

# ORDER OF SERVICE

January 28, 2024 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal and glorious God:

As we worship, may we gain new insight about the mystery and wonder of your love.

And may we sense new ways to mirror that love in our world, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15–16 NRSV)

Carol Jean Chandler

*One:* To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory forever and ever.

*All:* **He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

*One:* It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light,  
whom no one has ever seen or can see;

*All:* **To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #263, vv. 1–4

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Holy and eternal God:**

**Because our vision of you has become small**

**and our understanding of you limited, we pray, "Be magnified!"**

**Because we have not always kept you in the highest place in our lives, we pray, "Be exalted!"**

**And because we have not given you the honor you deserve, we pray, "Be glorified!"**

**Forgive us for redefining you as we want you to be rather than receiving you as you are.**

**By your mercy, receive us as we are, and make us into the people you designed us to be  
through Christ our Lord. (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

## PASSING THE PEACE

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## DOXOLOGY

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

## MINISTRY MOMENT Session Update

Dan Coppin & Janet Peterson

## OFFERING "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Piano and String Ensemble

## SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Job 4–7 NIV

Carol Jean Chandler

## SERMON "Faith Debated & Deconstructed"

Neil Trainer

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

## SONG OF SENDING "Be Thou My Vision" vv. 1–4

## BENEDICTION

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

// *Vision House Giving Tree campaign was a great success*

This past December, we sponsored a "Giving Tree" for sharing Christmas love and joy with Vision House residents. As you know, over 40,000 men, women, and children in King County are living on the streets, in their cars, or on couches. Vision House Shoreline addresses this need by providing transitional housing for families who are experiencing homelessness. Calvin has been a mission partner for Vision House for ten years with both financial contributions and volunteer support.

December contributions of just over \$3,100 will allow Vision House staff to meet families' needs. That may be a gas card for a parent to get to work. It may be a gift card to let a mom purchase a winter coat for a growing child. Perhaps it will be a "Squishmallow" toy for a young child who is recovering from the trauma of a broken family. Through your generosity, many families will have the support they need to escape homelessness and build strong families.

Thank you for this tangible sharing of God's love to those who are most in need!

## Forum on Will Preparation

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

Join us for our upcoming forum in the series, "Practical Help for Living and Dying Well." On February 4, retired lawyer Frank Holman will present on wills

and estate planning from a Christian perspective, 11:30 to 12:30 in the Fireside Room. Treats will be provided.

Frank practiced law in Seattle from 1979 until June 2023 when he retired. For the last 27 years he has practiced with the firm Holman Cahill Garrett Ives Oliver and Andersen. His practice consisted of estate planning, probate, some general practice areas, and family-law related issues, including mediation, often partnered with his wife, Patricia (Patti) Holman. Frank is a third generation Washingtonian and has lived in Seattle most of his life. He graduated from Shorecrest High School, Stanford University [AB History], Oxford University [MA Jurisprudence], and Seattle University [JD]. He and Patti have two adult married sons and four young grandchildren. They are currently members of Bethany Presbyterian Church on Queen Anne Hill and are longtime friends of Pastor Emily Mitchell and her family.

## Continue to Pray for Staffing Needs

// *Three positions remain unfilled*

Calvin is looking for a part-time Communications Assistant, a half-time Director of Music Ministries, and a full-time Director of Community of Engagement. Although we have one candidate that is quite promising for the Director of Community Engagement position (pending Session approval, we're hopeful that we may have good news to share relatively soon!), the Communications Assistant position has

had the lead candidate drop out. The Director of Music position seemed stalled for a very long time, but has had some movement recently with initial screening interviews scheduled.

Please continue to pray that God will lead the right people to us. Pray that the hiring process may go smoothly, with wisdom and discernment for all involved. And don't forget to mention the open positions to those who might be a good fit for working here at Calvin!



## Happy Birthday!

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
Byron Ahina .....	Feb. 05
Gloria Smith.....	Feb. 06
Cynthia Thompson.....	Feb. 06
Ann Cumming.....	Feb. 08
Trella Hastings .....	Feb. 09
Dave Randles.....	Feb. 10



## Upcoming Events

First Fruits Collection	
<i>collecting cans of tuna</i>	
<i>fish &amp; vegetarian chili ...</i>	Feb. 04
Sunday Forum, 11:30 am ..	Feb. 04
Messy Church, 5:30 pm....	Feb. 07
Ash Wednesday, 7 pm.....	Feb. 14
Sunday Forum, 11:30 am ..	Feb. 18
Presidents' Day .....	Feb. 19
DST Begins .....	Mar. 10
Palm Sunday .....	Mar. 24
Easter Egg Hunt .....	Mar. 30
Easter .....	Mar. 31



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