

# ORDER OF SERVICE

November 24, 2024 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean. Help us worship you in spirit and truth. Give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE "Let All Things Now Living"

Sandra Gillette, *violin* & Jonna Reeder, *piano*

WELCOME AND GREETING

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 1:15–20 NLT

Kristi Trainer

One: Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

All: **He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.**

One: Everything was created through him and for him.

All: **He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.**

One: For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,  
and through him God reconciled everything to himself.

All: **He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth  
by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" #423, vv.1–5 & "Give Thanks" String Ensemble

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing,  
yet often believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy.**

**Forgive us, our God, for our ingratitude that takes credit ourselves for what is a gift from you.**

**Forgive us for being too quickly self-satisfied,  
and too often looking past those you call us to serve.**

**Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than holding tightly only to you.**

**Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, with a spirit of contentment,**

**and with the joy of our salvation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we continue to 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 & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

OFFERING "Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 4:7–18 NIV

Kristi Trainer

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Together in Christ"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "In Christ Alone"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Now Thank We All Our God" #555, vv. 1–3

String Ensemble

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Thanksgiving Medley"

Jonna Reeder, *piano*



## Happy Thanksgiving!

// Church office closed this coming Thursday and Friday

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

// Wednesday at 7 pm

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday at Richmond Beach Congregational Church, at 1512 NW 195th St in Shoreline.

## Congregational News

Peter Green, husband of Judy Runions Green, and cousin of Dick Scheumann, died peacefully on Sunday, November 17 in Connecticut. Peter and Judy were married at Calvin just a little over three years ago. They split their time between Judy's home in Shoreline and Peter's home in Waterford, Connecticut. Peter was active at Calvin, serving on the Finance Team.

A service was held in CT on Saturday. There will also be a service at Calvin in the future, although that date has not yet been set.

Please be in prayer for all of Peter's family – his widow Judy, his sister Joannie, his cousin Dick, and his children, step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## October Finance Summary

// Financial stewardship for 2025

October donations remain steady, if not as strong as a year ago at this time; Calvin is still running a deficit. General fund income is currently at 93% of what we budgeted. The good news is that we are still doing

better than we anticipated at this point in the fiscal year. Facilities income has been strong and our expenses have been under budget.

// Numbers for July – October

- General Fund Contributions: \$177,164 (93% of our targeted income of \$190,000);
- Facilities Revenue: \$41,592 (way ahead of our budgeted \$25,250);
- Other Revenue: \$18,324;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$237,080;
- Total Expenses: \$269,641 (giving to missions: \$24,462);
- Net Revenue: \$(32,561);
- Total Assets: \$926,413.

This is the time of year when you may be considering year-end donations to Calvin or other charities because of the tax benefits you may receive. You may also be considering making a legacy gift to Calvin.

Please visit our new legacy giving microsite that gives an overview of different planned giving strategies – bequests, endowments, trusts, beneficiary designations for retirement accounts or insurance policies, etc. Such gifts ensure our ministries continue to thrive, not only during our lifetimes but well beyond. Use this QR code to visit our legacy giving microsite.



As always, if you have any financial questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to [Kirsty Haining](#) or to [Dan Coppin](#).

## Advent Service Project Begins Next Week

// Help us assemble hygiene packs

In Calvin's annual Advent Service Project, we are again partnering with Children of the Nations (COTN) to buy and assemble hygiene items for SmilePacks, which will be sent to children in Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Dominican Republic, or Haiti. Every single SmilePack helps a child stay healthy!

## Decorating for Advent

Join us the day after Thanksgiving for our annual all-day Christmas-decorating event! We'll start at 9 in the morning. Help for as little or as much as you can.



## Happy Birthday!

Rachel Clement .....	Today!
Nisha Parrilla .....	Nov 26
Gretchen Scheumann .....	Nov 28
Becky Cass .....	Nov 28
Barbara Janacek .....	Dec 01
Greta Juengel .....	Dec 04



## Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Richmond Beach Congregational Church, 7 pm .....	Nov 27
Church Office closed for Thanksgiving .....	Nov 28–29
Church Decorating, 9 am...	Nov 29
Mark Cook Memorial, Whidbey Island, 1 pm.....	Nov 30
First Sunday of Advent; Communion and First Fruits Sunday (collecting canned chicken & Spaghetti-O's) .....	Dec 01
Messy Church, 5:30 pm.....	Dec 11
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm...	Dec 11
Longest Night Svc, 7 pm ...	Dec 15
Caroling at Crista, 4:45 pm and 5:30 pm .....	Dec 18
Paper Bag Pageant.....	Dec 22