



Photo: World Vision Inc., children given clean drinking water

## Special

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### 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.

### Minister

The Rev. Dr. M. Jean Morris  
Associate Minister, Pastoral Care

### Presbytery Representative

The Rev. Mark Tremblay  
[minister@knoxcalgary.ca](mailto:minister@knoxcalgary.ca)

### Musicians

Susan Woodward, Music Director  
Donna Holoboff, Organist



*This morning, flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of former members by the Trinity group.*

## Order of Worship

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

(There is information in the bulletin about Sunday School and Nursery for newcomers)

Prelude	Classic Prelude Chorale Prelude Old 100 <sup>th</sup> Since I Have Been Redeemed	G. Young A. Rowley arr. J. Spong
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Announcements		<i>Jim Campbell</i>
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*Entry of the Bible		<i>Jin Lee-Jones</i>
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*Lighting of the Christ Candle		<i>David Telfer</i>
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**Choral Introit    HYMN 501, Live in Charity**

*Call to Worship		<i>The Rev. Harry Currie</i>
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**\*HYMN 407    Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Prayers of Approach

**God we praise you for the ways you have reached out to us.  
Through water and spirit you have made us part of your family.  
You have loved us, saved us, healed us, and given us your own  
power of love and grace. Help us to live with joy in this family into  
which we have been accepted.**

**God, you have made us into family but we confess that we often  
exclude others. God you have loved us, and we have hated some.**

**You have saved us, and we have failed to offer a hand to those in need. You have healed us and we have caused hurt. You have given us the power of love and grace and we have used the power of control and might. Forgive us. Immerse us again in your Spirit that we would be the people you want us to be, we pray in Christ's name who taught us to pray together.**

**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.**

#### Declaration of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel. God is love and you are precious in his sight. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

#### **\*HYMN 691      My Shepherd Is The King Of Love**

#### Conversation with Young Christians

#### Prayer for Illumination

**God, sometimes your voice is heard in surprising ways, in a conversation, at the movies, while we are alone. Sometimes God, your voice is heard in expected ways, through the written and spoken word. Grant us the grace to look and hear and listen, and the courage to be your word of love to others.**

Scripture      Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 631, Old Testament)  
Psalm 100 (King James Version), Refrain 1  
1 Peter 2:9-10 (page 206, New Testament)  
Luke 3:15-22 (page 52, New Testament)

Sermon      **SPECIAL**



**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO CONSIDER THE CALL** - In order to provide time for discernment regarding the call for the Lead Minister for Grace, the congregational meeting will be held on December 3 following morning worship. *Child care will be available.* **A CONGREGATIONAL LETTER** was sent via email on Thursday, November 16. The letter includes important information about Rev. Currie preaching for the call, the congregational meeting, and vote. If you didn't receive this letter, please check the website at [gracechurchcalgary.com](http://gracechurchcalgary.com). Copies are also available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

**After Work Coffee House – Friday, December 1, 7:00 pm, at Caffe Beano**

Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Roberto DeSandoli invites you to join us for an evening of coffee and conversation on faith, culture, and current issues. The best part? Coffee/tea is on us! Please contact Roberto for more information ([robertod@gracecalgary.org](mailto:robertod@gracecalgary.org))

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS, 'PEACE HOPE LIGHT', REFLECTIONS ON THE WRITINGS OF C.S. LEWIS** – Daily readings for Advent are available for pick up in the Library.

**TRINITY GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held tomorrow, Monday, November 27 at 12:00 pm in the Family Room/Lounge.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING** – Joni Ernter is asking for support for an "Adopt a Family" initiative which involves 12 young women (some with young families, some without children). If you would like to learn more about this project, please see Joni Ernter after church or phone at 403.255.8726. Deadline is Sunday, December 3.

**GLAD TIDINGS 2018** – It's time to subscribe for the Glad Tidings magazine of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The price for six issues is \$15.75. Sample issues are available in the Library. The magazine challenges Christian men and women with articles related to mission and social justice issues, locally, nationally, and internationally. Past articles have highlighted "our own" Zoe Say and Jean Clelland! To order, contact Fran Cormack, 403.245.2998 or [franhvc@shaw.ca](mailto:franhvc@shaw.ca). ***The deadline is December 1.***

**GRACE CHURCH CHOIR IS THE GUEST CHOIR AT NORTHMOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH HYMN SING –**

Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 pm

Northmount Baptist Church, 451 Northmount Drive NW

Everyone welcome!

**GIFT CARDS DONATIONS ON DECEMBER 17** – On Sunday, December 17, gift cards for food (for example: Safeway, Sobey's Calgary Co-op, Walmart) may be donated. These cards will be provided to the pastoral staff to distribute throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity as we live our vision of transforming lives through God's grace. Please place gift cards on the offering plates on December 17 at both morning and evening services.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**10:30 am** Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sacrament of Holy Communion)

**4:30 pm** A Service for Families with Young Children

**8:00 pm** Carols and Choir

**VOLUNTEER USHERS FOR "A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS"** – There is still an opportunity to usher at the upcoming CPO concerts. Ushers provide warm greetings and welcome and friendly assurance to each person who enters the sanctuary of Grace Church. If you are interested in ushering at one of the concerts, please see the sheet on the bulletin board near the Family Room to sign up.

*The concert is presented by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and will be held at Grace on:*

**Thursday, November 30, 7:00 pm**

**Friday, December 1, 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 2, 2:00 pm**

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Celebrate the spirit of the season and hear a selection of sacred and secular holiday favourites. To purchase tickets, please see: [www.calgaryphil.com](http://www.calgaryphil.com).

**FROM PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT (PWS&D)** - Until November 28, 2017, every dollar donated by Canadians in response to the Rohingya refugee crisis will be matched by the Government of Canada through its Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund. You can make a donation to PWS&D by mailing a cheque to the office, donating online or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark all donations as "Rohingya Crisis."

### To Visitors with Children

We are thankful for the presence of infants and children in our sanctuary, though if you wish, we do offer programming for kids during the service.

**Nursery** - Care is available for children age 3 and younger; an usher can lead you to the Nursery at any time.

**Sunday School and Christmas Pageants** - All children ages 4 through Grade 6 are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for the Conversation with Young Christians; afterward, the children are welcome to go downstairs to the Dining Hall for a time of Christmas carols with Fran Cormack, Elizabeth Young, Tara Grant, and Irene Robinson.

This morning, after the children's caroling time, pageant rehearsals will take place, also in the Dining Hall. All are invited to join us - there is room for everyone, even if you are visiting us for the first time! In addition to pageant rehearsals, there will be activities focusing on hospitality and God's promise of peace.

Christmas Pageant information:

December 3: "The Party"

December 10: "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"

December 17: "The Good News Flash"

There are still roles available for our pageants! Please speak to your children and let us know if they haven't received a part yet and would like to participate!

Would you like more information about our children's programs and teams? Contact Joanne Kellough at [joannek@gracecalgary.org](mailto:joannek@gracecalgary.org) or 403.244.5861.

## Following Worship

- Please speak to the minister after worship if you wish to have private prayer.
- Refreshments will be served in the Family Room following worship. All are welcome to be part of this time of fellowship.

## Upcoming Worship Services

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

#### **Morning Worship, 10:30 am, Sacrament of Holy Communion followed by the Congregational Meeting to consider the Call**

Guest Minister: The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

*The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart is Associate Professor at St. Andrew's Hall at The University of British Columbia. Ross is the Director of Denominational Formation at The Vancouver School of Theology where he teaches courses in Reformed Worship, Creeds and Confessions as well as Evangelism and Catechesis. He is the founding Director of The Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall with experiments in church planting and New Monasticism. Ross also teaches Pastoral Care at Regent College. Ross is author of "Lessons from Laodicea: Missional Leadership in a Culture of Affluence" and his forthcoming work "Beyond Snakes and Shamrocks: St. Patrick's Missional Leadership Lessons for Today" will be published in 2018. Ross lives in North Vancouver with his wife, Laura, and their three children where he serves as Minister-in-Association at St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.*

#### **Evening Grace, 7:00 pm to 7:50 pm in the Chapel**

Sacrament of Holy Communion – The Rev. Mark Tremblay, Celebrant  
Preacher – Roberto DeSandoli, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

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