

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 23, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, cause us to draw near to you this day. Guide us in these uncertain times.
Root our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus.
Renew us through your steadfast love so that we may dare to trust our present
and our future to you. Amen.

PRELUDE "Come, Just as You Are"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Take delight in the Lord;
All: **For God will give us the desires of our hearts.**
One: Trust in the Lord;
All: **For God is our strength and our shield.**
One: Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.
All: **Let us worship the One who is our refuge in times of trouble.**

SONG OF PRAISE "O Worship the King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION "Jesus, I Come" *(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

SONG OF PREPARATION "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:27–37 CEB

Alison Neubauer & Jonna Reeder

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "But I Say to You"

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING "Change My Heart, O God"

Calvin Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

SONG OF SENDING "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" #138, vv. 1–4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Pilgrim's Chorus"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

Fat Tuesday Celebration

// March's Messy Middle Event

Join us for next month's Messy Middle event: a Fat Tuesday celebration with music, snacks and activities. The Seattle Children's Chorus utilizes Calvin's campus every Tuesday afternoon, and they have agreed to put on mini concerts (dress rehearsals) on Fat Tuesday in anticipation of their springtime concert on March 8. The theme of this season's concert is "The Sea," and at least one of the choir's songs is about Jonah and the whale!

We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall at 4:40 pm for a 20-minute concert by the younger children, followed by activities and snacks. At 5:45, we'll move to the Sanctuary for a 45-minute concert by the older children. You are welcome to attend part or all of this celebration of music as your schedule permits.

Please let us know by March 2 if you need a ride to or from the event by contacting [Jonna](#).

January Finance Summary

// Strong contributions bode well for fiscal year

January contributions were very strong — the second-best month of our fiscal year. Thanks to God for his provision, and thanks to all of you for your generosity!

Calvin continues to run a deficit budget, but our net revenue also continues to be better than anticipated. Facilities revenue remains strong, and our investments are also doing well.

In short, the picture right now is good. Calvin remains financially healthy.

Last month, we mentioned a number of challenges for our future (utility increases, technology expenses, etc.). These concerns have not disappeared but will mostly affect our next fiscal year budget. In about another month we will be forming the upcoming budget and we covet your prayers for wisdom. Please continue to ask God to supply what we need.

Here are the numbers for July 2024 – January 2025

- General Fund Contributions: \$368,888 (very close to our targeted \$370,000);
- Facilities Revenue: \$60,134 (smashing our budgeted \$47,750);
- Other Revenue: \$31,864;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$460,886;
- Total Expenses: \$474,532 (giving to missions: \$43,351);
- NET REVENUE: \$(13,646); and
- Total Assets: \$935,335.

As always, if you have any financial questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to [Kirsty Haining](#) or to [Dan Coppin](#). Thank you again for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Calvin church!

Emergency Contact Initiative

// In the foyer after today's service

Today after the service, Jean Johnson and Ruth Van Dyke will be in the foyer, seeking people to participate in our "Lost Sheep" Emergency Contact Initiative.

If you are worshipping online today, your deacon will contact you personally to make our data collection more complete. While your participation is optional, we hope you will enable us to better care for you by providing this information.

Ash Wednesday Service

// The season of Lent begins

Calvin will start the season of Lent with a special mid-week service to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The service will be at 7 pm in the Sanctuary on March 5 and will offer meditative readings and music to help us reflect on our mortality and need for a Savior and to express our union with, and gratitude for, Christ, the One who has conquered sin and death.



Happy Birthday!

Kory Dean Mar 03
 Jerry Janacek..... Mar 04
 Don Ricker Mar 07



Upcoming Events

The Sanctuary Course Today!
 Messy Middle Fat Tuesday
 Event, 4:40 pm..... Mar 04
 Ash Wednesday Service,
 7 pm Mar 05
 Get Connected New Members
 Class, 11:30 am..... Mar 09
 Congregational mtg, 11:30 am,
 with officer elections .. Mar 23



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