ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing as we worship you.

May the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

May the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

May the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

May the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & GREETING Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" and "Great Are You, Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Emily Mitchell

O Triune God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.

Forgive our arrogance when we ignore your immensity and greatness,

and become satisfied with small thoughts of you.

Forgive our selfishness when we fail to love one another as you have loved us,

even causing others to stumble in their faith.

Forgive our stubbornness when we do not obey your clear commands,

choosing instead to follow the ways of a broken world.

And hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you. (silence for personal 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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING Pietro Parrilla

SCRIPTURE READING Job 2:1-3:1 David Randles

SERMON "Faith Doubted and Despaired" Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Come As You Are"

PASTORAL PRAYER Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Blessed Be Your Name"

BENEDICTION



The News in Brief

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December Finance Summary

// We are now halfway through our fiscal year

Calvin's December financials are good, but still not guite as strong as we had hoped they might be. For the first six months of our fiscal year, net income is close to what we projected, only \$6,730 less than budgeted. Expenses in the first half of the fiscal year were lower than anticipated, but largely because we have not yet filled two staff positions. When you look at our general fund (see the figures below), you can see that contributions are \$48,691 less than we budgeted. We are hopeful that contributions will pick up in the second half of the fiscal year so our ministries will be fully funded.

Thank you all for your generous December contributions!

// Here's a look at the numbers for July – December 2023:

- General Fund Contributions: \$287,309 (our budget hoped for \$336,000);
- Facilities Revenue: \$36,510 (better than our budgeted \$30,700);
- Other Revenue: \$35,043;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$358,862;
- Total Expenses: \$382,960 (giving to missions: \$45,167);
- NET REVENUE: (\$24,097); and
 Total Assets: \$967,096.

Year-end contribution statements will be mailed out next week. As always, if you have any financial questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to <u>Kirsty Haining</u>, Support Ministries Director, or to Elder <u>Dan Coppin</u>, head of the Finance Team.

Advent Service Project

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Advent Service Project, assembling hygiene SmilePacks for Children of the Nations. Calvin donated 58 packs this year, exceeding last year's record of 53; well done!

New Sunday Forum on Wills

// Sunday, February 4 in the Fireside Room after worship

Come, enjoy our *next* forum in the series, "Practical Help for Living and Dying Well." The topic for February 4 is "All About Wills and Estate Planning." Retired lawyer Frank Holman will share his expertise with us. This forum is open to all, and will surely bring insight whether you're a novice or an expert on estate planning. 11:30 to 12:30 in the Fireside Room. Treats will be provided.

The forum with Rev. Heidi Greider on caregiving and the gifts of the final years has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 18 after the worship service.

Door Codes Have Changed

// Do not give new codes through email (or voicemail on the church's main line)

Although it has been a big project (three cheers for Christi Nixon for tackling this important security procedure!), door codes for the East Entry and in other areas of the building have been changed. If you missed getting a new code, please contact Christi verbally, by phone or text message on her *personal* cell phone, or by using old-fashioned paper and pen (you may leave the code, along with your name, in our

lockbox in a sealed envelope addressed to Christi).

We ask that you NOT use email or a voicemail left on the church phone line as these are less secure. Please note that you might be asked to use a different number if that code happens to have been used recently by someone else. Thank you!

Planned Giving

// Something to consider from the Stewardship Team

Generous living is about approaching each day with an open heart, an open mind, and an open hand. What can you do today to live more generously? What generous living choices can you make today that will make a difference in the future?



Happy Birthday!

Doug Wuerl	Jan. 22
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



Upcoming Events

Memorial Service for
Roberta Gow, 2 pm Jan. 27
First Fruits Collection
collecting cans of tuna
fish & vegetarian chili Feb. 04
Sunday Forum, 11:30 am Feb. 04
Messy Church, 5:30 pm Feb. 07
Sunday Forum, 11:30 am Feb. 18
Presidents' DayFeb. 19