

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**February 27, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**



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**Prayer of Preparation**

Lord God, You call us to worship You in community. As we are brought to worship this morning, may the bond of peace between You and Your people be experienced tangibly in our midst. Unite us together in Your love, and receive our worship by Your grace. Amen.

**Prelude**

Linda Clugston, Organ

**Call to Worship**

"We Gather Together"

**Welcome & Greeting**

Neil Trainer

**Song of Praise**

"How Great Is Our God"

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Emily Mitchell

Almighty God, You have chosen us to be Your holy people  
and You have given us Jesus Christ as the foundation of our church.  
We confess that we can easily ignore Your invitation  
to be a part of Your family, Your Church, Christ's Body.  
Some of us have been too lazy to build community.  
Some of us have been too proud to serve others in our midst.  
Some of us have been too busy to pause and worship You.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and break down all barriers that separate us.  
Make us one in Christ Jesus, in whose name we continue to silently pray.

**Personal Prayers of Confession**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

**Children's Message**

**Missional Moment**

Kathryn Smith Derksen

Path from Poverty

**Offering**

Chancel Bell Choir

"Spiritual Medley"

**Scripture Presentation**

Matthew 4:18-23

**Sermon**

Neil Trainer

"Practicing Life Together"

**Song of Response**

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

**Pastoral Prayer**

Emily Mitchell

**Song of Sending**

"We Are God's People"

**Benediction**

## Lent Begins Next Week

// Ash Wednesday Service,  
March 2 at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent (March 3 – April 16), a season in the Christian year where we focus on repentance and reflection. As part of Lent, we will be doing a sermon series on the “seven last words” that Jesus spoke from the cross. Be on the watch for a Lenten devotional to arrive in your mailbox soon!

The Ash Wednesday service will be a hybrid service, so you can celebrate with us in-person or online.

## Sabbatical Coming for Pastor Neil Trainer

// April 25 – August 1, 2022

As was shared at the recent congregational meeting and town hall, Pastor Neil Trainer will be receiving a sabbatical later this year.

A sabbatical gives pastors time away from the demands of daily ministry to engage in a period of reflection and renewal. This “Sabbath” time of respite may include travel, study, rest, immersive arts, cultural experiences, and prayer. After the sabbatical, pastors return to the responsibilities of ministry with renewed energy and vision.

Neil’s sabbatical will focus on both learning and discerning. He will begin with a Renovaré retreat to refocus on Jesus. Then, he and his wife, Kristi, will

spend time traveling and learning. Beginning with a tour of the Adriatic with good friends, they will visit Slovenia and Croatia. They continue with a tour of Turkey, exploring a land filled with biblical sites and early Church history. Then they stop in Athens to visit with friends before returning home. As the jetlag subsides, Neil has expressed excitement about continuing to research early Church events and people associated with sites visited in Turkey, such as the creation of the Nicene Creed and the Cappadocian Fathers.

The second half of the sabbatical allows Neil time for discernment. Entering into his fifteenth year as Calvin’s pastor, Neil will prayerfully explore ways to ensure health and vibrancy for both the congregation and minister in long-term pastorates. He will seek spiritual direction and mentoring around what the next season of pastoral ministry with Calvin Church will look like. He also aspires to complete a manuscript and develop a retreat centered on a formational reading of the Book of Ruth.

Neil’s last Sunday with us before the sabbatical is April 24, the Sunday after Easter. He will return to the office on August 1. During his absence, Rev. Emily Mitchel will serve as the acting Head of Staff, moderate the Session, and take the lead in our Sunday worship.

## From Milad Nakhla...

“ I want give thanks for Calvin church and all members who supported me last months in prayers, supporting. And for all people who sent cards to me. I really appreciated everything. ”

## Volunteers Needed for Claus Celebration

If you are able to organize or help with the upcoming celebration of John and Karen Claus, please contact Pastor Neil at [pastor@calvinpc.org](mailto:pastor@calvinpc.org).

All help is appreciated, but we especially need someone to take charge of this event!



## Happy Birthday!

Firinne VanSteertegem..	Feb. 28
Sy Syverson .....	March 02
Kory Dean .....	March 03
Jerry Janacek .....	March 04
Don Ricker .....	March 07
Karen Novstrup .....	March 10
Jean Johnson.....	March 13
Milad Nakhla .....	March 13
Linda Rudat .....	March 14



## Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday .....	March 02
Riese Memorial .....	March 05
Claus Celebration.....	March 20
Outdoor Fun.....	April 09
Ladies of Adventure.....	April 14
Maundy Thursday .....	April 14
Good Friday .....	April 15
Easter Egg Hunt .....	April 16
Easter .....	April 17