

Let us then with  
**CONFIDENCE**  
draw near  
to the  
throne of **grace**  
that we  
may receive  
**mercy** & find  
grace  
to help  
in time of need.  
hebrews 4:16

**November 17, 2024**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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**“So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God;  
for those who enter God’s rest also cease from their labors  
as God did from his.” – Hebrews 4:9-10**

## **Ordinary Time**

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir and Junior Handbells  
Handbell Director: Melanie Tolsma  
Choir Director and Organist: Kenneth Bos  
Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys  
Audio/Video: Arc Frisch, Steve Triezenberg

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**Ten o’clock**

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### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” [#223] Gerhard Krapf; Wilbur Held  
Bell Prelude: “Blessed Be Your Name” arr. Peggy Betcher

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey

\* Opening Hymns: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #223:1-4  
“Jesus Shall Reign” #219:1,3,5

\* God’s Greeting

### **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Lord God,

Search our hearts – test us and see if there is any wickedness in us.

In your faithful love, and in your great compassion,

wash us thoroughly from our guilt and shame,

and purify us from our sin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, in our imperfection.

We confess that we have sinned against you

in what we have done and left undone,

in what we have said and left unsaid.

**All: Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,  
but on account of your great mercy  
in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn of Assurance: “Worthy Is Christ”

**#605:1-2**

\* Affirmation of Faith: 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?

**Congregation: The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

**Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Anthem: “I Was Glad”

Music: Roy Hopp

Text: from the Psalms

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

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: “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

**#754:1,3,5**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THE GOSPEL AT WORK**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Your Labor is Not In Vain"



1. Your la - bor is not in vain though the ground un - der -  
2. Your la - bor is not un - known though the rocks, they cry



3. The vine-yards you plant will bear fruit; the fields will sing



4. The houses you la-bored to build will fin - ally with



neath you is curs - ed and stained. Your plant-ing and reap - ing are  
out and the sea, it may groan. The place of your toil may not



out and re-joyce with the truth, for all that is old will at



laugh-ter and joy be filled. The ser - pent that hurts and de-

nev - er the same, but your la - bor is not in vain. I am  
 seem like a home, but your la - bor is not un - known. I am

last be made new; the vine-yards you plant will bear fruit. I am

stroys shall be killed, and all that is bro-ken be healed. I am

with you, I am with you, I am with you, I am with you For I have

called you, called you by name, your la-bor is not in vain.

\* Invitation to Offering: Kris Bergh

\* 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: "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

**#334:1,4,5**

**May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
 by his love and power controlling all I do and say.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
 Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.**

**May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe.  
 Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go. Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue in C"

Johann Sebastian Bach

# *Calvin CRC Announcements for November 17, 2024*

## **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys concludes our series on Work and Worship with a sermon from Hebrews 4:1-16, “The Gospel at Work.” The Sanctuary Choir and Junior Handbells lead us in music.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, November 24**

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*Morning worship:* On this Reign of Christ Sunday, Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Revelation 1:4-8 and the Allegro Ringers will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Community Care.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

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The next “Coffee with the Council President” is scheduled for TODAY, following the morning worship service. At the meeting we will provide information and an opportunity for discussion regarding our upcoming congregational vote on disaffiliation from the CRCNA.

The Council has scheduled a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, December 8, following our morning worship service. At this meeting we will vote on two matters: 1) our disaffiliation from the CRCNA, and 2) our annual budget. Please remain in prayer for a good discernment on these significant issues. Due to constraints imposed upon us by our bylaws and the Church Order of the CRCNA, absentee ballots will not be accepted at this congregational meeting.

The proposed budget is viewable on a password-protected page at [www.calvincrc.org/leadership](http://www.calvincrc.org/leadership). Call the office if you need the password. Paper copies are on the information table in the Narthex.

**LISTENING CIRCLES:** As we continue the disaffiliation process from the CRC, your pastors and council members are making available a time to process and listen to one another. You may sign up for a time of conversation on the table in the narthex or by contacting the church office. The available times are Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 AM; Sunday, December 1 at 11:30 AM; or Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 PM.

The Elders approved the membership transfer of Mark and Wanda Sytsma to Caledonia Christian Reformed Church. We pray for God’s blessing on Mark and Wanda in their new church home.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

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**MISSION OUTREACH GUATEMALA REUNION:** Rob and Tara Cahill of Community Cloud Forest Conservation plan to be with us today. They look forward to greeting family and friends and will be especially pleased to see those who participated in the learning and serving experience in Guatemala several years ago. They will be in the lounge immediately after the morning service. The informal reunion is designed so that those who attend will also be able to attend the important Meeting with the President in the Fellowship Hall.

**Aggie Keegstra** (District 8) has moved to:  
3980 Whispering Way apt. #1  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE** continues today (Sunday, November 17) during normal Worship and Wonder time and will carry on through the date of the program (Sunday, December 15).

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**ONE ANOTHERING:** We will not meet today, to allow everyone to participate in the Coffee with the Council President. We will meet again next Sunday, November 24, at 11:30 AM.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on November 20 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Vandenberg, Feenstras, and Triesenbergs will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

**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).

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Join us tomorrow, Monday November 18 from 1-3 PM in the atrium for fellowship, snacks, and a few activities. All who are available in the middle of a weekday are welcome!

**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.

**WANT TO GET RID OF THAT OLD PHONE?** Comprenew is a local non-profit helping to protect the environment from unwanted electronic equipment by proper recycling or by repairing and reusing when possible. This year Calvin Church is joining them in collecting broken or outdated Christmas decorations and lights. Look for the drop-off bin next Sunday or visit their website [www.comprenew.org](http://www.comprenew.org)

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good news. **The Racial Justice Team of Classis GR East** will be hosting a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, November 19 at Oakdale Park CRC; Time: 6:30 PM. We will be hearing from CJ Grier who will show a video of Idlewild—whether you participated in that trip or not back in the spring. In addition, there will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments. Please save the date and join us. Young people are welcome.

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, November 17</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Natalie Poortenga
	Nursery Volunteers: Curt Overbeek, Abram Veldkamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Gord and Jane VandenBerg
11:20a	Christmas Program practice in Room 9
11:30a	Coffee with the President in the Fellowship Hall
	Meet and Greet the Cahills in the Lounge
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Ron Rozema
3:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
	<i><b>Monday, November 18</b></i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i><b>Tuesday, November 19</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
7:00p	Together West Michigan churches meets in the Atrium
	<i><b>Wednesday, November 20</b></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
	Kid's Club and 78ers
	<i><b>Thursday, November 21</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i><b>Friday, November 22</b></i>
6:00p	AA meeting in Room 16
	<i><b>Saturday, November 23</b></i>
3:00p	Wedding Rental
	<i><b>Next Sunday, November 24</b></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