

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 11, 2026 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God who is Spirit, we desire to worship you in spirit and in truth. Allow us to experience your presence. Transform us by your love. Then send us out to serve you by serving others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE "Stay with Me"

Calvin String Ensemble

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 96:1–4 NLT

Nancy Bowerman

One: Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!

All: **Sing to the LORD; praise his name.**

One: Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

All: **Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.**

One: Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

All: **Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #150, vv. 1–3

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #478, vv. 1–4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Meagher

One: O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

All: **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

One: We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

All: **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.** (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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

OFFERING "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?"

Calvin String Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:17–28 NIV

Nancy Bowerman

SERMON "But to Serve"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Lord, Speak to Me"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Meagher

SONG OF SENDING "We Are One in the Spirit"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"

Calvin String Ensemble

Faith Ockwell Concert Today

Faith Ockwell, who has been active in worship music for nearly a year at Calvin, plans to return to Scotland mid-month (pending acceptance of her visa). She will be presenting a recital after the service to thank the congregation for the kind support she has received during her time here assisting the music ministry. After an extended coffee break, we'll return to the Sanctuary to enjoy some of Faith's favorite hymns, Scottish songs, and family favorites.

Messy Church Is on Wednesday

// 5:30 pm in the Activity Center

This month's theme will center on Micah 6:8 — "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." — with a tie-in to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please join us, and invite your friends and neighbors!

// Kitchen support needed; come for training on Wednesday

The Messy Church ministry is currently in need of two or three people to offer support by learning the kitchen routine — which involves setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the meal — and substituting occasionally as needed.

Our first group of volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, February 11, but we would love it if you could come *this* Wednesday for training. Please contact [Curtis](#) if you would like to be involved.

New Bible Study Begins on January 19

// Monday mornings from 9 to 10:30 in the Fireside Room

Barry Baker and David Rood are hosting a new group Bible study to help discover how the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus. Using *The Bible Project* as a resource, we'll ponder questions like: What is the Bible about? Who wrote it? Is there a relationship between the Old and New Testaments? Do we need the Old Testament today?

Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 19. All are welcome to join.

Contact [David](#) with questions.

Community Dinners Resume on January 19

// Join us for a home-made dinner and discussion

Community Dinners return Monday, January 19 at 6 pm. This month we will be viewing the documentary film, *No Place to Grow Old*, about the growing crisis of Americans aging into homelessness. We held a viewing of this powerful look at homelessness early last year, and it seems timely to take another look again. This is not just a problem here in the US, but it is truly growing into a worldwide issue.

If you missed last year's showing of *No Place to Grow Old*, make sure you mark your calendars for this one. We will be making some delicious comfort food to fend off the cold: chicken pot pie!

Annual Ladies' Tea This Month

// Saturday, January 24 at noon

Along with lunch and music, entertainer Debbie Dimitre will portray Rachel Carson — an American marine biologist, writer, and conservationist. One of Carson's books, *Silent Spring*, is credited with launching the global environmental movement.

Wear your 70's-style outfits to the Ladies' Tea; bright colors if you so choose. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Lyn Fouch at (206) 747-1021.



Happy Birthday!

Susan Christie Today!
Cheryl Minnig..... Today!
Eliza Miller Jan 12
Victor Meniz, Jr Jan 14
Dick Schuemann Jan 17
David McGrady Jan 19
Doug Wuerl Jan 22
Linda Erickson Jan 25



Upcoming Events

Faith Ockwell Concert..... Today!
Messy Church, 5:30 pm..... Jan 14
Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm Jan 14
Ian Scott's Memorial,
2 pm in the Sanctuary Jan 17
New Bible study begins,
9 am in the Fireside Room... Jan 19
Community Dinner, 6 pm
in the Fellowship Hall Jan 19
Ladies' Tea, Noon
in the Fellowship Hall Jan 24
Communion & First Fruits
Sunday (collecting Chef
Boyardee ravioli & chicken
noodle soup) Feb 01
Carole Cannon's Memorial,
off-site, mid-afternoon Feb 14