



**February 16, 2025**

**“But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,  
‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’”  
~ Matthew 14:27**

**Ordinary Time**

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Buist  
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir  
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos  
Pianist: Lisa Meyer  
Soloist: Irene Konyndyk  
Scripture Reader: Ali Buist  
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

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

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**Ten o'clock**

**February 16, 2025**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Hal H. Hopson; Harold Rutz; Allan Mahnke

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “For Your Gift of God the Spirit”      Text: Margaret Clarkson  
Music: Darwin Jordan, arr. Marcus Hong

For your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew,  
pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you.  
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne,  
fullness of the very Godhead, come to make your life our own.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,  
grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way.  
Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
in us, through us, then forever, shall your perfect will be done.

\* Opening Hymns: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

**#590:1,2,4,7**  
**#527:1,3**

\* God's Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Cast Down, O God, the Idols”

**#626:1-2**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* 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.**

Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Text: Psalm 23  
Music: Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

**#443:1,2,4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **DO NOT BE AFRAID; I AM WITH YOU**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"

**#685:1-3**

\* Invitation to Offering: Marissa Dierlam

\* Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund

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: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” **#590:8**  
**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Fugue,” from “Concerto in G Minor” **Matthew Camidge**

## Calvin CRC Announcements for February 16, 2025

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

*Morning worship:* Rev. Kelly Buist preaches from Matthew 14:22-33, “Do Not Be Afraid; I Am With You.” The Sanctuary Choir leads us in music.

### WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 23

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiens preaches from Luke 6:27-38, and the Allegro Ringers lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Community Care.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will hold a service of worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. We will be led by the Covenant Choir, Pastor Rebecca will give a meditation, and we will offer the imposition of ashes.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Brad is on study leave February 10-17.

### COUNCIL NEWS

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

We join with our whole community in grieving the recent house fire that took the life of Campus Elementary student Shamiya Stewart. Please consider donating to the **GoFundMe** fundraiser (<https://gofund.me/61c25472>) set up to help Shamiya’s family cover burial and legal costs and to care for her two sisters. Family Assistance contributed clothing for the girls, and our Benevolence committee has made a donation to GoFundMe.

**VanDyken Update:** We recently received the final newsletter from Daryl and Carol Van Dyken, associates of TWR, whom we supported for many years. As they announce their retirement plans but confirm their intention to send a quarterly email prayer letter, it’s possible that some from Calvin Church will want to stay in touch. You can request the Van Dykens’ newsletter by contacting them at [carolvandyken@gmail.com](mailto:carolvandyken@gmail.com).

**Mission Outreach Special Update:** Thanks to the blessing of remarkably generous giving to Mission Outreach in 2024 the recently completed year-end review showed an excess of gifts over commitments. The Mission Outreach committee recommended that the excess—about \$7,000—be distributed to

Celebration Fellowship (prison church), Cary Christian Center, and The Mendenhall Ministries. The Mission Outreach fund still has a healthy balance thanks to an estate gift made in recent years. If you have questions about these distributions or other Mission Outreach matters, please speak to any member of the committee: Carol DeJonge, Dale Rosema, or Ron Rozema. On behalf of all the causes we support, hearty thanks!

## **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.

**THE COURIER DEADLINE** was February 15, but there's still time to submit news, photos, and articles for the March issue. Send any updates to the editor at [drikkers@aol.com](mailto:drikkers@aol.com) as soon as possible.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE CHANGE:** We will gather for games, puzzles, and great company on February 24 from 1–3 PM in the Atrium. All are welcome to join. (We will not meet on February 10 as originally scheduled.)

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE NEEDS BLANKETS.** With the colder days we have had the last few weeks, we have given away many blankets and need to restock the shelves. If you have any extra blankets, please consider bringing them to the blue cart in the office. (No throw blankets, please.)

**BLOOD DRIVE:** In honor of Cancer Awareness month, why not donate a pint of blood? It could save someone else's life! The blood drive is on Wednesday, February 19, from 2:30 to 7:30. We promise to keep you warm and well-fed. To sign up, use this link:

[https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11604998](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11604998)  
or contact Cindy Burch (616-451-4887).

**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 butterfly project and his recent trip to the monarch sanctuary in Mexico. The event will be held on Thursday, February 27, from 6–7 PM.

Please contact Heather Conklin ([hconklin@calvincrc.org](mailto:hconklin@calvincrc.org) or 907-978-5166) if you've completed the Safe Church training and are willing to help provide child care during the event..

**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 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.



## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Do you desire a Christian education for your child that is joyful, academically challenging, and screen free? Trinitas Classical School is a community of Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians committed to cultivating lives of faith, reason, and virtue. We are now enrolling full-time students in grades K-8 and home school partners in grades 5-8. As we enter our twentieth year, we are also considering opening a high school with grades 9 and 10 this fall. Join us for Discover Trinitas Night Thursday, February 20, 6:30-8:00 PM or schedule a tour! You can find more information on our website [www.trinitasclassical.org](http://www.trinitasclassical.org)

**Stories Shaped by the Spirit:** The Racial Justice Team of Classis Grand Rapids East of the CRC will host an event on Sunday, March 9, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A light supper will be included. This event will recall, at times with lament, the racial justice journey among Christian Reformed sisters and brothers in southeast Grand Rapids with particular honor to our matriarchs and patriarchs who helped lead. Guest speakers include Mrs. Loutisha Patterson, Rev. Karl Westerhof, and Mr. James White. RSVP by March 1 at [classisgretrip@gmail.com](mailto:classisgretrip@gmail.com); please provide your name, church, and the number attending.

# CALENDAR

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|        | <i>Today, Sunday, February 16</i>                  |
| 9:40a  | Nursery Lead: Sue Keegstra                         |
|        | Nursery Volunteers: Merri Ezinga, Jenna Buist      |
| 11:15a | Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen             |
|        | Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill        |
| 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: Cindy Lanning Burch      |
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|        | <i>Monday, February 17</i>                         |
| 6:00p  | AA meeting in Room 16                              |
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|        | <i>Tuesday, February 18</i>                        |
| 9:00a  | Family Assistance                                  |
| 6:00p  | AA meeting in Room 16                              |
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|        | <i>Wednesday, February 19</i>                      |
| 2:00p  | Blood Drive in the Narthex                         |
| 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           |
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|        | <i>Thursday, February 20</i>                       |
| 9:00a  | Family Assistance                                  |
| 6:00p  | AA meeting in Room 16                              |
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|        | <i>Friday, February 21</i>                         |
| 6:00p  | AA meeting in Room 16                              |
|        | 78ers and CYG Game Night                           |
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|        | <i>Next Sunday, February 23</i>                    |
| 9:40a  | Nursery Lead: Corey Visker                         |
|        | Nursery Volunteers: Kim Wierenga, Josh Meyer       |
| 11:15a | Library Volunteer: Irene Konyndyk                  |
|        | Coffee Servers: Gord and Jane Vandenberg           |
| 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: Rick Feenstra            |
| 3:30p  | CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb                    |



## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed 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 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-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)

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