

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, December 4, 2022 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, in this busy Advent Season help us to make room in our hearts and in our lives for the gift of Your Son. Let this be a time when the Christ Child is born again in our lives. Touch us with Your love in our worship this morning that we may touch others. In the name of Christ, born in Bethlehem, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rebecca McAndrew

In the psalms of David, in the words of the prophets, in the dream of Joseph, your promise is spoken, eternal God, and takes flesh at last in the womb of the virgin. May Emmanuel find welcome in our hearts, take flesh in our lives, and be for all peoples the welcome advent of redemption and grace. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN #9, vs. 1-3 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

John, Kristine, and Beth Robertson

HYMN #2, vs. 1-2 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

God of grace: In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness when Mary placed her life at the service of Your will. Forgive us for failing to follow her example. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. We have been preparing for Christmas, but have not prepared for Christ. We give gifts to others, but fail to give you our lives. In Your mercy, pardon our sins and transform our stubborn and selfish hearts that we might live in Your kingdom, both now and forever more. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem.
(silence for reflection)

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

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-5, 14

Rebecca McAndrew

SERMON "He Lived Among Us"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF PREPARATION "God With Us"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

HYMN #44, vs. 1-4 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, organ

Help Us Strike the Right Chord

// Zoom about Calvin’s Music Ministry after the service today

Our Worship/Music Ministry Discernment Team is eager to hear from you about what helps you most to worship in spirit and truth. Where do you believe God is leading our Music Ministries in the coming years? Join an online listening session on today at 11:30 am via Zoom. Click [here](#) to join, or use meeting ID: 851 9065 2929, with Passcode: Worship.

Celebrate Messy Christmas!

// Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 pm in the Activity Center

At Messy Church this coming Wednesday, all ages will meet together to learn about Jesus through crafts, activities, playfulness, music, and storytelling from the Bible. Then, we’ll enjoy pizza, veggies, and birthday cake in the Fellowship Hall (and we’ll sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus!). Messy Christmas activities will include cookie decorating, Advent wreath building, card making, and beaded feather angels. You are warmly invited to attend. Please extend the invitation to friends, neighbors, relatives, and others!

Christmas SmilePack Drive

// Participate in our all-ages service project

This Advent, Calvin is again partnering with Children of the

Nations (COTN) to buy and assemble hygiene items in SmilePacks, which will be sent to children in Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Dominican Republic, or Haiti. Every single SmilePack helps a child stay healthy!

For more information, email [Pastor Emily](#) or follow this [link](#).

12-Bells at Swanson’s Nursery

// Sunday afternoon, December 11, at 4 pm

Calvin’s petit handbell group, the 12-Bells, will play for the community this Christmas season at Swanson’s Nursery (9701 - 15th Ave NW in Seattle) on December 11 at 4 pm. They will play for an hour with a short break at 4:30 pm. Listening to such favorites as “Jingle Bells” and “Angels We Have Heard on High” will put you into the holiday mood!

If you cannot make it to Swanson’s on December 11, the 12-Bells will also play in the church foyer prior to the Christmas Eve service.

Giving Envelopes!

// Orders will be placed soon

Although many of you are taking advantage of our online giving options, some still prefer to use the old-fashioned donor envelopes. If you would like to receive donor envelopes, please contact [Kirsty](#) in the church office by Sunday, December 11th. Be sure to specify

whether or not you prefer monthly or weekly envelopes!

Support our Mission Partners this Christmas

Those who would like to contribute to families at Vision House may purchase a pre-paid Visa gift card, or a store gift card for either Safeway, Target, or Walmart. Pick up a reminder tag from the Giving Tree in the foyer. Return your gift cards by December 18 to Donna Miller-Parker, or if she’s not around, put the Giving Tree envelope with your gift card(s) into the lock box on the counter behind the reception desk.

For those who would like to give a special Christmas gift to any of our other mission partners, use Calvin’s [giving site](#).

 **Happy Birthday!**

- Greta Juengel Dec. 04
- Lela Jamieson Dec. 09
- Mickey Julius Dec. 12
- Promise Rose Juengel... Dec. 15
- Kelley Neubauer Dec. 15
- Connie Graebner Dec. 16

 **Upcoming Events**

- Ladies’ Lunch, 11:30 am
at *The Potlatch Bistro*
in Edmonds..... Dec. 06
- Messy Church, 5:30 pm in
the Activity Center..... Dec. 07
- 12-Bells at Swanson’s
Nursery, 4 pm Dec. 11
- Longest Night Service
at 7 pm..... Dec. 11
- Christmas Pageant Dec. 18
- Christmas Eve Service... Dec. 24
- Christmas Day Service... Dec. 25