

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 8, 2024 • 10:00 AM • Second Sunday of Advent



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. May we eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

String Ensemble

WELCOME AND GREETING

Neil Trainer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

GriefShare Leaders

SONG OF PRAISE "King of Kings"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Almighty God, we worship you as our King who reigns in glory,
but we often fail to honor you as humble servants.**

**Our words lack respect; our thoughts lack awe;
and our actions lack the devotion which you are due.**

If you, O Lord, kept a record of our sins, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness so that you may be revered.

We ask for your mercy now as we silently confess our sins to you.

(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 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #59, v. 6

BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

MISSIONAL MOMENT Vision House

Bob Bowen

OFFERING "Holy Forever"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1–17 NIV

Mike Bowerman

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Jesus: Son of David"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Once in Royal David's City" #49, vv. 1–4

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #31, vv. 1–3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Forever"

Jonna Reeder, *piano*

Advent Devotionals

// Available at the Welcome Desk!

There are many copies of Frontier Fellowship's Advent devotional, *Grace to Come*, available at the Welcome Desk. Even though we were concerned about our limited supply, it turns out there is enough for everyone. Stop by and pick up your own copy today.

Messy Church is on Wednesday

// Join us in the Activity Center at 5:30 pm

Our all-ages worshipping community will gather on December 11 from 5:30 to 7 pm. The biblical theme this month is "Messy Christmas." There will be activities, crafts, singing, prayer, supper, and a retelling of the story of the angels and shepherds from Luke 2:8–20. All are welcome, and please invite your friends, neighbors, relatives, and others to join us as well.

Longest Night Service

// December 15 at 7 pm

Next Sunday, December 15, we are holding a "Longest Night" service of music, contemplation, and prayer. This service is open to everyone.

With selected readings and instrumental music, we will cling to God's light in the darkness of this season — because we recognize that not everything about this time of year is merry or bright.

During the service, we will bring our whole selves to God and be reminded of, and renewed in, the love and faithfulness of the God who comes near to us in Jesus and who is with us still today.

Caroling at Crista

// Bring joy this holiday season

All ages are invited to participate in the Messy Middle Christmas Caroling at Crista on Wednesday, December 18. The caroling will begin at the upper campus — the memory care and assisted living center — at 4:45 pm; and then will move to the lower campus, Cristwood Park, at 5:30 pm. Hot cocoa will be provided at the conclusion of the event. You may participate in either caroling event, or both of them! Contact [Pastor Emily](#) for more information.

Holly House Volunteers Needed

// Shifts available December 11 through December 15

Calvin is hosting the charity, Holly House for Kids, in the Activity Center from December 11–15. The charity provides holiday gifts and necessities to more than 2,200 low-income children in the Edmonds School District. With the recent death of their director, Holly House is scrambling to get everything ready in time. Volunteers are needed. Contact [Norm](#) if you or your friends can help.

Cybersecurity and Fraud Prevention Tips

// Watch out for scams

In the past, we've seen a number of email scams from people posing as members of Calvin Presbyterian Church. If an email or text message makes you hesitate because something feels off, the best thing you can do is contact the person directly — but be sure to do so using a *different* form of communication.

Here are some friendly email safety reminders:

- Beware of poor grammar, misspelled words, and lack of punctuation — these are giveaways of fraudulent emails;
- Double check the email address and make sure it is correct (especially when the conversation is about sending gift cards or money);
- Unless you know the sender and have verified the sender's email address, *do not* open any attachments.
- **No one from the church is ever going to email you or text you to ask you to get a gift card from Costco or Amazon or any other place. If you see that, don't believe it.**
- Change your email password regularly and do not use the same password for different accounts or websites.



Happy Birthday!

Lela Jamieson	Dec 09
Mickey Julius.....	Dec 12
Promise Rose Juengel.....	Dec 15
Kelley Neubauer	Dec 15
Connie Graebner	Dec 16
John Claus.....	Dec 20
Kristi Trainer.....	Dec 20
Al Lutz	Dec 22



Upcoming Events

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
Christmas Eve svc, 7 pm....	Dec 24

