

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 31, 2023 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Son of God, Child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem, we welcome you. Be born again in us this day so that through us the world may know the wonder of your love. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Betty Dost

One: Praise the Lord!

All: **Praise the Lord from the heavens!**

One: Praise God in the heights and the depths!

All: **Praise God, all creatures of earth and sky!**

One: Praise God, young and old, together!

All: **Let us praise the Lord and worship in God's holy name!**

SONG OF PRAISE "Love Has Come"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 NRSV

Betty Dost

SONG OF PRAISE "I Danced in the Morning" #302, vv. 1-2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**God of mystery and mercy,
You came to offer us love,**

but we confess we can be stubborn and selfish in the ways we live.

You came to reconcile all people,

but we often nurse grudges and resist repairing relationships.

**Forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be,
through Jesus Christ who reaches out to us from the manger and the cross. Amen.**

(silence for personal reflection)

SONG OF ASSURANCE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #28, v. 3

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CHORUS "Gloria"

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38 PHILLIPS

Laurel Underwood

OFFERING "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (Canticle of the Turning)"

A STORY FOR CHRISTMASTIME "The Handmaid of the Lord" by Katherine Paterson

Emily Mitchell

SPECIAL MUSIC "No Wind at the Window"

Laurel Underwood

MEDITATION Say "Yes" to God

Emily Mitchell

INVITATION TO RECEIVE A STAR WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Here I Am, Lord" #525, v. 1

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

ORDER OF SERVICE, *continued*

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.**

SONG OF SENDING "As With Gladness Men of Old" #63, vv. 1-2

BENEDICTION

SONG OF RESPONSE "All Glory Be to Christ"

**Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!**

POSTLUDE



The News in Brief

31 December 2023

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Year-End Giving

To take advantage of the federal tax credit for charitable donations on your 2023 taxes, your offering must be received today (checks dated December and placed in the offering plate or in the lock box behind the welcome desk; or you can give electronically through our website, calvincpc.org/donate/, but you must specify that the donation start date is 12-31-2023).

Practical Help on Living and Dying Well

// Sunday forum after worship on January 7

Rev. Heidi Greider will be presenting on caregiving and the gifts of the final years.

11:30 to 12:30 in the Fireside Room. Treats provided.

Messy Church on Wednesday!

// Join us January 3 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Activity Center

Come on Wednesday and invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives. This month's theme is Jesus and his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Please pray that people would encounter the power and love of Jesus through their participation in Messy Church.



Happy Birthday!

Michael Johnson Dec. 31
Rebecca McAndrew..... Jan. 08
Hilda Packard..... Jan. 08

Christine Stime..... Jan. 09
Anita Tanner Jan. 09
Cheryl Minnig..... Jan. 11
Eliza Miller Jan. 12



Upcoming Events

Advent Service Project
Assemble Hygiene SmilePacks
of toiletries for children in need.
..... Today-Jan. 14
Church Office Closed..... Jan. 01
Messy Church, 5:30 pm Jan. 03
First Fruits Collection
Collecting SpaghettiOs and
individual-serving size boxes
of cereal Jan. 07
Sunday Forum Jan. 07
Ladies' High Tea..... Jan. 20



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