

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 22, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION based on Ephesians 3:18–19

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation”

String Ensemble

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Turner

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us together,

All: **To rejoice in who you are.**

One: We praise you for who we are because of you.

All: **We stand amazed in your presence,**

One: Because, O Lord, you live your life in us!

SONGS OF PRAISE “Above All” and “Before the Throne of God Above”

String Ensemble

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pam Turner

**Have mercy on us, Almighty God, in your great kindness;
in the fullness of your mercy blot out our offenses.**

Wash away all of our guilt;

and cleanse us from our sin, for the sake of your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

(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 “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love” v. 4

BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING “All Heaven Declares”

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 147:1–11 NRSV and Hebrews 1:1–4 NLT

Pam Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “In Christ All Things Hold Together” Colossians 1:15–23 NRSV

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF RESPONSE “He Will Hold Me Fast”

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING “Rock of Ages”

BENEDICTION

Emily Mitchell

POSTLUDE “Thou Art Worthy”

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

Palliative & Hospice Care Talk

// Today after the service

Join us in the Fireside Room from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm today for Amanda Hudak's presentation, which will cover the differences between palliative and hospice care and review some of the hard choices we may make for ourselves or our loved ones when facing serious illness. It is free and open to all. Treats will be provided.

August 2024 Finance Summary

// Good news for August, but still room for improvement

We are two months into our fiscal year, and so far the story is very similar to last month. Expenses continue to be greater than our income, but that is expected. We anticipate running a deficit through most of this fiscal year. As far as our budget goes, we have again matched and slightly exceeded what we hoped to receive for our General Fund contributions. This is very good news, although the bar will be raised higher as we move into Fall, and so it will become a bit more difficult to reach our budget goals.

Calvin is in a sound financial position; however, even if we do match our budgetary goals all year long, we'll still be running a deficit and not quite fully funding all our ministries. Our current financial projections span several years, and so we hope for a larger congregation and an increased income in the coming years. This is one reason why Pastor Neil has encouraged you to prayerfully consider whether or not God might be calling you to increased support of Calvin. We have seen some

increases in monthly giving and one-time donations and we are very grateful for those of you who have generously responded. But stewardship is not only about money. It is also time and ministry. Perhaps your contributions might turn out to be inviting folks to visit Calvin, potentially resulting in a larger church family. Please continue to keep Calvin's finances and our ministries in prayer.

God continues to provide for us. We are so thankful for his faithfulness and for your generosity. Thank you again for all for your prayers and financial support of Calvin and our shared ministries!

// The numbers for August:

- General Fund Contributions: \$94,323 (beating our targeted income of \$92,000);
- Facilities Revenue: \$6,638 (about 80% of our targeted \$8,250);
- Other Revenue: \$8,977;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$109,938;
- Total Expenses: \$129,962 (giving to missions: \$10,894);
- Net Revenue: \$(20,024); and
- Total Assets: \$914,940.

As always, if you have any financial questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to [Kirsty Haining](#), Support Ministries Director, or to Elder [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team.

Bridge Disability Ministries Sunday Celebration

// Next Sunday, September 29, 4-6 pm

Calvin has been a welcoming congregation for those with disabilities for years. On Sunday,

September 29, Calvin will host a Sunday Evening Celebration, a time of fellowship, food and fun that connects our congregants with people Bridge serves. You can donate to Bridge through Calvin by noting "Bridge Ministries" on your payment, or go to bridgemin.org.

Bridge Disability Ministries thanks Calvin for its support over so many years and looks forward to many more years of partnering with Calvin in serving and embracing people living with disabilities.



Happy Birthday!

Zoe Underland	Sep 22
Ian Scott	Sep 24
Wayne Clugston	Sep 27
Rick Jackson	Sep 27
Jerry Erickson	Sep 28
Kirsty Haining	Sep 28
Nancy Kyser	Oct 01
David Peck	Oct 01
Cindy Darling	Oct 02
Meggan Daetwiler	Oct 02
Laurel Underwood	Oct 03
Gloria Strand	Oct 04
Jim Guest	Oct 05



Upcoming Events

All About Palliative and Hospice Care, 11:30 am .. Today!	
Bridge Ministries Celebration, 4 pm	Sep 29
Harambee, 6 pm at the Edmonds Yacht Club	Oct 05
First Fruits Sunday jars of peanut butter and Spaghetti-Os	Oct 06
Path From Poverty forum, after the service	Oct 06
Messy Church, 5:30 pm	Oct 09



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