



February 9, 2025

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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“When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.” – Luke 5:11

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Suzi Steketee

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reader: Irene Konyndyk

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Arc Frisch

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

Ten o'clock

February 9, 2025

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “All Glory Be to God on High” [#542] Paul Manz; Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

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

Text: Elizabeth Parson

Music: A. T. Obajide Obude

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: “Come, Worship God”

#509:1,3,4

“All Glory Be to God on High”

#542:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of grace,

we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.

We have honored creation more than Creator.

We have made idols of possessions and people

and used your name for causes

that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first

and have not taken the time to worship you.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems and attitudes

that take life instead of give it.

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,

and we have lied and misrepresented others' intentions.

All: Forgive us, O God, for the many ways sin shows up in our lives.

**Teach us how to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

#627:1,3

* 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: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Text: Walter C. Smith [#579]

Music: Welsh tune, arr. Eric H. Thiman

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: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" **#116:1,2,4**
(The choir will sing stanza 1 and the congregation will join on stanzas 2 and 4)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **PUT DOWN YOUR NETS**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Will You Come and Follow Me" **#742:1-5**

* Invitation to Offering: Kathy Cok

* 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: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **#943:1,3**

God be with you till we meet again;

by his counsels guide, uphold you,

with his sheep securely fold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;

when life's perils thick confound you,

put his arms unfailing round you:

God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

* Postlude: "Vivace," from "Voluntary in G" John

Stanley

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 9, 2025

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Luke 5:1-11, and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, February 16

Morning worship: Rev. Kelly Buist will preach from Matthew 14:22-33, “Do Not Be Afraid; I Am With You.” The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Personnel Committee is in 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.

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.

Staff Notes: Pastor Brad is on study leave February 10-17. Pastors Rebecca and Kelly are at a Better Together conference from February 10-13.

CHURCH FAMILY

John Joling (district 6) passed away on Friday, January 31. We pray for God’s comfort to surround Diane, and we put our hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In accordance with John’s wishes, there will be no funeral service.

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** (<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 also contributed clothing for the girls, and our Benevolence committee has donated to the GoFundMe.

I would like to convey John’s and my appreciation to Calvin Church’s staff and members, especially the adult Choir members and Care Coordinator Anjean Stegink, for their generous and faithful support during my recovery from my spinal

surgery. Knowing that they would stick with me for so long has been a great comfort and help. Bless you all!

Suzanne and John Tiemstra

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

FAITH FRIENDS is a reciprocal discipling relationship between an adult member of Calvin Church and a covenant youth. 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 together what their shared discipleship might look like. Who is involved? Any child whose parent has opted them into the program and any adult older than 22 who has volunteered to be a Faith Friend. So, hopefully you! We'd love to pair every Calvin Church youth 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 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.

Our next **BON APPETIT BREAKFAST** will be **February 14** at 9:30 AM at Russ's in Kentwood. Mark your calendar. All invited. Please, RSVP to Sue Keegstra by February 12.

PICKLEBALLERS: Mark your calendars for a time of drop-in pickleball with our Eastown and nearby neighbors. **Saturday, February 15** from 9 AM - 2 PM. Two courts and learning space will be set up in our Fellowship Room. Bring a paddle and a friend!

FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE: The first of our 2025 blood drives is on **Wednesday, February 19**. So far, 18 people have signed up to donate. Our goal is 28. Please give if you are able. We promise to keep you warm and well-fed. Contact Cindy Burch (616-451-4887) or use this link:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11604998
to get signed up.

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. Please note that 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 a lot and need help to get the shelves restocked. Please no “throw” blankets. If you have any extras laying around, please consider bringing them to the blue cart in the office.

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 project and recent trip to the Monarch sanctuary in Mexico. He has some fantastic photos to share. **Thursday, February 27 from 6-7 PM.**

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 childcare. Have a specific interest in any of these topics? I'd love to include you as a special volunteer for the event.

BOOK DISCUSSION: You are invited to a book-club-style 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 together. 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. You may attend on March 2, March 16, or both.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, February 9</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Cindy Lanning Burch Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Aubrey Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
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: Kris Bergh
	<i>Monday, February 10</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Tuesday, February 11</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, February 12</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 78ers and Kids Club
	<i>Thursday, February 13</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
12:00p	Enfolding committee meets in the Lounge
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Friday, February 14</i>
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