

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 23, 2025 • 10:00 am



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All great God, in whom are contained all gifts and grace, all treasures and discovery;
open our eyes in this time that we might behold the wonders of your love in your word
and your world. Give us grace to perceive behind the gifts the Giver and so choose freely
to follow you in whom all good exists. Amen.

PRELUDE "More Precious than Silver"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

CHORAL INTROIT "With a Voice of Singing"

Calvin Choir

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105:1–3 NRSV

Barbara Rood

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

All: **Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

One: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

All: **Tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name;

All: **Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Curtis White

**Our Lord and God, with our song we lift high your praise,
but with our lives we often fall short.**

We confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.

**We have made idols of possessions and people,
and we have used your name for our own causes.**

**We have permitted our schedules to come first,
and we have not taken the time to worship you.**

Forgive us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

And hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you.

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 Session Update

Kristen Hitchcock and Alison Neubauer

OFFERING "Give Me Jesus"

Ockwell Family

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 19:16–30 NLT

Barry Baker, Jonna Reeder, and Barbara Rood

SERMON "From Lack to Complete"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Meagher

SONG OF SENDING "Now Thank We All Our God" #555, vv. 1, 3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In All Things Give Him Thanks"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

Happy Thanksgiving Next Week!

// The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday

Thanksgiving Eve Service

// Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7 pm

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at 7 pm next Wednesday at First Lutheran Church Richmond Beach, 18354 8th Ave NW, Shoreline, WA 98177; (206) 546-4153. Please join us!

Advent Devotionals

// Print and digital copies available

There will be a very limited supply of print devotionals from Christianity Today's *Darkness, Then Light* Advent devotional available at the Welcome Desk this Sunday and next – November 23 and November 30. If you don't see one there, we encourage you to download a PDF copy of the devotional here:



October Finance Summary

// General Fund contributions meet target guidelines

October was a terrific month for General Fund contributions, surpassing the budget target for this month and making up for the leaner contributions earlier this fiscal year.

Facilities income continues to be very strong. Expenses year-to-date have also been a bit lower than anticipated. While our net revenue is still a deficit (as expected for this budget year),

the deficit is only one third of what we thought it would be at this point in the fiscal year. This is all very good news for our budget and for the rest of the fiscal year.

Although typically we are only concerned with the General Fund in these updates (since that is what covers all operating expenses), October was also a strong month for contributions to a number of our restricted funds. Backpack Kids and Building & Grounds received stronger contributions than usual for the month, and we received stronger than usual contributions for many of our mission partners, including the Ahinas, and several of our Cambodian partners. Finally, our Family Ministries fund received a significant donation for strengthening children, youth, and family programs at Calvin (including help for staffing and for Messy Church).

// Numbers for July – Oct. 2025

- General Fund Contributions: \$204,317 – 100% of target income! Woo hoo!;
- Facilities Revenue: \$34,466 – still doing much better than expected;
- Other Revenue: \$13,478;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$252,261;
- Total Expenses: \$262,685 – giving to missions: \$25,632;
- GF Net Revenue: \$(10,424); and
- Total Assets: \$982,837.

We are so grateful to God for his faithfulness, and give thanks to all of you for your generosity. If you have any financial questions or concerns, please contact [Kirsty](#) or [Dan Coppin](#).

12-Bells to Play at Swansons Nursery

// Saturday, Dec. 6 from 3 to 4 pm

The Calvin 12-Bells Ensemble will play in the community again this holiday season. Join them at Swansons Nursery (9701 - 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98117) on Saturday, December 6, from 3 to 4 pm.



Happy Birthday!

Rachel Clement Nov 24
Nisha Mandanas Parrilla Nov 26
Heather Andrews Nov 28
Gretchen Scheumann Nov 28
Becky Cass Nov 29
Barbara Janacek Dec 01



Upcoming Events

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
First Sunday of Advent ... Nov 30
12-Bells at Swansons
Nursery, 3 pm Dec 06
Communion and First Fruits
Sunday (collecting cans of tuna
and serving-size boxes
of cereal) Dec 07
Elder and Deacon Candidates
Forum, 11:30 am..... Dec 07
Messy Church, 5:30 pm..... Dec 10
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm ... Dec 10
Taproot Theatre Production,
1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.. Dec 13
Longest Night Service,
6:30 pm..... Dec 17
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service, 7 pm..... Dec 24