

YOUTH UNITE WINTER RETREAT

December 27-30
Tall Timber Ranch

This is an incredible winter retreat you won't want to miss! There will be snowball fights, cross-country skiing, new friends, a great speaker, awesome games, and more snow than you know what to do with! **Invite your friends!**

Partial scholarship is available. Please contact Drew Hogan for more details at drew@calvinpc.org.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

The Praise and Prayer email newsletter is one of the ways Calvin members can pray for each other.

To meet the weekly deadline, **please submit your request before Monday** using a blue card in the pew rack on Sunday and place in offering plate, leave on the front desk OR send request to prayer@calvinpc.org.

VISION HOUSE GIVING TREE

Donations accepted until December 17

This Christmas we are sharing love and gifts with residents of Vision House through a gift card drive. Stop by the 'Gift Card Tree' in the foyer to pick up a flyer with all the information you need to participate. Donations of gifts cards will be accepted until December 17.

Thank you for continuing to support the residents of Vision House.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Donations accepted throughout Advent

Advent is a time of anticipation and promise, of thanksgiving and celebration. Every year, we pour out our gratitude by giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering which supports church workers** in times of need and nurtures the promise of future leaders. **More details on insert and in pew envelope.**

Thank you for continuing to support families of church workers through PCUSA's special offering.

December 10 - 16, 2017

SUNDAY AM
Worship Service.....8:00, 9:15, 11:00 am
INFO FOR FAMILIES
9:15 am All Ages Worship Together (no classes)
Birth—Age 3 Childcare
10:20 - 10:50am
Grades 6-8 & 9-12 Classes
11:00 am All Ages Worship Together
Birth—Age 1 Childcare
Age 2—Grade 5 Start in Worship with Families, then Classes
12:15 pm
Grades 9-12 Sermon Discussion & Lunch today

SUNDAY
Blue Christmas Service 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball 7:30 pm

MONDAY
Backpack Kids..... ALL DAY
WOW Women's Life Group.....2:00 pm
Guest Rental 7:00 pm
Nominating Committee..... 7:00 pm
Chancel Bells Rehearsal.....7:30 pm

TUESDAY
Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Pancake Haus)7:30 am
Shoreline MOPS.....9:00 am
Seattle Children's Chorus Rehearsals.....4:00 pm
NW Jr Pipe Band.....5:30 pm & 7:20 pm
CAST6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry Supervision.....6:30 pm
Moderator's Council (Session)7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY
Four Guys and a Bible.....6:30 am
Guest Rental.....4:30 pm
Life Together Dinner.....6:15 pm
Women's & Family LIFE groups.....7:00 pm
Kids Group & Youth Group.....7:00 pm

THURSDAY
Women's Bible Study,9:30 am
Bible Study with Pastor Neil at Cristwood Park..... 11:00 am
Worship Band Rehearsal..1:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Guest Rental 1:30 pm
Youth Choir..4:00 pm
Guest Rental.....5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....7:15 pm

FRIDAY
Guest Rental7:30 pm

SATURDAY
Kenyan Comm SDA Church 10:00 am
Kenyan Comm SDA Church Youth Time..... 4:00 pm



Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World

SERVICE OF WORSHIP 9:15 am DECEMBER 10, 2017

Prayer of Preparation (in silence)
O God our Father, who sent your Son to be King of kings and Prince of Peace: Grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of Christ, and learn from him the way of peace. Send among all people the spirit of good will and reconciliation. Amen.

Prelude Linda Clugston
Call to Worship Chancel Bells
Fantasy on Ukrainian Bell Carol
Welcome & Greeting Neil Trainer

Song of Praise (Stand if able) # 106
Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Advent Candle Lighting
Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Leader: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

People: The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.
Song of Response #121
O Little Town of Bethlehem Matt Carpenter
Prayers of Confession

God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors,
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.
It is in his holy name that we continue to pray
offering our silent confessions.

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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.

Assurance of Grace

Missional Moment

Cambodia Outreach

Offertory

The Holly and the Ivy

Scripture Presentation

Luke 1:26-38

Song of the Word

Thrill of Hope

Sermon

Reconciling Our Society

Song of Sending

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Don Ricker,
Judy Runions
Chancel Bell Choir

Kathryn Burke

Neil Trainer

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Benediction

Welcome to Worship

We’re glad you’re here. As you join in worship we invite you to:

Thank you for silencing your phone and other electronic devices.
Hearing assist devices are available at the media center at the rear.
Ask an usher or sound operator for assistance.
Let us pray for you. Complete a blue prayer request card from the pew rack, and place in the offering plate or give to a pastor or staff person after the service.
Please print your name in the blue friendship pad and pass it to those next to you to help us know who is here today.
Take advantage of our nursery and/or Quiet Room for infants and toddlers. Children are welcome in the service, but our ushers will be happy to direct you to either of these rooms if you desire.
Pick up a small welcome gift at the Welcome Center in the foyer if today is your first time to worship with us.
Join us for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the service -- down the foyer stairs and to your right.
Listen to the speaker’s message by visiting the Resources page of our website (www.calvinpc.org) or by requesting a sermon audio CD with an order form from the tall kiosk in the foyer.

Church Office Hours

Tues/Thurs 9am-5pm Wed/Fri 9am-1pm
Prayer Requests
Email Prayer Letter: prayer@calvinpc.org
Phone Prayer Chain (after office hours):
Shirley Small at 206.362.7836

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Serving and Sharing

STORING CALVIN’S COOK WAGON

December through February

The cook wagon has been used for several of our Life Together meals and for our Block Party this past summer. We are working on a storage solution on the church property, but are in need of temporary storage through the winter. The dimensions are 13 ft. long and 7 ft. wide.

If you have space in your garage or shed, please contact John Claus at 206-200-7099.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAKERS!!

December 17 and December 24

Do you enjoy baking holiday treats? We are in need of cookies for the Christmas Cantata reception on Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm. Breads are needed for Life Together coffee hour after service on December 24 at 10:00 am.

Sign up in the foyer or contact Liz Randles for the cookies and Ruth Van Dyke for the breads.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Life Together Worship Service, December 24

All are welcome to join in this special worship service at 10:00 am. If you would like to be a part of our pageant please arrive at 9:00am to pick a costume and practice as a group. There will also be a rehearsal on Sunday, December 17 at 12:15 pm that is recommended, not required.

We also need help making several sets of animal ears for this service. If you can help please contact Karen Kirkman by emailing children@calvinpc.org.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY REQUEST

The large children’s group room is in need of a 6 - 7 foot Christmas tree to use throughout this season of Advent. If you have one that can be donated please contact Karen Kirkman by emailing children@calvinpc.org.

Christmas Events

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

TONIGHT at 7:00 pm

While the refrain “Joy to the World” rings out often in December, many people find the Christmas season disheartening. For those who are grieving, struggling with illness, dealing with family conflict, or the loss of a job, it takes more than colored lights to alleviate the darkness they feel.

A Blue Christmas Service recognizes the traditional role of Advent as a season of identifying with God’s people longing and waiting for the coming of the Messiah. The service allows us to be honest about the grief and loss we carry with us toward Christmas instead of only pretending that everything is “merry and bright.”

All are invited to attend this service, but those looking for comfort, hope, and renewal are especially encouraged to participate. Through prayer, readings, and silence we will bring our whole selves to the One who came for us the first Christmas and receive the hope and healing that only Christ can give.

PEACE HAS COME FREE CONCERT

Sunday, December 17, 6:00 pm

Follow the journey of those who experienced the first Christmas night and found peace in a new, fresh way. Come embrace the Giver of true peace and experience abundant life.

Featuring drama and music by Calvin’s Sanctuary Choir, Chancel Bells, Children’s Choir and Orchestra

DECEMBER PRIMETIME CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 31, TBD

New Year’s Eve Party will be hosted by PrimeTime but all ages will be welcome, thanks to growing interest.

This will be an evening of games, delicious treats, and fellowship with all ages. More details to come soon!