

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 7, 2025 • 10:00 am • Second Sunday of Advent



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God our Father, who sent your Son to be the Prince of Peace:
Open our hearts now to receive again your gift of eternal peace and wholeness,
and prepare us to be your ministers of reconciliation in the world. Amen.

PRELUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Shelley Ockwell, piano

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

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

Tim Julius and Hank Weaver

SONGS OF PRAISE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Curtis White

**O promised Christ: We are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming.
We are a sinful people.
Our pardon depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace,
for your pardon, and for your grace.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

(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 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY "Away in a Manger" #24, v. 1; #25, vv. 2, 3

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION AND CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERING "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Ockwell Family

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15–27 CEB

Jason Bastian

SERMON "The Light of Peace"

Neil Trainer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "Jesus Paid It All"

Ockwell Family

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Meagher

SONG OF SENDING "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #38, vv. 1–4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "He Is Our Peace"

Shelley Ockwell, organ

Congregational News

Ian Scott, member of Calvin since 1969, died on December 1 at the age of 89. As Ian joins our great cloud of witnesses, please keep Rose Ann and all of Ian's family and loved ones in your prayers. A memorial service will be held at Calvin on January 17; the time is yet to be determined.

Candidates Forum Today

// Join us after the service

The Nominating Committee will host an informational meeting today at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room so you can learn more about what it means to be a spiritual leader within the church. We will discuss the specific requirements of serving as an elder or deacon at Calvin and give you the chance to ask questions of our pastor and other leaders.

In the coming weeks, please pray for the work of the Nominating Committee and that God would be working in the hearts of the Calvin leaders who will serve his church this coming year.

The Nominating Committee

Mike Bowerman, Bob Burwell,
Dan Coppin, Jean Johnson,
and Kaye Ostgard.

Messy Church Is This Week

// All-ages Christmas celebration

Messy Church is on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Activity Center. Together, we'll celebrate Christmas through song, supper and crafts such as glitter ornaments, advent wreaths, and garlands. Please join us, and invite your friends and neighbors!

Taproot Theatre Production

// Journey through the wardrobe into the magical realm of Narnia

Join us for this special two-actor performance on Saturday, December 13 from 1 to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends and neighbors; this performance is for all ages and is open to all. There is no charge for this event; it is Calvin's gift to the community.

Holiday Season Crimes to Watch Out For

// Helpful information from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service makes thousands of arrests for mail theft each year. While mail and packages can be stolen at any time, the higher volume of mail and packages during the holidays gives greedy thieves more opportunities to steal holiday cheer.

Sometimes, you might open your front door to find a package addressed to you, but you didn't order it and it is from someone or a company you don't know — beware! This seemingly free item is a "brushing" scam. Brushing scammers send you goods you never ordered and write fake online reviews about their products in your name, which helps boost their sales.

By law, unsolicited merchandise is yours to keep. You don't have to return it — or pay for it! But some of these "gifts" come with a QR code. When scanned, these QR codes direct you to websites that ask you to give up your personal information.

Help thwart postal crimes this holiday season:

- Don't scan unknown QR codes
- Don't give out your personal information to unknown sources
- The longer mail stays on your porch or in your mailbox, the more susceptible it is to theft. Hand outgoing mail to your letter carrier, mail it at the post office, or mail it from a secure receptacle at your place of business.
- Never send cash in the mail.
- If you are going to be away from your home, use a delivery locker or ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail and packages.



Happy Birthday!

Lela Jamieson	Dec 09
Kelley Neubauer	Dec 15
Connie Graebner	Dec 16
Patrick Meagher	Dec 18
Kristi Trainer	Dec 20



Upcoming Events

Communion and First Fruits	
Sunday.....	Today!
Elder and Deacon Candidates	
Forum, 11:30 am.....	Today!
Young Adults Theology on Tap,	
6:30 pm.....	Dec 08
Seattle Children's Chorus	
Concert Preview, 6:30 pm	Dec 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
Paper Bag Christmas	
Pageant	Dec 21
Christmas Eve Candlelight	
Service, 7 pm.....	Dec 24