

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 28, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, send out your light and your truth; let them guide us in the year to come. Amen.

PRELUDE "Coventry Carol"

Calvin Ensemble

WELCOME

Norm Underland

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lee Simpkins

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: **Open our minds to seek your light.**

One: The glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Light has come into the world.

All: **Open our eyes to see your light.**

One: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: **Open our hearts to know your light.**

One: You are the light of the world.

All: **Open our arms to share your light.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #462, vv. 1-3
"One Small Child"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Meagher

Light of the World, when you came into the world, the world didn't acknowledge you.

It chose to remain in darkness rather than seek your light.

The world and its people still choose darkness over light; we see it every day.

We must admit that often we make the same choice.

Whenever we fail to care for your beautiful creation, we're leaning into darkness.

**We're doing it every time we ignore those in need or shut out strangers,
when we don't love our neighbors, our enemies, or those who are different from us
in color, religion, nationality, world view, or political perspective.**

Whenever we fail to love you, we are choosing darkness over your glorious light.

**Forgive us. Remind us to turn to the light that's always there, always on,
ready at any time to shine on us and light our way.**

Help us reach for your light, we pray.

Hear us now as each of us talks to you silently about our own struggles with darkness.

(silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God is always ready and willing to give us light. Jesus is prepared to make us children of light. The Spirit wants to change us from one degree of glory to another. Whenever you reach for the light of Christ and turn it on, it will shine on you and in you. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Curtis White

OFFERING "Mary, Did You Know?"

Faith Ockwell, vocals; John Ockwell, guitar

SERMON "Send Out Your Light"

Laurel Underwood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Meagher

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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 SENDING “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #22, vv. 1–4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” Calvin Ensemble



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Church Office Closed for Holidays

Staff will be on holiday, vacation, or working remotely through Thursday, January 1. The church office will be closed during this time. In-person meetings may be made by appointment. (Those needing to make special arrangements for year-end donations, please contact [Kirsty](#).)

New Year’s Eve Gathering

// Drop in between 8 and 11 pm in the Fireside Room

Come enjoy a relaxing New Year’s Eve at Calvin, hosted by David and Barbara Rood. The Fireside Room will be open from 8 to 11 pm; drop in any time and stay as long as you’d like. Bring a favorite table game or puzzle and a treat to share!

Vision House: Yvonne’s Story

After leaving an abusive marriage, Yvonne struggled to care for her toddler, Sam, while trying to rebuild her life. Sam was a shy little boy who clung tightly to his mom and couldn’t handle being apart from her.

At Vision House, staff gently helped Sam adjust to being with other children while Yvonne met with her case manager and counselor. Little by little, Sam gained confidence and eventually enrolled in Children’s Village, where he began talking more – even picking up a little Spanish.

With Sam thriving, Yvonne was able to focus on her own healing and finish her certification program. Counseling helped her process her trauma and release the nightmares and fear that held her back.

Today, Yvonne and Sam are flourishing. Yvonne has a stable job that uses her gifts, and they’ve moved into their own apartment. Sam has blossomed, made friends, and continues to grow at Children’s Village. Yvonne is grateful for the ongoing support of the Vision House Alumni program.

This is what Vision House does. They don’t just provide housing – they equip families with the tools, confidence, and hope to move forward.

At Calvin, we’re honored to partner with a ministry that reflects the love of Christ through compassion, dignity, and life-changing support. Contact [Sunny Coppin](#) to learn more about our partnership.

Happy Birthday!

Ethan Weschler	Dec 29
Lenore Zisserman	Dec 29
Alo Isahak	Jan 01
Triza Sedhom	Jan 05
Rebecca McAndrew	Jan 08
Hilda Packard	Jan 08
Christine Stime	Jan 09
Susan Christie	Jan 11
Cheryl Minnig	Jan 11

Upcoming Events

New Year’s Eve gathering, 8 to 11 pm	Dec 31
Communion & First Fruits Sunday (collecting Top Ramen & Spaghetti-O’s)	Jan 06
Faith Ockwell Farewell Concert, after the svc	Jan 11
Messy Church, 5:30 pm	Jan 14
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm	Jan 14
Ian Scott Memorial Svc, 2 pm	Jan 17
Community Dinner, 6 pm ..	Jan 19