

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Youth group meets tonight at 5:30 pm.

The **Calvin University January Series** is a FREE 15-day lecture series (Jan 15–Feb 2) that aims to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day. For more information see

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

If you are interested in watching with others, we will gather at church at 12:30 pm to watch each day's talk and have some time to discuss. (Coffee will be on; bring a lunch if you'd like.)

Volunteer judges needed for Christian Homeschool speech and debate tournament. January 25-27. This is a great opportunity to encourage students to speak eloquently for Christ. All types of speeches - apologetics, political, informative, funny and two types of debate. You choose your event to judge. No experience is needed, training and food provided, 3-hour times slots. You will be blessed! Contact Christina South for more information or if you'd like to volunteer.

PRAYER PETITIONS AND PRAISES

PETITIONS—Pray for:

- Kotoka as she is having difficulties as WSU
- Health and safety for brother, Tom, as he spends 6 weeks in Sierra Leone leading a pastors' conference.
- Neighbor, John, who is in the ICU at Harborview after cardiac arrest and a TBI
- Dave & Nancy V as they plan to leave Jan 27 for a 3-week trip to do World Renew disaster relief work in Sarasota, FL
- Nicole W as she is dealing with several serious health issues
- Nancy S as she's been dealing with a respiratory virus
- Continued safety and good travel connections for Jacob and Esther on their trip.
- Rescue of hostages in Israel/Gaza and that persecution will cease
- That Olive's son, Jason, will accept new drugs for schizophrenia on his path to wellness
- Confession and salvation for a loved one
- Continued healing for Bert H, Cindy M, Sandy C, and Shannon M
- Those dealing with health issues of recovery or healing or pain management
- For Larry to be healed from prostate cancer
- Beverly as she deals with financial issues and as she works to get custody of Vitani

PRAISES—Give praise and thanks for:

- *Healing process for friend, Lois*

Welcome to Faith Community Fellowship

January 21, 2024

Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am



In the Wake of Grace

Jonah 1:7-17; 2:9

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We Gather for Worship

Welcome and God's Greeting

Call to Worship

*Oh For a Thousand Tongues
Behold our God*

The Law

Congregational Life Updates

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Speak O Lord

**In the Wake of Grace
Jonah 1:7-17; 2:9**

Only a Holy God

Sending & God's Blessing

Jesus Strong and Kind

Is hardship good or bad?

The Hebrew word ra-ah (רָאָה)

Two Hardships

The Tempest (verse 4)

The sailors' response:

Jonah's response:

There are no "throw away" interactions in our lives

The Fish (verse 17)

Jesus and Jonah (Matthew 12:38-41)

Finding Grace in Hardship

Providence (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27-28)

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.

Greeters: Bill

Coffee Servers: John & Joann

Nursery: Karen

Spotlight Ministry of the Month:

The Ministry we'll be specifically praying for this month is:

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God's Unrelenting Grace in Jonah

God sends _____

God doesn't _____

Jonah never _____