Opening Hymns: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#581:1-3

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

#559:1-3

* God’s Greeting

Anthem: “Oh, Come, with Body and Mind”

Michael Bedford

Oh, come, with body and mind. Oh, come, with spirit and voice.

Bring the whole person, bring the whole person, come, let’s sing and rejoice.

Come, let us sing to the Lord our God. Come, let us worship and pray.

Come, let us dance to the Lord our God. Let us give thanks on this day.

Oh, come, with body and mind. Oh, come, with spirit and voice.
Bring the whole person, bring the whole person, come, let's sing and rejoice.
Come, give yourself to the Lord our God. Come with your anthems of praise.
Come, give your best to the Lord our God. Let us serve God all our days.

Oh, come, with body and mind. Oh, come, with spirit and voice
Bring the whole person bring the whole person, come, let's sing and rejoice!
Bring the whole person bring the whole person, come, let's sing and rejoice!
Body and mind, spirit and voice, it takes the whole person to sing and rejoice!

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Prayer of Dedication

#860

* Hymn of Dedication: "In Our Lives, Lord"

#861:1-4

* 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

Anthem: "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Marty Haugen

The children will sing stanzas 1 and 2.

The congregation will join on stanza 3.

The final chorus after stanza 3 will be sung twice.



You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
You are a light on a hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: live for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla- vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king-dom of mer- cy; pray for the king-dom of peace;



work for the king-dom of jus- tice; hope for the cit- y of God!___

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, 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: "Christ, Be Our Light"

#908:1,2,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **SALT LAMPS**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#730:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Dan Hubka

* Offertory Prayer for Community Care

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: "We Receive Your Blessing"

#947

**We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
As we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Raise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost. (repeat)**

Ending: **We receive your blessing as we leave this place. Amen.**

* Postlude: "Fugue in G"

Johann Ernst Eberlin

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Lisa Meyer

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Recorder: Barb Vis

Junior Bells Director: Melanie Tolsma

Covenant Choir Directors: Maria VandenBosch, Maria Schoon

Pianist: Nancy Triezenberg

Ministry of Music: Junior Bells and Covenant Choir

Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for January 26, 2025

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Lisa Meyer preaches from Matthew 5:13-16, and we celebrate our Kids Club ministry. The Covenant Choir and Junior Bells lead us in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 2

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 4:21-30, "Doctor, Cure Yourself." The Sanctuary Choir will lead us, and the offering will be for Benevolence.

Staff Notes: Pastor Kelly is on vacation January 21-27.

COUNCIL NEWS

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.

The Elders approved the membership transfers of the Brian and Amy Netz family to First CRC of Hudsonville, of Cornie and Marcia Huizinga to Ridgewood CRC of Jenison, of Betsy Plowman to Pillar Church of Holland, and of Arlene Walma to Hillside CRC of Grand Rapids. At his request, the Elders removed the membership of Dan Baker due to his recent reception into the Catholic Church. The Elders received the membership transfer of Arlene Beukema from Brookside CRC. We welcome Arlene to our fellowship and are eager to get to know her better!

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.

The Council has instructed the Reorientation Advisory Team (RAT) to begin investigating the options for Calvin Church as we consider a new denomination or association of churches. The team is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, January 28.

CHURCH FAMILY

Hap Hecker died on Friday, January 17. A funeral service was held at Calvin Church on Thursday, January 23.

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:
2/14 Ruth Westrate (87)
2/15 Gordon Kamps (92) 2/18 Marlene Oosterhouse (90)

COLLEGE AND CAREER AGES BIRTHDAYS:
2/3 Isaac Hubka (20) 2/27 Henry TerBeek (20)
2/28 Natalie Poortenga (19)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: 2/19 Lydia and Aubrey Visker (15)
2/24 Josh Buist (14) 2/28 Joel Schipper (3)

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 on Sunday, February 2 from 11:30 AM—12:00 PM in Room 1 Thank you!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

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.

FAMILY SUPPER: January 29 from 5-6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Vandenberg, Rick Feenstra, and Nancy Triezenberg are serving.

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 are on Wednesday, 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.

BUNDLE UP AND DELIVER A BUNDLE of invitations to neighbors for the Games, Goodies, Golf & S'More gathering. Packets of flyers with a map and instructions are on the table by the kitchen now and include a treat for hearty souls who help deliver the good news! Please distribute by January 29.

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 up by contacting Cindy Burch who will do it for you or by signing yourself up at: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11604998

SEEDS OF PROMISE: In partnership with neighbors and community partners such as John Ball Zoo and Seeds of Promise, Calvin Church will host a series of Thursday evening discussions on a variety of topics. A sneak peek at the schedule sees us inviting our friends and neighbors to learn about internet security, the plight of the Monarch butterfly, birding with the Audubon Society, and table talks fostering community-driven improvement; all culminating in a John Ball Zoo extravaganza kick-off party to the growing season calling for Habitat Heroes. Please put the following dates on your calendar: **Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM on January 30, February 27, March 27 and April 24, as well as Saturday, May 31 from 2-4 PM.**

CHILDCARE: Take note! We'd like to be able to provide childcare during the Thursday evening discussions. 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. Feel free to contact me with your interest.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, January 26</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg Nursery Volunteers: Louise Nunn, Hazel Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Norma Spears Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
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: Mark Vanderhill
	<i>Monday, January 27</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Tuesday, January 28</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, January 29</i>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:45p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
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, 78ers
	<i>Thursday, January 30</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
5:30p	EDCT in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Friday, January 31</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Next 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
2:00p	Game Gathering in the Fellowship Hall



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.
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- 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