

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 9, 2025 • 10:00 am



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, almighty King, and help us your name to sing, for you are a God of love.
Come, incarnate Word, and make known your wonders to our souls, for you are a God of grace.
Come, holy Comforter, and bear witness within every heart that we belong to you,
for you are a God who creates fellowship.
Come, triune God, that we might love and adore you all the days of our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Christine Bastian, *viola*; Faith Ockwell, *violin*

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP from *Ephesians 1:3–6 NLT*

Gretchen Scheumann

One: All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

All: **Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.**

One: God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

All: **So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "For the Beauty of the Earth" #473, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5
"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" #384, vv. 1–4

Calvin String Ensemble

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Katy Korpi

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life.

Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,

we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.

We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.

We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us.

We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word.

Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.

Through Christ, our Lord, 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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Chris Jackson

MINISTRY MOMENT Backpack Kids

Polly Terman

OFFERING "Then Sings My Soul"

Christine Bastian, *viola*; Faith Ockwell, *violin*; Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 19:1–12 CEB

Gretchen Scheumann

SERMON "A More Perfect Union"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Calvin String Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katy Korpi

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

Calvin String Ensemble

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Down by the Riverside"

Christine Bastian, *viola*; Faith Ockwell, *violin*

Happy Veterans Day

// Tuesday, November 11; church office will be open

Our Calvin Staff Is Growing!

In a gracious answer to our prayers, God has brought us two people to be a part of our Calvin Church staff, filling temporary half-time positions during a season of leadership transition. Curtis White will take on the role of Interim Director of Family Ministries while Patrick Meagher will serve as our Interim Minister of Congregational Care.

// Introducing Curtis

You may have already met Rev. Curtis White, as he has been giving leadership to Messy Church this fall. Curtis is an ordained PC(USA) minister who has recently moved back to our area after serving as the pastor of a church in Macon, GA. Previously he served at First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish directing their youth ministries. Curtis was excited about having his family participate in Messy Church, and upon hearing that we needed someone to serve as our Messy Church Coordinator, he enthusiastically volunteered.

Believing that God was up to something good, the Session engaged with Curtis in conversation about taking on a broader role in leading our Calvin families in their Christian faith formation. A 20-hour/week position of Interim Director of Family Ministries was created and approved, and a hiring team commissioned by the Session worked through a process with Curtis to discern together if this

was God's leading. And we agreed that indeed it was! Curtis officially began as our Interim Family Ministries Director on November 1.

If you haven't already, we hope you all will have a chance to meet Curtis, his wife, Brianna, and their sons Elias and Marcus. When you do, please extend them a warm welcome.

// Introducing Patrick

Needing to ensure we had ongoing leadership for our various caring ministries, the Session worked through the summer to create a 20-hour/week position of Interim Minister of Congregational Care. This position will coordinate and engage in visitation of those with acute needs like a hospitalization or death of a family member; ensure that our homebound members are cared for; and support the ministry of our Deacons. After reviewing applicants, Patrick Meagher ("MAW-her") emerged as clear choice for the hiring team.

Patrick comes to us with nearly two decades of experience serving at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church where home and hospital visitation comprised a consistent feature of his roles. This ministry included conversation, communion, prayer, and simply meeting each person's individual needs for care and connection. He holds a Masters of Arts in Christian Studies from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, and he is currently working to complete a Certificate in Scripture & Society from there as well. While Patrick

is in his own transitional season as a minister, we are excited and grateful that God has brought him to serve our congregation.

Patrick begins his role as Interim Minister of Congregational Care on Monday, November 10. When you meet Patrick, know that he is passionate about social justice and serving the marginalized, is a self-described "baseball fanatic" and Mariners fan, and a diehard fan of the band U2 (ask him how many of their shows he's seen!).



Happy Birthday!

Jeffrey Miller	Nov 10
Jim Dickson.....	Nov 12
Jan Christophersen.....	Nov 13
Bjorn Juengel.....	Nov 15
Cathy Marinella	Nov 15
William Cogo	Nov 18
Nancy Repp	Nov 18
Mel Chandler	Nov 20
Kari DeLoma-Cogo.....	Nov 20
Daniel Yemane	Nov 21



Upcoming Events

Valerie Grissom Ordination	
Svc, 1:30 pm online.....	Nov 12
Messy Church, 5:30 pm.....	Nov 12
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm..	Nov 12
Community Dinner, 6 pm...	Nov 17
Community Thanksgiving Eve	
Svc, 7 pm at First Lutheran	
Church Richmond Beach	Nov 26
Church Office Closed	
for Thanksgiving....	Nov 27, 28
Church Decorating for Advent,	
All day; 9 am start	Nov 28
Surviving the Holidays,	
10 am in the Fireside Rm....	Nov 29
Taproot Theatre Production,	
1 pm in the Fellowship Hall..	Dec 13
Longest Night Service	
6:30 pm.....	Dec 17