

After Worship

- Refreshments will be served in the Family Room by volunteers. All are welcome and encouraged to be part of this time of fellowship.
- If you wish to have private prayer after worship, please speak to a minister.
- Today's parish nurse, Sherry Buckle, is available at the front of the sanctuary to discuss any minor medical concerns.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2017

“THE CHURCH’S FIRST CHANGE”



Grace Presbyterian Church
Calgary, Alberta

VISION

Transforming lives through God's grace

MISSION

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we grow disciples of Jesus Christ to love our neighbours and effect social change

TONIGHT, SUNDAY, MAY 21
Evening Grace, 7:00 pm – 7:50 pm

in the Chapel
Preacher: Stephen Farris

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Morning Worship, 10:30 am
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The Rev. Dr. M. Jean Morris
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris, Guest Minister

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The Rev. Mark Tremblay ♦ minister@knoxcalgary.ca

Musicians

Susan Woodward ♦ Donna Holoboff



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Before the service, speak to God to show reverence.
During the service, let God speak to you to show obedience.
After the service, speak to one another to show friendliness.
(* Please stand as you are able.)

Prelude Allegro Op. 5, No. 3 A. Corelli/K. Norris
Like a River Glorious J. Mountain

Announcements *Stephen Farris*

*Entry of the Bible *Cate Kim*
*Lighting of the Christ Candle *David Telfer*

*Choral Introit A Joyful Noise! R. Artman

*Call to Worship

***HYMN #479 - THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***HYMN #501 - LIVE IN CHARITY**

Scripture Luke 15:3-7 (page 67, New Testament)

Conversation with Young Christians *Deng Lueth*

Prayer for Illumination *Zoë Say*
God our Helper, show us your holy ways and teach us your paths. By your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts so that we may be led in your truth and taught your will. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Scripture Responsive Psalm 122
Acts 6:1-7 (page 107, New Testament)

Sermon **"THE CHURCH'S FIRST CHANGE"**

***HYMN #740 - MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

Prayers of the People *David Todd*

Anthem Sing We the Name of the Lord J.S. Bach

Offering (envelope in box on pew front)
Trusting R. Hughes

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #830 - PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

*Offertory Prayer *Joanne Kellough*

***HYMN #457 - NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

*Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude The Lord is My Light F. Allitsen

Welcome to Grace Church

Today flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Mercy and Bert Matchett, and Melford Nordean by Susan and Lyndon Nordean.

Jean Morris is in Toronto May 19-21 providing leadership at the National Presbyterian Women's Gathering.

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*Please find additional details on our website at
<http://gracechurchcalgary.com>*

FROM THE VISION COMMITTEE - For those of you who are on the Grace email list, you will receive an information summary this week related to the recent decisions of Session regarding the re-alignment of the organization structure to support the new model of ministry. In addition to this emailed summary, a **Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Chapel on June 4 following morning worship and prior to Evening Grace at 5:30 pm.** Elders and members of the Vision Committee will be there to outline the next steps in the process, as well as to highlight the values, vision statement, and the mandate of Session. All are welcome.

ROAD CLOSURES FOR CALGARY MARATHON 2017 - As in past years, vehicular traffic will be affected around the city (and near Grace Church at 17th Avenue SW, 8th and 14th Streets SW), on **Sunday, May 28.** For details about road closures, please see www.calgarymarathon.com/closures.html.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING BESIDE CIBO RESTAURANT – The Grace congregation may use the parking lot immediately south of our church parking lot **on Sunday mornings until 1:00 pm.** The entrance is off 16 Avenue SW, next to the restaurant, Cibo. In order to park in the Cibo lot on Sunday mornings, vehicles **must have an Indigo parking pass and “063” visible.**

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, Monday, May 22, for Victoria Day.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Stephen Farris will continue on **May 25, and June 1** at 6:00 pm, light supper provided at 5:30 pm. All are welcome.

CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE - Following morning worship on **Sunday, May 28**, there will be a workshop on Children at the Lord's Table. In 1987 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church permitted Sessions of individual churches to invite children to participate fully in Communion. Since that time, many congregations have decided to make this change. If you are saying, "Why would we want to do that?", please come. If you feel "It's about time!", please come also. Stephen and Patty Farris will help us consider the theological issues and practical challenges of the question. A light lunch and child care will be provided. The workshop will end at 2:00 pm.

UNCOMMON GRACE - Refugees and immigrants have always been a part of our society, but recently their stories have played out in the mainstream media: sometimes favourably, sometimes not. Join us on **Wednesday, June 14** for a conversation about refugees and immigration, as we work to understand their experiences and answer the question: Who is my neighbour? More information is available at www.gracechurchcalgary.com.

NEIGHBOUR DAY GARAGE SALE - Doing a little spring cleaning? Purchase a table to sell some of your treasures at the Grace Presbyterian Church Community Garage sale! The sale will take place on Neighbour Day, **Saturday, June 17**, in Grace's South parking lot. Tables are \$10 and proceeds go to CUPS. Visit www.gracechurchcalgary.com for details.

GRACE PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Lounge. If you have a prayer request for yourself or someone else, our group would be privileged to lift up these prayers to the Lord, on your behalf.

There is a special 'Prayer Box' in the Alcove area of the church, which is located in the main hall. Please write your prayer need on the paper provided and drop it in this box. Submissions may also be made on our website.

YOUTH NEWS –

- All are invited to our Spring BBQ on **Friday, May 26**. Come on down to Edworthy Park Picnic Site #2 any time after 5:30 pm for smores and other picnic fare, music, and games.
- Exams can be stressful, and sometimes you just need a break. If you need help studying, have any questions, or just want a break from it all, contact Ryan at ryanh@gracecalgary.ca
- **July 24-28 Ride the Rockies** – We are looking for interested youth between ages 14 and 17 to go on a supported bike ride from Banff to Calgary. Contact Ryan Hofer, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, ryanh@gracecalgary.org for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION UNIT – Throughout May, children ages 4 years through Grade 6 are participating in a mission unit entitled Welcoming Refugee Friends to Canada.

As part of our 'mission', our weekly Sunday School offerings in May will go to the Presbyterian World Service & Development's refugee ministry. For every dollar donated, a footprint will be added to the Refugee Footpath, a display in the Family Room.

We invite the entire congregation to join us by watching for updates, viewing the information posted each week on the Sunday School bulletin board in the Family Room, and donating towards our project. Look for the Footpath donation containers in the Family Room during the fellowship time.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gail Smith at gailsmith@gracecalgary.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARTIN BLAKE, a long-time volunteer with Alberta Golf, who was inducted on May 17 into the Alberta Golf Hall of Fame in recognition of his many years of distinguished service.

**CALGARY CREATIVE ARTS ENSEMBLE (CCAЕ) PRESENTS:
Art Pepper + II**

Saturday, May 27, 7:30 pm at Grace Church

Join the CCAE as they present the Art Pepper + II songbook featuring classic jazz selections arranged by Marty Paich and others. CCAE co-leader/saxophonist Mark DeJong plays the Art Pepper chair with additional soloists. Tickets \$15-\$25 - available at the door or in advance at eventbrite.ca.

A Not So Simple Supper

A Catered Dinner Party hosted by YYC Campus Ministry

Saturday, June 3, 6:30 pm

Scarboro United Church, 134 Scarboro Avenue SW

Tickets are available through yycampusministry.com.

See details on our bulletin board across from the church office.

A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA MISSION MOMENT

Hope lives here!

Presbyterians Sharing helps Toronto's ARISE Ministry offer outreach, case management and pastoral care to victims of human trafficking and people involved in the sex trade.

As part of this ministry,

the Rev. Deb Rapport sets out once a week at midnight with one or two others to chat with women they meet and find out if they are okay. They hand out hand sanitizer, tissues, lip gloss, chocolate and emergency numbers – and even more importantly, a sign that someone cares. Deb shares, “ARISE Ministry is where hope lives! What a profoundly awe-inspiring experience to see hope take hold in someone’s life. Please pray for ARISE as we continue to plant, tend and care for the seeds of hope growing in the lives of individuals involved in the sex trade.”

Presbyterians Sharing shines a light in the darkness

