

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 30, 2025 • 10:00 am • First Sunday of Advent



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, on this first Sunday of Advent, remind us again how a great light dawned upon our darkness with the birth of the Christ Child. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see, worship, and share this Light of the World. Amen.

PRELUDE

Benjie Parrilla, guitar

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Christ, Be Our Light"

Catherine Baker and Ian Baker

SONGS OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" "Here I Am to Worship" "Christ Is Lower Still"

Worship Band

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Catherine Baker

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

**We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.**

**Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.**

Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Chris Jackson

MISSIONAL MOMENT Vision House

Sunny Coppin

OFFERING "Breath of Heaven"

Worship Band

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1–4; 21:22–22:5 NIV

Dave Randles

SERMON "The Light of Hope"

Neil Trainer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Curtis White

SONG OF SENDING "King of Kings"

Worship Band

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Advent Begins Today

// Print and digital copies available

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



What Is Godly Play?

// A new style of worship

Godly Play is a style of worship that teaches Bible stories through tactile lessons. It is appropriate for all ages, and all children are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will have Godly Play lessons every first Sunday of the month. If you have any questions please contact [Curtis](#).

New Banners for Narthex and Fellowship Hall

// Thank you, Calvin Banner Team!

We welcome two new banners today! In the Narthex is "Silent Night, Holy Night," a colorful depiction of the nativity. "Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:6-7)." Please take a moment to enjoy the whimsy of this banner.

In the Fellowship Hall, we have the second of a set of four banners, changed seasonally, titled "Salvation." This quilt

represents winter. "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people (Titus 2:11)." The cross is not a symbol of defeat and death, but of the salvation offered to all through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Banner Team

Jan Christophersen; Cindy Darling; Martha Hayden-Ledbetter; Kat Langenheim; Dorothy Lindstrom; Christi Nixon; Mary Ann Rohrer; Rebecca Thomas; Ruth Van Dyke; Marilyn Wirtz; and Calvin friend, Deb MacLeod.

Seattle Children's Chorus Concert Preview

// Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm

Seattle Children's Chorus (SCC) will offer music by three of their ensembles in Calvin's Sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:15 pm on Tuesday, December 9. Come relax and enjoy seasonal music and encourage SCC members, a core Calvin guest group, as they prepare for a winter concert. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Do You Like to Cook for Others?

// Join the meal support team

The Deacons could use some help! One of their services to the congregation is to provide meals for those returning from the hospital, experiencing grief, or going through a transition. Although there is a faithful group of people that provide meals, they would like to expand the number of cooks. Would you be willing to provide a meal occasionally (not every month), when convenient for your schedule? If so, please let [Nancy Bowerman](#) know.

Vision House Giving Tree

// An opportunity to support one of Calvin's mission partners

This December, we are again participating in the Giving Tree to support Vision House. Let's bring joy to a child at Christmas! There are two ways to give:

- Directly to Calvin: You may donate on our website or write a check to Calvin with "Vision House" on the memo line. The check can be put in the offering plate or in the Welcome Center dropbox.
- Via a Christmas tree gift tag from the Giving Tree: The gifts on the tags can be ordered on Vision House's website. If help is needed, Norm will be in the foyer on Sunday to assist you.



Happy Birthday!

Barbara JanacekDec 01
Lela JamiesonDec 09



Upcoming Events

12-Bells at Swansons Nursery, 3 pmDec 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
Seattle Children's Chorus Concert Preview, 6:30 pmDec 09
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 pmDec 24