




THE CHILD GREW...
AND  THE
**FAVOR OF
GOD**
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40

“Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” – Luke 2:49

Sunday after Christmas

Ten o’clock

December 29, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” [#79]
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” [#93]

Jeanne Cotter
Michael Hassell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “O Jesus So Gentle, Jesus So Sweet”

J. S. Bach

O Jesus so gentle, Jesus so sweet, thy father’s task didst thou complete.
From heaven high and kingly crown to lowly man thou camest down.
O Jesus so gentle, Jesus so sweet.

O Jesus so gentle, Jesus so sweet, grant that we see thy love so great.
All that we have belongs to thee; thou hast redeemed us, set us free,
O Jesus so gentle, Jesus so sweet.

* Opening Hymns: “Once in Royal David’s City”
“On Christmas Night”

#87:1-4
#89:1-4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

#884

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 14

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* Song of Response: “Gloria, Gloria/Glory to God”

#83

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, in the highest heaven!

Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, alleluia, alleluia!

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: "Gesú Bambino"

Pietro A. Yon

When blossom flowered amid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

Refrain

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.

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: "What Child Is This"

#95:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **WHOSE CHILD?**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

- * Hymn of Response: “Jesus, the Light of the World” **#100:1,3,4**

- * Invitation to Offering: Bob Houskamp

- * Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance
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: “Once in Royal David’s City” **#87:5**
(sung in unison)
**Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high.
There his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.
Amen.**

- * Postlude: “In dulci jubilo” [#98] Paul Manz

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist: Dorothy Frisch
Ministry of Music: Trudi Huizenga
Scripture Reader: Gwyn Zwiers
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Arc Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for December 29, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 2:41-52, “Whose Child?” Trudi Huizenga leads us in the ministry of music, and the offering will be for Family Assistance.

WORSHIP Tuesday, December 31, 5PM, New Year’s Eve

Evening worship: We thank God for God’s faithfulness in the past year and trust in God’s providence for the year to come. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, “What Time is It?” and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The offering will be for the Christian Education Endowment Fund.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, January 5, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Arianna Hiskes will preach from Matthew 2:1-12, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Lisa Walhout will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Benevolence.

CHURCH FAMILY

Tom Van Zee (district 3) has received results of recent medical tests. A CT scan revealed masses on his brain, which a MRI confirmed to be cancerous. Tom is waiting to hear from his oncology team about further diagnosis and a treatment plan. He remains pain-free and appreciates our prayers for healing.

A funeral service for **Ann Boermans** (district 8) is scheduled for Friday, January 10 at 3:00 PM at the Raybrook Chapel.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

GALLERY ART: For Advent, two of Elly Nyhof’s quilts are on display in the Atrium. Can you see the words the Christmas trees in the center of each quilt spell?

FRENCH CHRISTMAS MANGER (*Crèche*): Be sure to stop by the display case in the Atrium to view the French Christmas Manger (*Crèche*) collection put there by Irene Konyndyk, who has been collecting figurines for more than 50 years. Read the written explanations on the nursery windows above the display.

According to the tradition in the South of France, not only did the 3 kings come to bring gifts to the baby Jesus, the townspeople did also – each one with something particular to their life and work: a bundle of sticks, a basket of eggs, a rabbit or chicken, some lavender, or a dance expressing great joy. The *santons* (little saints), handmade from clay and hand painted by artisans, are dressed in clothing that expresses who they are.

Bring your children to take a look and have them pick out their favorite *santon* and tell you what that person is bringing and why they like it best!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. The office will be staffed December 30, 31, and January 2. Bulletin announcements are due Tuesday, December 31 by noon.

THE GIVING TREE: KidsHope has a Christmas Tree with yellow stars hanging from its branches in the Atrium. Each star has a school supply item written on it. We would like you to take a star, purchase the item, bring it to church, and put it under the Giving Tree by next Sunday, January 5. Thank you!

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

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS KAPUT? You can safely and responsibly dispose of Christmas lights and electronic decorations from now through Sunday, January 5 by placing them in the Comprenew bin located in the atrium. Comprenew is a local non-profit committed to safely recycling electronic equipment. To learn more about their services visit their website at www.comprenew.org.

BLOOD DRIVE DATES FOR 2025: The Calvin Church blood drive dates for 2025 are February 19, April 16, and October 15. Put these dates on your calendar and hope to see you there!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Please join 70x7 Life Recovery at a free Mentor Relaunch Luncheon on Thursday, January 30 at 11:30 AM at Christ Memorial Church (595 Graafschap Rd, Holland). We will share more about our ministry, the importance of mentorship to those returning from incarceration, and the blessing you could be to them during their recovery. For more information and to register visit 70x7liferecovery.org or contact Carly at carlyj@70x7liferecovery.org.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, December 29</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Volunteers: Cindy Lanning Burch, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Alphenaar
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Trudi Huizenga
	<i>Monday, December 30</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Tuesday, December 31</i>
5:00p	Old Year's Night Service in the Sanctuary
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, January 1</i>
	Office closed
	<i>Thursday, January 2</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Friday, January 3</i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i>Next Sunday, January 5</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Curt Overbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Hendrikse, Ruby Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Karen Bordewyk
	Coffee Servers: Gord and Jane VandenBerg
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kristy Ippel



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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.
- “And being found in human form, he humbled himself . . .” The colors and materials of the Christmas banner reflect God’s glory manifest in the humble setting of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.
- 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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