

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 12, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of goodness and love: you promise to draw near to those who draw near to you.
Come now and reveal your presence to us as we make ourselves present to you through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71:1, 5-8 NIV)

Nancy Bowerman

One: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: **For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.**

One: From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

All: **I will ever praise you.**

One: I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge.

All: **My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" and "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Gracious God: you created us in love and pursue us in love.

Yet our hearts continue to wander, and we fail to recognize your presence among us.

We place more faith in our own abilities than in your goodness and mercy.

We want to know you more, yet follow first our own cares and interests.

**Forgive us, O Lord, and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ, our Deliverer and Savior,
through whom we continue to silently pray.** *(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

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 CEB

Nancy Bowerman

SERMON "Pursuit of Goodness and Love"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "King of Love"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

Happy Mother's Day!

Heavenly Father,
Today we lift up to you our mothers and all mothers and those who have been like mothers to us. Help our mothers and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact. May we honor them today and, on all days, as they are examples of your love. In the midst of our thankfulness, we remember that there are those for whom Mother's Day is difficult. May they too know your peace.
In your name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Hallow.com and Worshipofferings.com.

Next Sermon Series: The Great Ends of the Church

// New Sunday Series begins on Pentecost, May 19

Why does the Church exist and what really is the work we should be doing? For over 100 years, Presbyterians have professed six "Great Ends of the Church." This spring we will explore each purpose and how it is foundational to who we are and what we are called to do. A video curriculum is available for small groups to grow deeper in this wholistic vision for our church's life and ministry together.

Planned Giving

// From the Stewardship Team

Writing your will is the most important step you can take in planning your estate. Without a will, the state's probate court will make decisions about the

distribution of your assets. The state may not include all the people you would like to benefit, and it definitely won't include any charities or religious organizations you wish to support. No assets will be given to any charitable organization, no matter how important that organization was to you during your lifetime.

If you do have a will, this may be a good time to review it. Wills should be kept up-to-date and assessed from time to time to mirror the changes that may take place in your life. A properly prepared will is a very effective means to accomplish many goals, including charitable intentions.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, October 28, 2022 email.

Charity

// by Jerry Janacek

I was reading about a Frenchman — you may have heard of him — by the name of Jean Calvin, for whom our church is named. In the book *Dominion* by Tom Holland, the author writes, "Charity lay at the heart of Calvin's vision. Even a Jew, if he needed assistance, might be given it." So, how did Calvin see charity? One definition is this: "Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God."

Calvin was especially concerned about offering assistance to refugees. Why is this relevant to us?

The Session of Calvin Presbyterian Church has entered into an agreement with Medhane-Alem Evangelical Church to provide space for their members, most of whom are Christians of Ethiopian background, to worship on Sunday afternoon and other days of the week at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Session members and staff are praying that this relationship might fulfill one part of Growing Young that we read about this year: "Churches that grow young strive to be the best neighbors both locally and globally. They recognize the careful dance that values both fidelity to Scripture's commands for holiness and knowing and graciously loving their neighbors" (*Growing Young*, p. 267).

In our efforts to grow young, perhaps God is accomplishing his desired will in such a new and wonderful way that will provide Calvin Church with opportunities that Jean Calvin would surely appreciate!



Happy Birthday!

Ameek George..... May 17
Lynn Burwell..... May 18
Grace Biney..... May 23
Marlene Lager May 23
Susan Leonhardi May 23
Bruce Thiemens May 24
Toko Weaver..... May 25



Upcoming Events

Vision House Luncheon, May 21
Messy Church June 05
Graduate Recognition .. June 09

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