ORDER OF SERVICE

November 15, 2026 • 10:00 AM

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, teach us in this moment of worship how to receive your blessings. Grant to us a hunger and a thirst for your righteousness so that we might be filled. Allow us to be merciful to others so we might receive your mercy. Teach us how to be poor in spirit so we might receive your kingdom. Purify our hearts that we might see you. Amen.

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" — Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME — Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 77:11–15 NIV* — Barbara Rood

One: I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
All: **I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.**
One: Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?
All: **You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.**
One: With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
All: **We worship you, O LORD, our God.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Your Grace Is Enough" and "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Barbara Rood

Triune God: You created our hearts with a hunger for your presence,
yet we seek to satisfy our desires elsewhere.
We claim to be your followers, but we're resistant when you do not lead where we want.
We declare our trust in you, but we rely more on our strength than your power and goodness.
We are quick to ask for your forgiveness,
but we presume upon your mercy when we're slow to change.
O Lord, gift us again with your healing and grace,
through Christ our Savior, in whose name we continue to pray.

(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

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S BLESSING — Chris Jackson

MINISTRY MOMENT "God Multiplies" Stewardship Emphasis — Barbara Rood

OFFERING "Canticle of Hope" — Calvin Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45:1–9, 25–28 NLT — Patrick Meagher and Barbara Rood

SERMON "Joseph, the Merciful" — Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "The Steadfast Love"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Patrick Meagher

SONG OF SENDING "And Can It Be?"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

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The News in Brief

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No Rhythms of Grace Class Today

// Sessions will resume next Sunday

Vicki Nelson Memorial Service

// Today at 2 pm

Vicki Nelson's memorial service will take place today at 2 pm, here at Calvin. Vicki, wife of Art Nelson, friend to many and member of Calvin since 1982, died on October 4 at the age of 82. Please keep Art and their family in your prayers as we all grieve together this great loss to our community. If you cannot attend in person, this service will be live streamed.

Stewardship 2027: God Multiplies

// by Barbara Rood

Our stewardship theme this year is *God Multiplies*. What makes this a key principle for us? Unlike when God first created the universe out of nothing, now God uses resources that already exist and have been entrusted to each of us. When we bring our tithes and offerings to give back to God, God delights in taking, blessing, and breaking these gifts. Then, through his power and generous love, God multiplies these gifts to sustain us *and* to share with others. We are blessed *to be* a blessing to others.

As you intentionally seek in prayer what percentage of your resources to share at Calvin in 2027, make a plan and a commitment to do just that. If your giving pattern is more variable than a regular monthly amount, it is especially helpful for Calvin to receive your commitment card to let us know your intentions. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness to support the work God is doing through this Church!

Surviving the Holidays Event Tomorrow Evening

// A GriefShare meeting that is open to all

Surviving the Holidays is a two-hour, stand-alone event for those who find the holidays difficult. Whether or not you attend the weekly GriefShare meeting at Calvin, you are invited to join this group tomorrow evening. The meeting will take place at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Come, be encouraged — and bring your friends! This event is open to all men and women.

Contact Katy Korpi if you have any questions.

Save the Date for Taproot Theatre Production

// Saturday, December 12 in the Fellowship Hall

Mary and Joseph are a seemingly ordinary couple planning a seemingly ordinary marriage until Mary tells Joseph something that will change their lives forever. With only Mary's words and some strange dreams to guide him, Joseph navigates a crisis of faith. How can he be sure that these dreams are sent from God? Full of humor, heart, and songs of the season, this delightful re-telling of the Nativity is a tender story for all who doubt even as they believe.

Save the date for this special performance on Saturday, December 12 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.

Happy Birthday!

Cathy Marinella ..... Today!
Nancy Repp ..... Nov 18
John Ockwell ..... Nov 21
Daniel Yemane ..... Nov 21
Phyllis Terman..... Nov 22
Rachel Clement ..... Nov 24
Nisha Mandanas Parrilla .... Nov 26
Heather Andrews ..... Nov 28
Gretchen Scheumann ..... Nov 28
Becky Cass ..... Nov 29
Shawn Baily ..... Nov 30

Upcoming Events

Vicki Nelson Memorial, 2 pm at Calvin..... Today!
Surviving the Holidays, 7 pm in the Fireside Rm.... Nov 16
GriefShare, 10 am ..... Nov 21
Rhythms of Grace Special Sessions, 11:30 am..... Nov 22
Community Thanksgiving Eve Svc, 7 pm at Calvin... Nov 25
Thanksgiving Day; church office is closed..... Nov 26
Decorating for Advent, 9 to 11 am..... Nov 27
Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm ....Dec 02
12-Bells at Swansons Nursery, 3 pm.....Dec 05
Communion and First Fruits Sunday (macaroni & cheese and cans of tuna).....Dec 06
Young Adults Theology on Tap, 6:30 pm .....Dec 07
Messy Church, 5:30 pm.....Dec 09
Taproot Theater production; 1 pm at Calvin.....Dec 12