

# ORDER OF SERVICE

December 14, 2025 • 10:00 am • Third Sunday of Advent



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE "Still, Still, Still"

Faith Ockwell and Lora Parrilla, *violins*; Jonna Reeder, *piano*

INTROIT "Ukrainian Bell Carol"

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

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

Rick, Darlene, Coco and Antone Miller

SONGS OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #464, vv. 1-3  
"T'was in the Moon of Wintertime"

Kieran Underwood, *clarinet*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Meagher

**God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things — our hearts are filled with joy.**

**By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin**

**and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us.**

**But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.**

**We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full;  
we try to earn what we already have.**

**Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace.**

**Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone.**

*(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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Chris Jackson

OFFERING "Tidings of Comfort and Joy (medley)"

Chancel Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:1-5 NLT

Linda Erickson

SERMON "The Light of Joy"

Neil Trainer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING "Angels We Have Heard on High"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "How Great Our Joy"

## Chancel Bell Choir in Worship

We are grateful to the Chancel Bell Choir for playing for us today: Lynette Brown, Lynn Caulkins, Carol Jean Chandler, Jan Christopherson, Kathy Church, Janine Fader, Donna Miller-Parker, Les Minnig, Janet Peterson, Laurel Underwood, and Gwyneth Young. John Ockwell is filling in for director Art Nelson.

## Advent Candle Lighting Today

Two of Rick and Darlene Miller's grandchildren — Coco and her brother Antone — will be helping to light today's Advent candle.

## Longest Night Service

// Wednesday at 6:30 pm

On Wednesday evening, we are holding a "Longest Night" service of music, contemplation, and prayer. This service is open to everyone; bring your friends and neighbors.

## Calvin's Partnership with Vision House

// Supporting their Christ-centered mission

Vision House isn't a handout organization — they're about building relationships, fostering dignity, and providing practical help. Every family is treated as a child of God: worthy of love, respect, and opportunity. Here are the services that Vision House provides:

- A Diversion Center: Immediate support — showers, laundry, clothing and food banks, and a safe place for children — while staff help families determine their next steps.

- Family Services: Fully furnished transitional housing with case managers, life coaches, and childcare providers who help families move toward stability.
- An Alumni Program: When families move into permanent housing (with a 90% success rate), they can take most of their furnishings with them.

At Calvin, we're grateful to support this Christ-centered mission through our Vision House Action Team, offering prayer, encouragement, and resources. Together, we're honored to partner in a ministry that reflects Christ's love through compassion and hope, transforming lives one family at a time.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Sunny Coppin at 425.422.2354 or [sscoppin@gmail.com](mailto:sscoppin@gmail.com).

## 'Tis the Season of Giving

// Year-end gifts make all the difference

Jane Austen quipped, "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." Another universally-acknowledged truth is that **every non-profit organization relies on extra donations received through year-end giving**. As December draws to a close, you may be considering year-end donations to Calvin or other charities because of the tax benefits you may receive. We would be honored and blessed by your support!

Although the General Fund doesn't sound very exciting, this is what pays all our bills — keeping the facility open and the lights on, funding our mission partners and all our ministries, and paying our staff salaries.

***We rely on strong giving in December to keep our finances healthy throughout the entire fiscal year. Extra gifts in December ensure that all our ministries are fully funded.***

Please consider a year-end gift to Calvin's General Fund.

You may also give a special gift to any of our mission partners or ministry areas. See the website for details.



## Happy Birthday!

Kelley Neubauer .....	Dec 15
Connie Graebner .....	Dec 16
Patrick Meagher .....	Dec 18
Kristi Trainer .....	Dec 20
Al Lutz .....	Dec 22
Yoko Weaver .....	Dec 25
Josh Logan .....	Dec 27
Ruth Park .....	Dec 27



## Upcoming Events

Longest Night Service,	
6:30 pm .....	Dec 17
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm ...	Dec 17
Paper Bag Christmas	
Pageant .....	Dec 21
Christmas Eve Candlelight	
Service, 7 pm .....	Dec 24
New Year's Eve Gathering,	
8 pm in the Fireside Rm .....	Dec 31
Communion & First Fruits	
Sunday (collecting Top Ramen	
and Spaghetti-O's) .....	Jan 04
Faith Ockwell Concert,	
after the service .....	Jan 11
Messy Church, 5:30 pm .....	Jan 14