



Look! He is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see Him, including
those who pierced Him. And all the
families of the earth will mourn over
Him. This is certain. Amen. "I am the
Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, "the One who is, who was,
and who is coming, the Almighty."
Revelation 1:7-8 HCSB

November 24, 2024

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
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**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”
says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty. – Revelation 1:8**

Reign of Christ Sunday

Ten o'clock

November 24, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Preludes on “Holy, Holy, Holy” [#538]

Robert Buckley Farlee; Ennis Fruhauf; Marilyn Biery

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Lift High the Cross”

arr. Larry Sue

* Opening Hymns: “Let All Things Now Living”

#5:1-2

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

#6:1,3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Righteous God,

you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him

and are slow to acknowledge his rule.

We give allegiance to the powers of this world

and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,

that we may be loyal ambassadors,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem of Thanksgiving: “Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Larry Sue

* Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, #1-2

Our Faith, p. 156

* 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, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

**All: 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **IS, WAS, AND IS TO COME**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

#538:1,2,4

* Invitation to Offering: Gwen Overbeek

* 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 Praise You O God"

#560:3

**With voices united our praises we offer;
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
To you, our great Redeemer, for e'er be praise! Amen**

* Postlude: "Allegro: Postludial Recessional"

Felix Mendelssohn

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers
Director: Stephanie Wiltse
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Arc Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for November 24, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: On this Reign of Christ Sunday, Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Revelation 1:4-8 and the Allegro Ringers lead us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Thanksgiving Day, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Exodus 15:1-21 and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Family Assistance.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, December 1

Morning worship: On this first Sunday of Advent, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 21:25-36. The Covenant Choir and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The offering will be for Benevolence.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE continues during normal Worship and Wonder time and will carry on through the date of the program (Sunday, December 15).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12/4	Lydia Meyer (11)
12/8	Nico Wierenga (9)
12/25	Olivia Dierlam (6)
12/28	Lucy Molenbeek (17)

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

BULLETIN DEADLINE is Tuesday, November 26 for the December 1 bulletin.

CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS SMALL GROUP: The “One Anothering” study group by The Colossian Forum will meet today, Sunday, November 24, from 11:30-12:30 in room 1, to discuss lesson 6. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Karl Van Harn if you have questions.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER FORM: If you volunteer in any capacity with youth at Calvin Church, there was a volunteer form placed in your family mailbox in October. Please fill out the form and return it to the church office. Thank you!

BROKEN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS? If you'd like to get rid of those old or broken Christmas decorations or lights in a responsible, environmentally-safe way, bring them to church and place them in the Comprenew bin. Comprenew is a local, non-profit committed to repairing and reusing when possible or safely recycling when not. They accept any electronic equipment - if it plugs in or lights up, take it to Comprenew! Visit their website at www.comprenew.org

TRIP Gift Cards: are an easy way to get some Christmas gifts bought, not have to battle traffic, and benefit Calvin Church's ministry fund all at the same time. However, demand at the TRIP office intensifies this time of year, so you will want to order yours soon. See Donna at the TRIP table in the narthex before or after services, call her (534-4365), or send her an email (dhouskamp@grcs.org).

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Calvin Church's annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols is planned for Sunday, December 15th, at 5:00 PM. Our Festival Choir is looking for singers to sing with us. Former choristers, wannabe choir members, and all lovers of music are all welcome. There will be three Wednesday evening choir rehearsals beginning on November 27 at 7 PM. Contact Ken Bos or any choir member if you have questions.

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

Our next **BON APPETIT BREAKFAST** will be December 13 at 9:30 AM at Russ's in Wyoming. Mark your calendar. All invited. More details later.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seymour Church would like to invite you to join them on December 1 at 6 PM for their Evensong service led by the King's Choraliers. It will be a service of Christmas readings and songs.

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.
- Our Ordinary Time Banner represents how our faith is fed by streams of living water, rooted on the everlasting rock of God's love, preparing us to branch out in service for his kingdom.
- 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

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, November 24</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Christine Coulter Nursery Volunteers: Melisa Hubka, Olivia Coulter
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
11:20a	Christmas Program Practice in Room 9 One Anothering meets in Room 1
11:30a	Disaffiliation Listening Circle in the Lounge
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary Calvin host for St. Luke: Dan Bode
3:30p	CYG activity
	<i>Monday, November 25</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Tuesday, November 26</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, November 27</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
7:00p	Festival Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day</i>
9:40a	Nursery: Erin Hubka, Dale Rosema, Nora Nunn
10:00a	Worship Service
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Friday, November 29</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Next Sunday, December 1</i>
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