

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, who created us in love, create us anew in love as we worship you. O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love, reclaim our hearts as we worship you. O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end, move within us as we worship you. Amen.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148 NLT

Kristi Trainer

One: Let every created thing give praise to the LORD, for he issued his command, and they came into being.

All: **He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.**

One: Praise the LORD from the earth, you creatures of the ocean depths, fire and hail, snow and clouds, wind and weather that obey him,

All: **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all livestock, kings of the earth and all people.**

One: Let them all praise the name of the LORD.

All: **For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven!**

SONGS OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" #455, vv. 1–3, 5
"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

Calvin String Ensemble

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Norm Underland

Lord God, our Maker, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whose name we continue to pray silently now. *(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

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY "All Creatures of Our God and King" #455, v. 6

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Chris Jackson

OFFERING "Come Unto Me"

Calvin Choir; Christine Bastian, *viola*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:1–14 CEB

Kristi Trainer

SERMON "The Greatness of Littleness"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Children of the Heavenly Father"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Norm Underland

SONG OF SENDING "Lord, Speak to Me"

Calvin String Ensemble

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Rondeau"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

Trunk or Treat Is This Week!

// Consider volunteering at this fun community event

Halloween is on Friday! Thank you so much to everyone who has brought an enormous amount of candy or has already signed up to host a trunk, cook chili, set up and/or clean up. You are all amazing. I don't think I need to remind you all just how much this event means to our neighbors — I see the smiles on their faces; their gratitude for us hosting even in the pouring rain. You all make this happen! That said, we still could use a few more trunk hosts, candy donors, and chili chefs. I ([Norm](#)) will have signup sheets in the lobby today.

Community Dinner a Success

// Collaboration and feasting

This past Monday night, we hosted our second Community Dinner and heard from Vision House. 35 people came and partook of the pasta bar and presentation. On December 17, we are hosting Shoreline Community Care, an organization that assists Shoreline residents with their rent and utility bills. Join us, and invite your neighbors. Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk.

September Finance Summary

// Slow start to fiscal year, but overall finances are healthy

Contributions to the General Fund through September continue to be a bit low, although since many people have moved to giving annual gifts we find that budgeting is not as predictable as in the past.

Currently, we are at 85% of our budget target for income. Fortunately, because expenses were also a bit lower than anticipated, our net revenue — a deficit — is only about \$2K more than where we anticipated our budget would be at this point in the fiscal year.

Facilities revenue continues to be stellar. As we mentioned last month, this is in part due to the pre-payment of one of our long-term guest users. But there is also increased revenue, which is good news for our budget.

// Numbers for July – Sept. 2025

- General Fund Contributions: \$127,311 — 85% of target income;
- Facilities Revenue: \$28,473 — better than expected due to pre-payment;
- Other Revenue: \$11,745;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$167,529;
- Total Expenses: \$199,291 — giving to missions: \$20,040;
- GF Net Revenue: \$(31,762); and
- Total Assets: \$905,894.

Third-quarter contribution statements were mailed out last week, so if you have not received yours, be sure to contact [Kirsty](#). As always, if you have financial questions or concerns, please contact [Kirsty](#) or [Dan Coppin](#).

Hallelujah for Heat!

// New furnace supplies music rooms and SW offices

Last week we had a new furnace installed, supplying the heat to several high-traffic areas, including the choir room, music office, community

engagement office, and facilities office. Christi was surprised to get a draft of warm air coming through the vents in their office — the first time that had happened in the ten years they've occupied that space!

We knew the furnace was in bad shape — it was over 30 years old and had excessive wear and tear — but we hadn't realized just how poorly it had been performing.

While we are extremely happy to have heat at that end of the building, this is but the "tip of the iceberg." In the next five years, we hope to replace 12 more furnaces, another water heater, and our building's main roof.

Capital expenses for our building and grounds are typically funded through reserve funds and special gifts. Your continual, faithful financial support of our facilities is very much needed and appreciated!



Happy Birthday!

Judy Green.....	Oct 27
Coco Miller.....	Oct 31
Faith Thurman	Oct 31
Linda Harrison.....	Nov 06
Randy Stime.....	Nov 07
Elinore Bisnett	Nov 08
Jamie Kang.....	Nov 08
Tim Purbaugh.....	Nov 08
Marilyn Wirtz.....	Nov 08



Upcoming Events

Conversation & Connection

Lunch, 11:30 am Today!

Trunk or Treat, 6 pm Oct 31

Communion & First Fruits

Sunday (collecting easy-open cans of chicken and spaghetti noodles) Nov 04

Messy Church, 5:30 pm..... Nov 12