# ORDER OF SERVICE

November 22, 2026 • 10:00 AM

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*PRAYER OF PREPARATION*

O Lord, there is no other God like you. You have kept your covenant with us.
You have showed us your steadfast love. You have forgiven us again and again.
We pause now in our busyness to praise you and to give you thanks for your love. Amen.

*PRELUDE* — Lora Parrilla

*INTROIT* "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" — Chancel Bell Choir

*WELCOME* — Neil Trainer

*CALL TO WORSHIP* — Jerry Janacek

*One:* God of the past, who has created and nurtured us,
*All:* **we are here to thank and praise you.**
*One:* God of the future, who is always ahead of us,
*All:* **we are here to thank and praise you.**
*One:* God of the present, who is here in the midst of us,
*All:* **we are here to thank and praise you.**
*One:* God of life, who is beyond us and within us,
*All:* **we rejoice in your glorious love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*SONGS OF PRAISE* "Now Thank We All Our God" #555, vv. 1–3 and "Gratitude"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION* — Patrick Meagher

**Lord of all, worthy of our grateful praise, you have given us many good gifts.**
**Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess**
**that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you.**
**We confess wanting more and more things, and envying what others have been given.**
**Forgive us for not being content and thankful.**
**Forgive our selfishness and self-entitlement.**
**Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus' name.**
*(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* — Alison Neubauer

*OFFERING* "For the Beauty of the Earth" — Chancel Bell Choir

*SCRIPTURE READING* Genesis 50:14–21 NLT — Jerry Janacek

*SERMON* "Joseph, the Reconciler" — Neil Trainer

*SONG OF RESPONSE* "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE* — Patrick Meagher

*Petition:* We lift this prayer to you, O Lord.
*Thanksgiving:* **We give thanks to you, O Lord.**

*SONG OF SENDING* "Sovereign Over Us"

*BENEDICTION*

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# The News in Brief

**22 November 2026**

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## Congregational News

*// Laurel Baker dies at age 92*

Laurel Baker, mother of Barry Baker, died on November 16 at the age of 92. Laurel joined Calvin in 2019 and attended regularly for a few years until her health began to decline. Please keep Barry, Catherine, and their extended family in your prayers as they grieve this loss. A memorial service will be held at Calvin on Saturday, November 28 at 1 pm.

## October Finance Summary

*// Revenue for our General Fund is concerning*

Although October was a better month for our general fund than September, overall contributions are still significantly down. The general fund pays for our ministries, salaries, utilities and essential services. Donations to specific ministries or mission partners (such as Backpack Kids, the Deacons, or Path From Poverty) are restricted and cannot be used for anything other than those purposes. Thus, Calvin's finances include two different pots of money — restricted funds for specific purposes; and funds available for our current budget.

Our restricted funds are doing very well, and they make Calvin's finances look very good. We are grateful that Calvin has such a generous congregation that cares passionately about specific needs! But the general fund is concerning. Our current deficit is $77,103, when our budget had anticipated the deficit would be $15,762 at this point in the fiscal year — that's a shortage of $61,340 that we did not expect.

*// The numbers for October 2026*

- General Fund Contributions: $154,302 — 73% of target income;
- Facilities Revenue: $18,033 — 88% of target income;
- Other Revenue: $25,805;
- Total Operations Revenue: $202,027 — 79% of our budget target;
- Total Expenses: $279,129 — giving to missions: $26,149;
- GF Net Revenue: ($77,103); and
- Total Assets: $1,017,763.

As Dan reported last month, we aren't able to pinpoint an exact cause for the decline in revenue. Whatever the reasons, Session and the Finance Team are continuing to closely monitor our church finances.

If you have delayed making a general fund contribution this fiscal year, please consider doing so in the near future. And pray for clarity, wisdom, and generosity. We remain confident that God will provide for us.

As always, if you have any finance questions or concerns, please reach out to Kirsty, or to Dan Coppin.

## Advent Devotionals Available

*// Pick up your copy at the Welcome Desk*

An advent devotional (one copy per household, please) called "Longing for the Light of Christ" is available now. We encourage members to read this, as our upcoming Advent sermon series will loosely combine themes of longing with Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

If you are unable to pick up a devotional over the next two Sundays, please contact the office to have a copy sent to you.

## Oops! We Missed a Birthday

Mel Chandler turned 80 on Friday! Be sure to wish him a happy belated birthday.

## Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Terman..... Today!
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

*Rhythms of Grace* Special Sessions, 11:30 am..... Today!
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
GriefShare, 10 am ..... Nov 28
Laurel Baker Memorial Svc, 1 pm at Calvin ..... Nov 28
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, 2 pm at Calvin..... Dec 12
Reception for Curtis White, after the service..... Dec 13
Lessons and Carols.....Dec 20
Longest Night Service, 7 pm at Richmond Beach Cong. Church .....Dec 21