

# ORDER OF SERVICE

April 21, 2024 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

– Psalm 25:4–5 NIV

INTROIT “Andante Meastoso” – Kevin McChesney

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34:1–3 NRSV)

Alison Neubauer

One: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: **Blessed be the name of the LORD!**

SONGS OF PRAISE “Blessed Be Your Name” and “Be Thou My Vision”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior,**

**in whose name we continue to pray silently now.** *(silence for personal prayer and 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 OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

OFFERING “Jesus Shall Reign” – Arnold Sherman

Chancel Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 NIV

Alison Neubauer

SERMON “On Right Paths”

Neil Trainer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING “Take My Life (Holiness)”

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

## March 2024 Finance Summary

*// Please keep Calvin finances and budgeting in prayer*

March contributions were quite light, so our financial picture is a little concerning. There's currently over a \$60,000 gap between what we hoped to have in income and what we have actually received to date. As more people move to annual gifts from their IRAs, there's a greater variation in overall giving month to month. This makes budgeting a bit more tricky. As we are currently in the midst of planning budgets for next year, we could use your prayers! Pray for wisdom and discernment.

Fortunately, expenses have been lower due to unfilled staff positions. And God has always been faithful to provide for us through your generosity.

If you have unmet pledges, or if you're planning to give only one time this year to Calvin, please consider making sure we receive that donation before the end of our fiscal year in June. Thank you!

*// Here's a look at the numbers for July 2023 – March 2024:*

- General Fund Contributions: \$435,934 (our budget hoped for \$497,000);
- Facilities Revenue: \$62,740 (considerably better than our budgeted \$51,400);
- Other Revenue: \$42,360;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$541,034;
- Total Expenses: \$573,044 (giving to missions: \$66,253);
- NET REVENUE: \$(32,910); and
- Total Assets: \$955,088.

First quarter contribution statements were mailed out this past Thursday. Please let us know if you do not receive your giving statement within a few days. As always, if you have any financial questions or concerns, please reach out to [Kirsty Haining](#) or to [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team.

## Seven New Members for Calvin

*// Meet our new members today!*

In the last two months we have had seven new members join Calvin – two couples and three individuals. Today our new members will be received during the worship service and then there will be an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall *after* the service where you can introduce yourselves to our new congregants (that is, if you haven't already made their acquaintance). *Please see the separate handout with our new member introductions.*

## Path from Poverty Report

*// Today in the Fireside Room after worship and after greeting new members (about 11:30 am)*

Come hear Donna Timbrook and Gwyneth Young share their experiences on the PFP Work Team last month in Kenya. You won't want to miss their photos and stories about making new friends and working alongside Kenyan women preparing to have a water tank installed at their home.

*// PFP Walk for Water, Saturday, May 11 at 10 am*

Team Calvin has grown to 25 strong! Registrations are still

open to walk with us, and a few extra T-shirts have been pre-ordered. Our donation goal is \$5,600, enough for four water catchment tanks. With your help, we can meet and exceed that goal! Thank you.

## Leavenworth Memorial Service

Dr. Harvey Strand, retired dentist, former member and ordained elder of Calvin Presbyterian Church, passed away on April 5th at the age of 93. There will be a memorial service for him at Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church, 418 Evans Street in Leavenworth, at 11 am on May 16th. All are welcome to attend. Condolences to the family may be emailed to his son [Roger Strand](#).



## Happy Birthday!

Alison Neubauer..... Apr. 21  
 Jenny Cross..... Apr. 22  
 Darlene Miller ..... Apr. 22  
 Arthur Weaver..... Apr. 24  
 Evelyn Dean ..... Apr. 25  
 Elizabeth Dean..... Apr. 25  
 Inez Ahina ..... Apr. 29  
 Brianne Pratt..... Apr. 30



## Upcoming Events

New Members Recept'n .... today!  
 PFP Kenyan Report ..... today!  
 Messy Middle Beach Clean-up  
 at Richmond Beach  
 Saltwater Park, 10 am ..Apr. 27  
 Memorial Service for  
 Marilyn Snow, 2 pm .... Apr. 27  
 Walk for Water, 10 am ..... May 11  
 Vision House Luncheon.. May 21

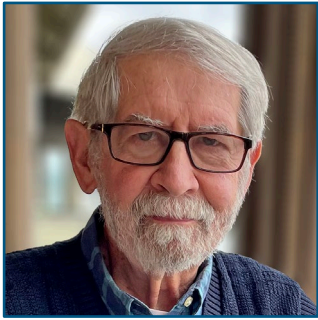
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# NEW MEMBERS

April 21, 2024

## ◆ Scott and Susan Christie

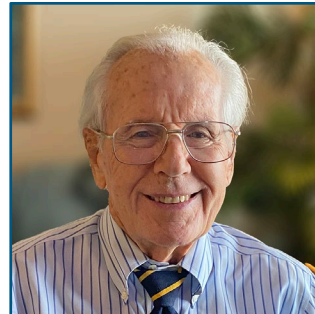


Scott and Susan Christie have been married for nearly 50 years. They are new to the area, having moved to the Shoreline/Richmond Beach neighborhood only this past October. They started attending Calvin in December. The Christies have two children that live here in Washington – a son, and a daughter, both with their own families. Another daughter lives near Chattanooga, Tennessee with her family. Between them all, Scott and Susan have six grandchildren.

Susan grew up in Colombia, South America and Rock Hill, South Carolina. Scott grew up in New Jersey, but moved to South Carolina after college – and that’s when he and Susan met and got married in 1974. Susan is a retired nurse, and has been enjoying retirement for several years; Scott, however, retired seven months ago from his 35 years as a practicing psychiatrist. Both are now enjoying spending time with their grandchildren. They also love gardening. Beyond that, Susan is a reader, while Scott lists his number one hobby as “doing missions.”

## ◆ Johnny and Kat Langenheim

John was born in Los Angeles – a Southern California boy – but he went east to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. The highlight of his 21-year navy career was as Commander of the submarine *Halfbeak*. After the navy, Johnny worked in international marketing for a defense company. He has lived and served all over the world. Now retired, and a proud 91-year-old, John loves to come to church in person as often as possible.



Kat was born in Yakima, but moved to Seattle to attend Seattle Pacific University in 1966. Twenty years and a fair amount of life later, Kat graduated from the University of Washington. She eventually became a manager working on DoD proposals for a defense company. She too lived in Edmonds, which is how Kat and Johnny originally met.

In 1993, Kat relocated to Bozeman, Montana. It was there that she and Johnny got married in 1994. For the next 25 years Kat worked as a fundraiser for universities and arts organizations. She retired in 2018. The Langenheims moved to Naples, Florida for a time (Johnny has a daughter who lives there), but they decided they wanted to spend their “senior lives” in their beloved Edmonds, so they returned to this area a little over a year ago (Kat also has an artist son who lives in Shoreline and teaches at Edmonds College).

Kat and Johnny initially began attending Calvin through our livestream services, but started coming in person in the late fall of 2023. Kat has particularly enjoyed becoming involved with the banner committee. Kat writes, “We have loved the welcoming atmosphere of Calvin, and have been embraced by some special people. We’re thankful for those who have reached out to get to know us better.”

## NEW MEMBERS, *continued*

### ◆ Dick Michelson



Dick Michelson is originally from Massachusetts – that’s where he grew up. But he’s been in the greater Seattle area for 65 years now. He is retired from Boeing, where he worked as a manager. Dick’s wife, Judy May, is currently at Rose Wood Court memory care; his daughter Karyn and her husband Stuart Ostfeld live in Bothell; and his son Dean and wife Mailyynn live in Edmonds. He has three grandchildren.

Dick started coming to Calvin this past July. You will see him in church on Sunday, and he attends several of the small groups here at Calvin. Dick says that his hobbies and interests are “skiing, climbing, hiking, and fishing until 4 years ago” (you’ll have to ask him what happened to change that!), but now he enjoys being in small groups and reading the Bible and keeping up with current events.

### ◆ Beverly Sager

Beverly Sager is a Cristwood resident and has been attending Sunday morning services for several months now, taking advantage of our bus service. She moved to this area to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law, Deb and Richard Hedeem. She was formerly a member of First Presbyterian Church in Yakima (now Grace of Christ Presbyterian Church). Beverly joins Calvin through reaffirmation of faith.

### ◆ Gwyneth Young

Gwyneth Young might be a very familiar face as she has been playing with our handbell choir for seven years. She says it was “probably time I joined,” and so Gwyneth has transferred her membership to Calvin from University Presbyterian Church.

Born in Princeton, New Jersey, Gwyneth originally came to the Pacific Northwest in 1993 to attend grad school at the University of Washington. That particular career path did not pan out (“long story”). Instead, she has been working as a massage therapist for the past 25 years. Gwyneth is “single, with one dog.” That dog is a “rescue mix” with blue eyes; her name is Alia.

Like many here at Calvin, Gwyneth enjoys working in her garden. She has also been volunteering with *Path from Poverty* for close to 20 years. In fact, you may remember when Gwyneth and Donna Timbrook were commissioned for a short-term missions trip to Kenya during a worship service this past February. Gwyneth returned from that PFP work trip last month, and will be speaking about her experiences today in the Fireside Room after worship (and after the briefest of stints in the Fellowship Hall for the informal new members reception).