

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord"

Catherine Baker, *piano*

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Bowerman

One: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

All: **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.**

One: This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

All: **This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

One: To our God, then, be all glory, honor, and praise.

All: **Glory to you, God! Glory to you!**

SONGS OF PRAISE "To God Be the Glory" #485, vv. 1–2
"Fairest Lord Jesus" #306, vv. 1–3

Barry & Catherine Baker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jonna Reeder

**Our Lord and our God: Because our vision of you has become small
and our understanding of you limited, we pray: "Be magnified!"**

Because we have not always kept you in the highest place in our lives, we pray: "Be exalted!"

And because we have not given you the honor you deserve, we pray: "Be glorified!"

Forgive us for redefining you as we want you to be rather than receiving you as you are.

**By your mercy, receive us as we are, and make us into the people you designed us to be
through Christ our Lord.** *(silence for personal prayer and confession)*

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

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Chris Jackson

MINISTRY MOMENT Deacons' Ministry

Lisa Allen and Lee Simpkins

OFFERING "Down to the River to Pray"
"Amazing Grace"

Ian Baker, *piano* and Nate Brown, *saxophone*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:53–14:12 NLT

Nancy Bowerman

SERMON "Beyond Suspicion and Superstition"

Neil Trainer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jonna Reeder

SONG OF SENDING "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" #483, vv. 1–4

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE "Memphis Stomp"

Ian Baker, *piano*

The Pool Party Is This Saturday!

// Arrive early to sign your waiver

Deacons' Ministry to the Hungry

// The Little Blue Pantry

Our Lord urges his followers to care for the hungry in our midst. The Little Blue Pantry outside Calvin is stocked daily by the deacons and other church volunteers with non-perishable food items, which have been donated or purchased with donations from the Calvin congregation. The pantry also includes a list that identifies other food resources located in the area.

Any congregant can donate food and hygiene items; however, the deacons have learned by experience that some items work better than others. You can find a list of desired items at the Welcome Desk. You are also welcome to donate to the pantry online through [Calvin's giving page](#). If you have any questions about The Little Blue Pantry, contact [Brenda Simpkins](#).

Calvin's Ministry of Hospitality

// Providing a place — and hosts — for guest groups

One of Calvin's ministries to the greater community is to provide a space for groups to meet. Calvin offers space for groups of all sizes; and for weekly, monthly, annual, and one-time events.

AA DRU North has been a guest group at Calvin for many years. They meet on Friday evenings, every week, rain or shine — even on holidays. The Fellowship Hall at Calvin is a safe space that

their members have come to rely on. The following is a quote from one of their participants:

Hello. I'm writing on behalf of the Drunks R Us group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Fourteen years ago, we were losing our last meeting location.

Calvin opened their arms and welcomed us with only one week to spare. Since then, every Friday night, we are blessed to host an open meeting for anyone in our community suffering from the affliction of alcoholism. All are welcome here.

Our relationship with Calvin Presbyterian Church continues to be based on honesty, generosity and the loving grace of God. We are grateful that we were drawn to this lighthouse.

Calvin enjoys using our building to support the community. We feel that it's important to host a group like AA DRU, so we give them a generous discount and do not charge any hosting fees, as we would with other groups.

Calvin is currently looking for more volunteer hosts to join the AA DRU team. Hosts are there to provide a friendly welcome to the attendees, and stay until the group leaves to lock up the church. Each volunteer host commits to one Friday evening a month. Please prayerfully consider joining in this ministry. Contact [Katy Korpi](#) if interested.

Many one-time events at Calvin also need specially-trained hosts that are paid by the hour. For special training to be an event host, contact [Christi Nixon](#).

"Spring" Cleaning Opportunity

// by Ruth Van Dyke

Join us for a deep-clean of Calvin's kitchen! It's been four years since we last scrubbed everything down. We will have a

belated "spring" cleaning of the kitchen and its contents on Thursday, August 14th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Come for all — or part — of the time to help make the kitchen shine and enjoy some fellowship.

Bring your own coffee; [Ruth Van Dyke](#) will provide snacks.

Salmon Bake Slide Show

// Send in your snapshots

Our annual salmon bake and congregational meeting is coming up on Sunday, September 7 — just under one month away! If you have photos of our congregational life that you've taken over the past year, and would like to see them in a slide show, start gathering them now. You can email them to [Heather Andrews](#) by August 31.



Happy Birthday!

Trent Williams	Today!
Adrienne Janacek	Aug 14
Jeannie Peck	Aug 17
Pamela Turner	Aug 18
Barry Baker	Aug 20
Tyran Johnson	Aug 21
Ruth Van Dyke	Aug 23



Upcoming Events

Kitchen Clean-Up,	
9 am – 1 pm	Aug 14
Pool Party, 12-1 pm,	
Innis Arden Pool	Aug 16
Johnson Music Scholarship	
applications due	Aug 31
GriefShare, 10 am in the	
Fireside Room	Sep 06
LIFT begins	Sep 07
Salmon Bake and	
Annual Meeting	Sep 07
Women's Retreat	Sep 27 & 28