

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 1, 2024 • 10:00 AM • First Sunday of Advent



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, on this first Sunday of Advent, remind us again how a great light dawned upon our darkness with the birth of the Christ Child. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see, worship, and share this Light of the World. Amen.

PRELUDE "Come, Come, Emmanuel"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME AND GREETING

Neil Trainer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Scott & Susan Christie

SONGS OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" & "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;

we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;

we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,

the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

that we may journey with them to Bethlehem

and find the good news of a child born for us.

Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

(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

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

OFFERING "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1–17 NIV

Catherine Baker

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Jesus: Son of Abraham"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Calvin Choir

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #9, vv. 1–3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*



The Gospel of Matthew

// *New sermon series begins today*

“The book of the genesis of Jesus Christ.” So begins our New Testament Gospel of Matthew and its story of how Jesus fulfils God’s promises to bring salvation to his people and the world.

This Advent we begin a journey through Matthew. Over the coming months, we will hear some of Jesus’ best-known teachings. We’ll watch Jesus heal people in body and soul. And we’ll respond ourselves to Jesus’ invitation to discipleship.

New Banner Unveiled Today

// *Featuring Advent colors*

Our newest banner, “Salvation,” comes from Titus 2:11: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.” As we enter the season of Advent, we celebrate the appearance of Christ Jesus as a baby: God coming near to humankind as one of us. The coming of the Messiah, God’s promised salvation, was long anticipated by the Jewish people, although it was nothing like what they expected. In the season of Advent, we await Jesus’ second coming when all will be made new.

Thank you to the Calvin Banner Team: Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling, Martha Hayden-Ledbetter, Kat Langenheim, Dorothy Lindstrom, Christi Nixon, Rebecca Thomas, Ruth Van Dyke, and Marilyn Wirtz.

December Giving Options

// *#GivingTuesday – December 3*

Since 2012, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving has been dubbed #GivingTuesday, and it is part of

a global movement aimed at encouraging people to donate to non-profits. Consider joining the broader community and making this Tuesday your own personal day of giving.

// *Support Vision House*

Vision House is a transitional housing program in Shoreline that supports families as they recover from trauma and homelessness. Calvin has partnered with them since 2013. This Advent, Calvin will be participating in the Vision House Giving Tree effort. See the display in the foyer for more information or contact [Cheryl Minnig](#) with questions.

// *Be a facilities Santa*

After paying for some very expensive projects last year (such as painting the building and replacing some of our exterior doors), the Building and Grounds fund is quite low. There are a number of items and projects on the wish list for our Facilities Team, but they are simply not in the budget. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals, this would be a good time to buy if we had the funds. See the Friday email for the facilities’ wish list.

If you would like to be a Facilities Santa, please talk with Christi Nixon before making any purchases.

// *Give a year-end gift to Calvin or a special Christmas gift to one of our mission partners*

When you donate to Calvin, you support all of our mission partners as well as all the ministries of the church. We depend on December giving to

ensure that all our ministries are fully funded.

// *Give a SmilePack*

Calvin is partnering with Children of the Nations to buy and assemble hygiene packs (“SmilePacks”) to be sent to children in need. Collections through Sunday, January 12.

12-Bells at Swansons Nursery

// *Saturday, December 7*

The Calvin 12-Bells Ensemble will play in the community again this holiday season. Join them at Swansons Nursery (9701 - 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117) on December 7 from 3–4 pm.

Giving Envelopes

// *Orders placed tomorrow*

Contact Kirsty if you need giving envelopes or no longer need them. Otherwise, if you had them last year, they will be ordered again.



Happy Birthday!

Barbara Janacek..... Today!
Greta Juengel.....Dec 04
Lela Jamieson.....Dec 09
Mickey Julius.....Dec 12
Promise Rose Juengel.....Dec 15
Kelley NeubauerDec 15



Upcoming Events

12-Bells Ensemble, 3 pm
at Swansons NurseryDec 07
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 pmDec 18
Paper Bag Pageant.....Dec 22
Christmas Eve Svc, 7 pm ...Dec 24