

## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Do you have room at Christmas dinner for one more?

Are you expecting to be alone this Christmas?

**Our Deacons would like to connect you!**

Please let Cindy Darling know if you would welcome someone from our congregation to your Christmas dinner OR if you would like to join a Calvin family. **Cindy can be reached at: 206-542-6620 or o.darling@comcast.net.**

## NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

[www.calvinpc.org/member-directory](http://www.calvinpc.org/member-directory)

A new online directory is live and invitations were emailed to church members this week. To access your private profile and edit details you must set a password. **To access the church wide directory you must use this password: W3Ar3TheChurch!** Only information available in the paper directory is shown in the church wide directory such as address, phone number, email address, and profile picture. Any other details are only visible on your private profile and not visible for other church members.

Please contact Brooke Sahlstrom in the church office with any questions or email [brooke@calvinpc.org](mailto:brooke@calvinpc.org).

## 4TH QUARTER WORKSHOP

**January 12, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Please join us and Jon DeWaal from Liminal Space for a workshop on 'Developing a Game Plan for the 4th Quarter of Life: Courageously Facing the Future Together.' The 6 hour workshop will focus on three areas: Graceful Aging, Family Conflicts Around Care, and Finding Purpose in the 4th Quarter.

Cost will be \$35.00 for an individual or \$50.00 for couples. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact **Katy Korpi** at [katykorpi@hotmail.com](mailto:katykorpi@hotmail.com) or **Linda Rudat** at [lindarudat@protonmail.com](mailto:lindarudat@protonmail.com) for more information.

## December 9 - 15, 2018

### SUNDAY AM

Worship Service .....9:00 am  
Special Congregational Meeting.....10:10 am  
Formation 40.....10:10 am  
Worship Service.. .....11:00 am

### INFO FOR FAMILIES

Nursery Care is available for babies 6 weeks and toddlers through 2 years old at both services.

Children 3 years - entering 2nd grade begin in worship with families before leaving for small group time.

Entering 3rd grade through 5th grade remain with families in our worship service.

### SUNDAY

Nominating Committee Forum.....8:00 am  
Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal.....12:15 pm  
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Family Ministry Meeting.....1:00 pm  
Badminton Fellowship.....2:00 pm  
Women's LIFE Group.....7:00 pm  
Men's Basketball .....7:30 pm

### MONDAY

WOW.....1:30 pm  
Chancel Bells Rehearsal.....7:30 pm  
Monday FLOCK Group.. .....7:30 pm

### TUESDAY

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.....7:30 am  
Seattle Children's Choir .....3:00 pm  
Stephen Ministry Supervision.....6:00 pm  
CAST Senior Singles .....6:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY

LIFE Together Dinner.....6:15 pm  
Kids Choir Rehearsals .....7:00 pm  
Family LIFE Group.....7:00 pm  
Youth Group .....7:00 pm  
Nominating Committee Meeting.....7:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study .....9:00 am

### FRIDAY

AA DRU North.....8:00 pm

### SATURDAY

Kenyan Comm SDA Church.....10:00 am  
Kenyan SDA Youth Time.....4:00 pm  
PrimeTime Christmas Party.. .....6:00 pm

**\*For full calendar of events visit our website.**



Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World



## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

9:00am

DECEMBER 9, 2018

### Prayer of Preparation (in silence)

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

Linda Clugston

### Call to Worship

*Advent Tidings*

Chancel Bell Choir

### Welcome & Greeting

Neil Trainer

### Song of Praise (Stand if able)

*The First Noel*

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### Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

**People: He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.**

Leader: He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

**People: To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.**

### Song of Response

*Nativity Prayer*

### Prayers of Confession

Arden Snyder

God of grace: In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness when Mary placed her life at the service of Your will. Forgive us for failing to follow her example. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. We have been preparing for Christmas, but have not prepared for Christ. We give gifts to others, but fail to give you our lives. In Your mercy, pardon our sins and transform our stubborn and selfish hearts that we might live in Your kingdom, both now and forever more. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem.

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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

### Offertory

*How Still We See Thee Lie*

*Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Sermon

*Peace for the Impoverished*

### Song of Sending

*Once in Royal David's City*

### Benediction

### Postlude

Chancel Bell Choir

Neil Trainer

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Linda Clugston

## 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](http://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](mailto:prayer@calvinpc.org)

Phone Prayer Chain (after office hours):

Shirley Small at 206.362.7836

### CALVIN STAFF

**Neil Trainer**, DMin, *Pastor*

**Milad Nakhla**, MDiv, *Campus Minister*

**Valerie Grissom**, DWS, *Music Director*

**Linda Clugston**, *Organist/Accompanist*

**Drew Hogan**, *Youth & Family Associate*

**John Claus**, *Finance Coordinator*

**Christi Nixon**, *Facility/Hospitality Director*

**Brooke Sahlstrom**, MPA, *Administrative/*

*Communications Director*

## Life Together at Calvin Church

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

**TODAY, 12:15 pm**

Children ages 4-12 are invited to sing two songs in the upcoming Christmas Concert on December 16 at 6pm. We will have three **practices on Sundays from 12:15 to 12:50 pm** on December 2 and 9. **Please contact Valerie Grissom** at [music@calvinpc.org](mailto:music@calvinpc.org) for more information.

### OUR FOYER GETS A FACELIFT

**TODAY, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall**

Immediately following the 9:00 am service, attend a special congregational meeting to act on Session's recommendation for obtaining a construction loan through the Mission Development Certificate Program.

## Life Together Worship

Sunday, December 23 at 10:00 am

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm

### FORMATION 40

**December 9 & 16, 10:10 - 10:50 am**

Fellowship Hall

The class is based on a book "Unplug the Christmas Machine: How to Have the Christmas You've Always Wanted." We will focus on clarifying our values and choices around the holiday season for a soul-satisfying celebration that contributes to our spiritual formation. There will be practical activities and group discussion throughout the series.

**Please contact Linda Rudat** at

[lindarudat@protonmail.com](mailto:lindarudat@protonmail.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAKERS!!

**December 16 and December 23**

Do you enjoy baking holiday treats? We are in need of **cookies for the Christmas Cantata reception** on Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 pm. **Breads are needed for Life Together** coffee hour after service on December 23 at 10:00 am.

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

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 16, 6:00 pm**

Sanctuary

Join the Sanctuary Choir, Chancel Bells, and Children's Choir in celebrating Christmas with music and drama. Contact Valerie Grissom for more details.

### SUPPORT BACKPACK KIDS & THE PANTRY

**WE REACHED THE GOAL!**

Thank you for providing weekend food for hungry students in our schools. Donations can be made anytime of year with a variety of foods.

**Thank you for contributing 500 items to date!**

## Family Ministry Advent Candle

Meet at end of hallway at the following times:

TODAY, 12:15 pm

December 16, 12:15 pm

December 23, after 10am service

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