

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please check your church mailbox for the itemized statement of your 2024 contributions. Should you prefer to have this information mailed to you, please contact Irene Feddema.

Thank you!

**Our Monthly Potluck will be February 2.** Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy a meal together. The Richard Ormesher small group is in charge of setup and cleanup.

**Calvin University January Series begins Monday, Jan 20.** We'll host a watch party in the Ed Building beginning at 12:30. Coffee will be on. Feel free to bring a lunch while we watch and discuss.

<https://calvin.edu/january-series>

Jan 27—Peter Sagal “Front Seat at the Sideshow: What I've Learned After 25 Years of Making Fun of Everything”

Jan 28—Alastair Humphreys “Adventures Across the World and Around the Neighborhood”

Jan 29—Reshma Saujani “A Conversation on Pay Up and Brave, Not Perfect”

Jan 30—Michaela O'Donnell “Life in Flux”

Jan 31—Hunter Woodhall “They Told Me I Couldn't Walk, So I Decided to Run”

**Ladies' Precept Bible Study on Thursday at 9:15 PM in the Ed Building.** Please contact Sheri Anderson at 360-630-0070 for more information.

**Divorce Care meeting Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:30 PM from January 14 through April 22.** See Bill Kring and Linda Kurth for details.

# Welcome to Faith Community Fellowship

January 26, 2025

Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am



**2nd Command: Worshiping in the Spirit  
and in Truth**

Exodus 20:4-6

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## We Gather for Worship

Welcome and God's Greeting

Call to Worship

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Give Us Clean Hands*

Congregational Life Updates

Offering for General Fund

Congregational Prayer

*Whiter Than Snow*

## Worshiping in the Spirit and in Truth

**Exodus 20:4-6**

### Communion

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Sending & God's Blessing

*How Great Thou Art*

## 2nd Command: Worshiping in the Spirit and in Truth—Exodus 20:4-6

**The commandment:** Worshiping God only in the way he commands.

### What is and isn't forbidden in the Old Testament

images

*Exodus 25:17-22*

*Numbers 21:4-9*

*2 Kings 18:14; John 3:14-15*

*Exodus 32:5*

*Habakkuk 2:18*

worship style

*Deuteronomy 12:30-31*

### How we break or keep the second commandment

In society

In the church

In our hearts

*John 4:19-24*

*John 1:17-18*

*John 14:6-7*

*Ephesians 3:8-12*

### Worship as an act of love

#### Rules for interpreting the Ten Commandments

- These are not simply good suggestions; they are divine mandates.
- Where there is a "don't," we should also read a "do," and vice versa.
- The commandments are meant for our hearts and not simply our actions.
- If there's an example, the command applies to the broad context of the example.

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here! May you experience God's goodness and grace here today. After the service, please join us for coffee.

**A nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, located in the hallway.

**Children's Bulletins** are available for young children.

**Greeter:** Elaine & Julie

**Coffee Server:** Marlene

**Nursery:** Karen



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- Joann's Sister, Gladys, who is still in the hospital—not healing like she should
- Pray for Jay & Gloria's daughter-in-law Lissa, whose 90 year-old grandmother passed away Sunday. Lissa is extremely sad. Pray for peace and comfort for this large Catholic family
- Pray for Robert's leg to heal
- Pray for good blessings for the upcoming spring and that we may become closer to Christ
- Pray that Dianna can find employment and housing so she can have surgery at Island Hospital (6 week recovery)
- Pray for Iris's husband, John, who is being treated for chronic leukemia.
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- Olive's son Jason that his father stays away. He is improving so much--dad makes his schizophrenia get much worse
- Pray for all the lost souls
- Pray for health, safety, etc for my brother Tom as he spends 6-7 weeks in Sierra Leone in ministry work
- Dear friends in Pasadena and San Diego
- Pray for Chris and a new place to live--a place that will be a more permanent home
- Lacey has stage 3 ovarian cancer
- Those dealing with health issues who are in various stages of recovery or healing or pain management or treatment of illness (Darlene, Laraine, Linda MK, Rozemary, Warren S, Betty Fuller, Nani, Gene)

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