



The Gospel: Free of Charge

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.

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Evening Grace

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymn 663 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Prayer of Confession

Hymn 739 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace of Christ

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture I Corinthians 9:16-23

Sermon THE GOSPEL: FREE OF CHARGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn 480 In Christ There is No East or West

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Healing Prayer and Laying on of Hands

TAKING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 570 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Commissioning God's People

Blessing God's People

Postlude

I Corinthians 9: 16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Welcome to Grace Church

The Friendship Club will gather for lunch and fellowship on **Friday, February 9** at 11:30 am in the Lounge. Singles and couples are most welcome. To assist in preparations, new members are asked to contact the church office at 403.244.5861 by Wednesday, February 7 to confirm their attendance. Money is collected to cover the lunch costs.

GraceFull Seniors – Thursday, February 15 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

People have a long history of storytelling. It's the way we get to know each other and build relationships and community. Tyler Williams, Grace's Communications Coordinator, will speak about ways Grace is using technology to share our story with the neighbourhood and city that surround us. Lunch will be served. Please confirm your attendance by *Tuesday, February 13 at noon* to the church office, 403.244.5861.

Grace Bethany, a women's group, will meet on **Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00 pm** in the Dining Hall. New members and visitors are welcome.

Library News – Two books by the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks are now available in our library. Check the wire display racks to sign out one of her books:

Growing Up With God uses stories to explore a child's faith and life;

Invisible We See You traces Celtic threads through Christian Community.

Community Feast: Supper and Scripture will run on **Wednesday evenings until February 14**. The study will commence at **6:00 pm with a light meal provided**, and **conclude by 7:30 pm**. This is a weekly, lectionary-based Bible study. The Lectionary is a list of scripture readings scheduled to be read at a church service. Grace uses lectionary readings both for its worship services and for its Sunday School lessons. The study will use the same lectionary texts but two weeks advanced (so February 7 will cover February 18 texts). This Wednesday the texts are Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15. Please advise the church office at 403.244.5861 or office@gracecalgary.org if you plan to attend.

Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) Family-Friendly Walk: Saturday, February 24 starting at 5:00 pm at the Eau Claire Market. The "Grace Presbyterian Go-Getters Team" is ready to go and welcomes everyone who would like to join in this 2 km or 5 km walk. You can learn more about the Calgary walk and also make an online donation to the Grace Presbyterian Go-Getters Team by going to cnoy.org/location/Calgary. Team Captain Lesley Lee (leelj@telus.net) welcomes any questions that you might have.

Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

English Language Learners (ELL) Program Volunteers - Our ELL program has been so popular that we are in need of additional volunteers to help newcomers to Canada improve their spoken English language skills. The program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon.

Sunday School and High School Class Helpers Needed - The Grace family delights in the presence of the children and is thankful for our vibrant Sunday School. Helpers are needed to assist our dedicated teachers by being present once a month to help the children with class activities. No lesson planning is required.

Please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at 403.244.5861 or cindys@gracecalgary.org if you would like to learn more.

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, February 11, 2018

10:30 am

Preaching: Jean Morris

A service recognizing the ministry of the Women's Fellowship
Worship leadership provided by members of the Women's Fellowship

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm in the Chapel

"Ashes to Go" – 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm

Ministry staff at Grace will be on the front steps of Grace offering "Ashes to Go" to our Beltline neighbours following the worship service in the Chapel. The receiving of ashes is open to everyone who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ as well as those who strive to. Ashes (a mixture of burnt palm branches and oil) are placed cross shaped on the receiver's forehead by the leader's thumb, accompanied by the instruction to "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Though this practice and these words may seem strange at first, they are meant as a prayerful, somber, and ultimately peaceful reminder that even though this life is temporary, in Jesus Christ we have eternal life.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

10:30 am

An intergenerational service of children and adults together in worship

Evening Grace: Local Preaching, Local Witness

Evening Grace is an evening worship service held every first and third Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 7:50pm in the Chapel. Starting February 18, join your Beltline neighbours at Evening Grace for a four-part sermon series that will explore critical issues for the church and the world:

February 18

March 4

March 18

April 1

Idolatry

Faith and Hypocrisy

False Prophets

Christian "Mission" in 2018

Contact Young Adult Ministry Coordinator Roberto DeSandoli for more information (robertod@gracecalgary.org).

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