

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Thanks to everyone who came to help take Christmas decorations down yesterday. Your work is appreciated!!

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 pm. All men are invited to join for a morning of a good breakfast, good company, and a devotional.

The **Calvin University January Series** is a FREE 15-day lecture series (Jan 15–Feb 2) that aims to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day. For more information see

<https://calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/>

If you are interested in watching with others, we will gather at church at 12:30 pm to watch each day's talk and have some time to discuss. (Coffee will be on; bring a lunch if you'd like.)

Financial Information: For December 2023

General Fund:

Collections: \$21,594 (90.1% of budget)

Expenses: \$16,731 (98.2% of budget)

Difference: \$4,863

Benevolence Fund Collections: \$1,478

Missions Collections: \$305

*"Honor God with everything you own;
Give Him the first and the best."
Proverbs 3:9*

PRAYER PETITIONS AND PRAISES

PETITIONS—Pray for:

- Nancy V and family as Nancy's mom passed away. Nancy & Dave are traveling to MN for the service later this week.
- Neighbor, John, who is in the ICU at Harborview after cardiac arrest and a TBI
- Nicole W as she is dealing with several serious health issues
- Dave & Nancy V as they plan to leave Jan 27 for a 3-week trip to do World Renew disaster relief work in Sarasota, FL
- Nancy S as she's been dealing with a respiratory virus since Christmas
- Continued safety and good travel connections for Jacob and Esther on their trip.
- Ongoing wars and sufferings across the world
- Confession and salvation for a loved one
- Continued healing for Bert H, Cindy M, and Sandy C
- Those dealing with health issues who are in various stages of recovery or healing or pain management

PRAISES—Give praise and thanks for:

- One year of clean and sober living for Cindy!
- Wonderful visits with college kids during the holidays

Welcome to Faith Community Fellowship

January 14, 2024

Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am



Running from Grace

Jonah 1:3-16

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Running from Grace—Jonah 1:3-16

We Gather for Worship

Welcome and God's Greeting

Call to Worship

How Great Is Our God

Be Thou My Vision

Nicene Creed

Congregational Life Updates

Offering

Congregational Prayer

Thy Word

**Running from Grace
Jonah 1:3-16**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sending & God's Blessing

All Glory be to Christ

But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. (Jonah 1:3 ESV)

Jonah's flight from Grace

2 good options for responding to God:

Jonah's response:

- "From the presence of the LORD"
- Down
- To Tarshish

God's Omnipresent Presence

Psalm 139

Psalm 55

Are We Running from Grace?

God's Unrelenting Grace

Welcome! We're glad you're here! May you experience God's goodness and grace here today. After the service, please join us for coffee.

A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, located in the hallway.

Children's Bulletins are available for young children.

Greeters: Elaine and Julie

Coffee Servers: Tiffany & Kylie

Nursery: Gail

Spotlight Ministry of the Month:

The Ministry we'll be specifically praying for this month is:

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