

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious and merciful God, you anointed your beloved Son with the Holy Spirit at his baptism in the Jordan, and you consecrated him prophet, priest, and king. Pour out your Spirit on us again that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Here I Am to Worship"

"How Great Is Our God"

PRAYERS OF PRAISE & CONFESSION

BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Emily Mitchell

MISSIONAL MOMENT Backpack Kids

Polly Terman

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1–7 NLT

Rebecca McAndrew

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Inauguration Day"

Neil Trainer

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT "All Who Are Thirsty"

SONG OF SENDING "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" #341, vv. 1–3

BLESSING

SmilePack Collection Ends Today

Today is the final day of our Advent Service Project: partnering with *Children of the Nations* to provide hygiene packs for children in need in Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Dominican Republic, or Haiti. If you have an assembled pack to donate, you may leave it on the table in the basement – close to the stairs leading up to the Foyer and Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Course Begins Today

// Join us in the Fireside Room

Calvin will be offering *The Sanctuary Course* on Sundays at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room, led by Scott Christie and Rick Jackson. The course will be held every Sunday through March 2nd. Everyone 18 and older is welcome to attend.

The Sanctuary Course explores how church can become a sanctuary – a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe and supported and have a sense of belonging. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session study explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing.

Get Connected Class

// Questions and answers about Calvin Church

Are you new to Calvin Church?

Are you curious about our congregation?

Are you interested in becoming a member?

Join Pastor Neil Trainer for our *Get Connected New Members Class* on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. We will address questions like:

- *What does the church believe?*
- *Why join the church?*
- *How can I make a difference with Calvin?*
- *How will I benefit from membership, and what will be expected of me?*

If you've been regularly participating in Calvin's worship and ministry, God has a purpose and a reason for you to be with us. If you haven't yet taken the step of becoming an active member of our congregation, then consider doing so by attending this class.

For more information or to RSVP, email Pastor Neil.

A Bountiful First Fruits Collection

// Thank you to all who donated

We had an amazing collection of first fruits last Sunday, totaling 184 cans of food for those in need!

Here is the breakdown:

- 61 cans of peaches;
- 98 cans of mandarins;
- 16 cans of mangoes;
- 5 cans of tuna; and
- 4 miscellaneous items.

Thank you again for your generosity! The deacons will continue to collect peach cups

and mandarin cups for the remainder of January.

CPR/AED Training Course

// Join us for this invaluable workshop

This past summer, members of the Session and Deacons attended a training to learn about performing CPR and how to use the AED machines we have in the building. On January 26 at 11:30 am after the service, Calvin is offering this training to anyone who is interested so that we can all be prepared to offer assistance in the event of an emergency. RSVP to [Christi](#) if you would like to participate.



Happy Birthday!

- Eliza Miller Today!
- Victor Meniz, Jr Jan 14
- Dick Scheumann Jan 17
- David McGrady Jan 19
- Doug Wuerl Jan 22
- Nathan Wu Jan 23
- Linda Erickson Jan 25
- Dean Jamieson Jan 26



Upcoming Events

- The Sanctuary Course*,
11:30 am Today!
- Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm Jan 15
- Lunch with Eleanor
(Ladies' Tea), noon Jan 25
- CPR/AED training,
11:30 am Jan 26
- Get Connected New Members Class*, 6:30 pm Jan 29

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