

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M 6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Via Zoom
6:30p Divorce Care: Howard's Office
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
W 5:00p Celebrate Recovery Women's Step Study: Offices
7:30p Prayer Gathering: Becky VandenAkker's Home
Th 6:30a Men's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
7:15a Open Door Remote Learning: Foundation
7:00p Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study: Offices

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns / Care Ministries: Rev. Howard De Vries; Youth: Pastor Annika Bangma / Children: Kate Martinka; Worship: Becky VandenAkker; Office/Finance: Sadie Perkins/
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SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

A-Bt — Elder Jack Crawford & Ruth Bandstra
Bu-E — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan
F-I — Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Lauren McGrath
J-Mh — Elder John Vriesema & Deacon Beth Bol
Mi-Sv — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Dexter Greene
Sw-Z — Tony Brookhouse & Deacon Connor Kuik

WE WARMLY WELCOME — back this morning, Pastor Mike Sullivan, from Emmaus City Church, who will preach the Word.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — Our condolences and loving sympathy is extended to the Vriesema family in the passing of John's mom, Barbara. Please keep the Vriesema family in your prayers. **"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."** — *1 Thessalonians 1:14*
Following a clogged artery stroke, Don Godeke was released from the rehab hospital yesterday. Pray to the Lord to give all of us peace and health. Teach us to be your church - helping our neighbors, caring for those in need, and being agents of peace in our community. Protect us and continue to take care of us, and lead us through your love, Jesus—Amen

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

2020 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS — are available through Realm. Please use the dates 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020 (and then press filter) to generate your report. If you are unable to print, please see Sadie in the office.

NAC FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — May be placed in the baskets available at the main and back entrances. Thanks for your sharing your gifts with those who are in need.

WEATHER RELATED CHURCH CANCELLATION — Notices will be posted on our website and social media pages as well as with WBZ (CBS Channel 4) and WCVB (ABC Channel 5).

REACH OUT — Connect with our Community

JANUARY SERIES — This year the January series will be a completely **virtual** experience. You can watch each presentation (12:30 to 1:30pm) on your own devices in your own location. And if you can't join us live, the presentation will be available until midnight, so don't delay. We are only able to permanently archive a handful of this year's presentations on our website, so it will be important to plan ahead and watch the day-of. The January Series cultivates deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and make us better global citizens in God's world. Come join us! Visit calvin.edu/january for more lecture details and past presentation archives.

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Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!

If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries. If you're asking questions about faith and spirituality, join us in our formation opportunities and ministry events to learn more and meet others. Help us get to know you or let us know how we can pray for you by filling in the Communication Card in the pew and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation

God of goodness and grace, we long for your presence, for the peace your promises bring, and for the assurances we have received through the gift of your Son. May we, your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to see and open ears to hear your presence among us. Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord, and prepare us for worship. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Let all that we are praise the Lord.

We will praise the Lord as long as we live.

We will sing praises to our God, even with dying breath.

Don't put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there. When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

He keeps every promise forever.

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.

The Lord loves the godly.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us.

He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the Lord!

SONGS: *Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)*

Spirit Break Out

Spirit of the Living God

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world, so much suffering through the ages, wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you love and care for us as a parent; you came to share life with us as a brother. But we confess we have failed to live as your children and instead have broken many bonds. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community, to consider one another as brother and sister, regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity. Yet we prejudge one another, refuse to love one another, and victimize one another. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, giver of all life, you fearfully and wonderfully made us and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life. Yet we endanger the lives of one another, abuse the lives of young children among us, destroy those who are defenseless, and oppress those who are powerless. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent confession

Words of Assurance—Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

This is the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Guide to Grateful Living

As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us hear again his Word: God commands us to serve him alone as God, to serve him according to his Word, to speak of him only with deep respect and love, to attend faithfully the assembly of God's people on the day of rest, and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit; to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority, to nurture human life as God's precious gift, to live decent and chaste lives, to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God's creation,

to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love, and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!

SONG: *We Labor Unto Glory*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

WORD

Morning Prayers

Luke 4:14-30 + Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus (thru the Amazement and/or Anger) by the Power of the Spirit

COMMIT

SONG: *The Kingdom is Yours*

SEND

Benediction

As you leave this place this day, may God's love sustain you, and may you love those who surround you. May God's Spirit empower you, and may you empower all those you meet. May God's joy fill your hearts, and may this joy overflow to the ends of the earth for God's glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONGS: *Is He Worthy?*

Agnus Dei

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!