

# ORDER OF SERVICE

November 12, 2023 • 10:00 AM



*PRAYER OF PREPARATION* (from Psalm 16:8–9, 11 NLT)

I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.  
No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. You will show me the way  
of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

*PRELUDE*

*WELCOME & GREETING*

Neil Trainer

*SONG OF PRAISE* "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION* (based on Psalm 51)

Emily Mitchell

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.  
Let us hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from our sins  
and blot out all our iniquity.  
Create in us pure hearts, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.** *(silence for reflection)*

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE*

*SONG OF ASSURANCE* "Amazing Grace"

Color Bells

*MILESTONE CELEBRATION* Prayer

Emily Mitchell

*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.**

*BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL*

*OFFERING* "Praise Ye the Lord (Psalm 150)" #258

Calvin Singers

*DOXOLOGY*

*SCRIPTURE READING* Matthew 14:22–23

Liz Randles

*SERMON* "God in the Midst of Play"

Neil Trainer

*SONG OF RESPONSE* "Psalm 150 Songfest"

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

*SONG OF SENDING* "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*BENEDICTION*

## **Psalm 150 Songfest**

Tune: *"When the Saints Go Marching In"*

**Let everything that has a voice**

**Sing alleluia to our God.**

**Let every voice in all creation**

**Praise the everlasting Lord!**

Tune: *"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

**Praise God with the sound of trumpets,**

**Praise God with the tambourine!**

**Praise God with the pipe and strings,**

**Praise God as you dance and sing!**

Tune: *"She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain"*

**Praise the Lord in the sanctuary, allelu!**

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**Praise the Lord in the sanctuary, allelu!**

Tune: *"Good Night, Ladies"*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Amen, amen, amen!**

**Congregational News**

Stephen Biney, beloved member of Calvin Presbyterian Church since 2000, died on November 5, 2023. The memorial service will be in Calvin’s Sanctuary on Saturday, November 18 at 5 pm. A celebration of life party will follow the service in the Activity Center. Please be praying for God’s comfort, peace, and consoling presence for Grace, Stephen’s wife of 28 years, and their three children, Barbara, Michael, and Felicia.

“We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”  
— 2 Corinthians 5:1 NIV

*// A Note about the Memorial Service and Celebration of Life*

- Plan to wear red and black to the memorial service as these are the traditional Ghanaian colors for grieving. Wearing all black or gold are other respectful colors.
- In Ghanaian culture, the celebration of life focuses on the good and the positive. Thus, at the family’s request, please do not discuss Stephen’s cause of death or the illness that preceded his passing. Thank you.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

*// Wednesday, November 22 at 7 pm in Calvin’s Sanctuary*

Four local churches come together to hold our annual Community Thanksgiving Eve service. This year the service will be held here at Calvin.

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the **combined church choir**, email Laurel ([laurel@calvincpc.org](mailto:laurel@calvincpc.org))

for sheet music and recordings. The choir will rehearse on Saturday, November 18 at 10 am, and on Wednesday, November 22 at 5:30 pm before the service.

**New Banner in Sanctuary**

*// Celebrating Milestones of Faith*

Thanks to our Calvin Banner Team for this visual expression of the milestones of faith! Banner team members are Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling, Dorothy Lindstrom, Christi Nixon, Ruth Van Dyke, and Marilyn Wirtz.

*// Donate materials and/or join the Banner Team!*

After a year of creativity and joy, the Banner Team is looking ahead to 2024. Could you donate fabric, a scarf, or a tablecloth that represents your heritage or the mission communities that we support? We plan to celebrate our unity in the worldwide church using textiles from across the globe. Do you have purple, teal, green, or blue fabrics to donate? We know just what to do with them. Would you like to join the Banner team? We welcome new members. If you said yes to any of these questions, contact [Ruth Van Dyke](mailto:Ruth.VanDyke@calvincpc.org) or bring your donations to the church office.

**Stewardship Campaign for 2024**

Many of you have already received a stewardship letter in the mail, asking you to prayerfully consider your commitment to Calvin’s General Fund for 2024. Your stewardship and commitment to faithful giving are integral to Calvin’s mission and ministries! While we would appreciate receiving your pledge by Sunday, November 26, you may submit a pledge at any time.

Even though pledges are helpful to Calvin’s finance team, the larger spiritual goals are ones of discipleship, stewardship, and commitment. Indeed, making a pledge is more for your own benefit than for Calvin’s. Taking time annually to consider how God is in the midst of our finances is an important spiritual discipline that helps us grow in Christ.

Copies of the stewardship letter and pledge card may be found at the Welcome Desk.



**Happy Birthday!**

Jim Dickson.....	Nov. 12
Jan Christophersen.....	Nov. 13
Bjorn Juengel .....	Nov. 15
Cathy Marinella .....	Nov. 15
Steve Bain.....	Nov. 16
William Cogo .....	Nov. 18
Nancy Repp .....	Nov. 18
Mel Chandler .....	Nov. 20
Kari DeLoma-Cogo.....	Nov. 20
Daniel Yemane .....	Nov. 21
Phyllis Terman.....	Nov. 22
Rachel Clement .....	Nov. 24
Jackie Hintze.....	Nov. 24



**Upcoming Events**

Surviving the Holidays .....	today!
GriefShare, 10 am .....	Nov. 15
Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm .....	Nov. 15
Thanksgiving Choir	
Rehearsal, 10 am .....	Nov. 18
Biney Memorial Service,	
5 pm in the Sanctuary.....	Nov. 18
Thanksgiving Eve Service,	
7 pm (choir at 5:30 pm) .....	Nov. 22
Christmas Decorating....	Dec. 02
Messy Church, 5:30 pm.....	Dec. 06



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