

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 14, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

As we come, O Lord, to worship you, may our hearts and minds be flooded with light so we may see you clearly. May any chasm between us be bridged by the mercy of your cross. And may we leave ablaze with a passion to follow you, the Way and the Truth and the Life. Amen.

PRELUDE "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jonna Reeder, organ

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 91:1–4; Ephesians 1:3 NLT

Lee Simpkins

One: Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest
in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD:

All: **He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.**

One: For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.
He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings.

All: **His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**

One: All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms
because we are united with Christ.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "How Firm a Foundation"

Worship Ensemble

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" #388, vv. 1–3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Norm Underland

**Our God and Savior, we are quick to hail you as "Lord,"
but slow to accept the demands of your Lordship.**

Forgive us when we refuse to act obediently to your life-giving commands.

Forgive us when our fears prevent us from trusting your promises for us.

Forgive us when we allow our circumstances to confuse our identity as your children.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us your grace as we continue to pray.

(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.

SONG OF ASSURANCE "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #388, v. 4

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Chris Jackson

OFFERING "The Steadfast Love"

Faith Ockwell, guitar

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:1–12 NLT

Lee Simpkins

SERMON "The Sign for All Times"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "O Savior, in This Quiet Place" #390, vv. 1, 5–6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Norm Underland

SONG OF SENDING "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #343, vv. 1–4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Though I May Speak"

Calvin Ensemble

Annual Celebration & Salmon Bake a Success

// Thank you to all who volunteered

With joy and thanksgiving, Calvin Church celebrated last Sunday. At our annual meeting, we heard encouraging reports from ministry leaders about how God has worked among and through our congregation over the last year. We did some dreaming together too about where our Lord may lead us next. And, of course, we feasted on delicious salmon and all the fixings.

Why Hospitality?

// An invitation from Norm to connect with Shoreline neighbors

In our kitchen, we have an old spoon rest. It was from one of those paint-your-own pottery places that were all the rage about 20 years ago. In its lifetime, it has been dropped, smashed, cracked and subsequently superglued back together countless times. Painted on the face of the spoon rest are the words: Food is God's love made edible. (There's also a pretty cool-looking artichoke in the center.) These words form the foundation of our family's fondness for food and hospitality. We believe there is no better way to bring people together than by putting something delicious on the table.

Calvin also has the gift of hospitality. It was one of the first things we noticed when we started attending.

We had our Volunteer Hub Kickoff on Saturday. Tomorrow, we have another opportunity to really show off our hospitality at

our first Community Dinner. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall from 6–7:30 pm. We could use some help serving, or simply welcoming and interacting with our guests as we sit down for a meal together. We want to see you there! Contact [Norm](#) if you would like to be involved.

Bridge Ministries Guardianship Program

// A bridge to protection for our disabled community members

Bridge's Guardianship ministry is a bridge to protection for those who need a legal guardian to represent them. This program provides oversight in financial, medical, and legal matters to about 50 developmentally disabled adults, ensuring that some of the most vulnerable members of our community have someone on their side. Bridge's staff and agency are certified by the Washington State Certified Professional Guardianship Board and appointed by the Supreme Court of Washington State to oversee the care of their clients.

On Sunday, September 28 from 4 to 6 pm, Calvin will host a Sunday Evening Celebration — a time of fellowship, food and fun that connects our congregants with people that Bridge serves. Please contact [Dan Coppin](#) if you'd like to volunteer.

Missions Fest Is Coming Soon

// Register now for this free event

Missions Fest is a city-wide gathering sponsored by dozens of local churches, where

different organizations and individuals share effective ways to share Christ's love to a broken world. You will hear how the Holy Spirit is working here in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Visit the [Missions Fest Seattle](#) website to register or for more information.

Join a Small Group

// Fall is a great time to start!

Fall is a great time to start something new, and that something could be joining a small group at Calvin! In small groups, we read God's word, share our lives with each other, and pray. To find a group, check out the flyer at the Welcome Desk. Some groups are meeting on new days/times, and some haven't changed. Take a look and see if there's a group that might work for you!



Happy Birthday!

Warren McAndrew	Sep 18
Sande Gillette	Sep 19
Zoe Underland	Sep 22
Ian Scott.....	Sep 24
Wayne Clugston	Sep 27
Rick Jackson	Sep 27
Ben Juengel	Sep 27
Jerry Erickson.....	Sep 28
Kirsty Haining	Sep 28



Upcoming Events

Rhythms of Grace Workshop, 11:30 am	Today!
Community Dinner, 6 pm....	Sep 15
Women's Retreat.....	Sep 26 & 27
Harambee!, 6 pm	Sep 27
Bridge Ministries Celebration, 4 pm.....	Sep 28
Messy Church, 5:30 pm.....	Oct 08
Missions Fest	Oct 10 & 11