

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, January 22, 2023 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy Spirit, fill us and flow through us as we sing and make music from our hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ, and give thanks for all things to God the Father. Amen.

PRELUDE

INTROIT "When We All Get to Heaven" arr. Tammy Waldrop

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Colossians 1:15–20)

One: Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation.

All: **Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth. He existed before everything else began, and he holds all creation together.**

One: Christ is the head of the church, which is his body. He is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so he is first in everything.

All: **For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and by him God reconciled everything to himself.**

SONG OF PRAISE "The Church's One Foundation"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

All: **Our Lord and God:**

You are the sure foundation for our lives, but we fail to trust in you alone.

We long to know you more, but we hardly slow down to look for You.

We remain weary and weighed down, even while you offer rest for our souls.

May we hear again your invitation: "Be still and know that I am God."

And may Your peace which surpasses all understanding guard our hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus, in Whose name we continue to pray. *(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

MISSIONAL MOMENT Path from Poverty

Kathryn Smith Derksen

OFFERING "That Glorious Day" arr. Jane McFadden

Chancel Bell Choir

SONG OF THE WORD "In Christ Alone"

SERMON "A Spirit-Filled Marriage" Ephesians 5:21–23

Neil Trainer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE

How Generous Is Our God?

// Finance Team Update

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
— Psalm 107:1*

How great is God’s grace and provision? How generous is our God? Calvin witnessed God’s provision in December in two dramatic ways. First, our congregation gave over \$106,000 in year-end gifts to the general fund. This generous outpouring of support has moved our church’s budget from a significant deficit at the end of November to a modest surplus on December 31st and will help to ensure our ministries are fully funded for the 2022–23 fiscal year.

The church was doubly blessed in December when it received a gift of \$225,760 from the estate of our long-time member Geri Johns. Throughout her life, Geri was a generous contributor to our church, especially to building improvement projects. Geri placed no restrictions on how this gift should be used, so Session is taking time to prayerfully discern how these funds can best further our church’s vision and mission. At its meeting last Tuesday, Session did allocate \$50,000 from these funds to support projects being considered by our Property Team, including the repainting of our building. Session will update the congregation as it discerns how to employ this generous bequest to grow God’s kingdom.

By the numbers...
December giving has put us in a very good position as we move

into the second half of our fiscal year. Contributions are now at 96% of what we had anticipated, while expenses also continue to be less than we expected. Facilities revenue is continuing strong, bringing in more income than we had hoped to receive.

Here are some numbers:

- General Fund Contributions, July-Dec: \$302,234 (we budgeted for \$315,000);
- Facilities Revenue, July-Dec: \$27,708 (our budget expected \$20,000);
- Other Revenue, July-Dec: \$238,188 (includes bequest income);
- TOTAL Operations Revenue, July-Dec: \$568,130;
- Total Expenses, July-Dec: \$327,801 (giving to missions: \$43,900);
- Net Revenue as of 12/31/2022: \$232,432;
- Total Assets as of 12/31/2022: \$1,102,883 (a jump of over \$300K).

On behalf of Session and the Finance Team, thank you for your generous contributions to our ministries! Year-end giving statements were mailed out last week, so you should receive yours in the mail very soon. Please contact Elder [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team, or [Kirsty Haining](#), our Support Ministries Director, if you have questions.

SmilePack Drive – Thank you!

// Great job participating in our Advent service project

Thank you to everyone who took part in helping children in Malawi, Sierra Leone, or Uganda have access to

necessary hygiene items so that they can stay healthy and flourishing while they’re in school. This is our third annual Advent intergenerational service project, partnering with Children of the Nations. In 2020, we contributed 38 packs and in 2021, we donated 44 packs. Pastor Emily is pleased to report that, for Advent 2022, the number was 53. Well done!

Help Us Strike the Right Chord

// Session wants to hear from you about Music Ministry

If you did not participate in one of our listening sessions in November and December, our Worship/Music Ministry Discernment Team is still eager to hear about what helps you most to worship in spirit and truth, and where you believe God is leading our Music Ministries in the coming years. See the Friday email for a survey link (or, if viewing the PDF version of the bulletin, click [here](#)).

 **Happy Birthday!**

Nathan Wu.....	Jan. 23
Linda Erickson.....	Jan. 25
Dean Jamieson	Jan. 26
Richard Fouch	Jan. 29
Jan Gregersen.....	Jan. 29
Ron Wirtz	Jan. 29
Jay Cross.....	Jan. 30
Allan Bodine	Feb. 02
Kaylee Logan.....	Feb. 02
David Gow.....	Feb. 04
Benjie Parrilla	Feb. 04

 **Upcoming Events**

Messy Church, 5:30 pm in the Activity Center..... Feb. 01