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Doormat Discipleship or Chameleon Christianity?

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
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Musicians

Susan Woodward, Music Director
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Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 40:21-31 (page 627, Old Testament)
Responsive Psalm 147:1-11,20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (page 150, New Testament)
Mark 1:29-39 (page 30, New Testament)

Sermon **Doormat Discipleship or Chameleon Christianity?**

***HYMN 649 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord**

Prayers of the People

Anthem Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. R. Lau

Congregation invited to join for last verse:

**Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring,
all who have life and breath, come with glad praises outpouring!
Let the amen sound from God's people again,
now and forever adoring!**

Offering (envelope in box on pew in front)
Jerusalem, My Happy Home

R. Lau

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN 79 - Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Offertory Prayer *Marney Hill*

***HYMN 769 Lord of Light, Whose Name and Splendour**

*Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. J. Innes

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip, Edith, and John Wolstenholme, and Liz Ikonikov by their family.

Following Worship

- Please speak to Jean Morris if you wish to have private prayer.
- Today's parish nurse, Sherry Buckle, is available at the front of the sanctuary to discuss any minor medical concerns.
- Refreshments will be served in the Family Room. All are welcome to be part of this time of fellowship.

Welcome to Grace Church

Today we welcome The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart to Grace. Dr. 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.

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 Vivian Scott at 403.281.8294 or email vscott13@telus.net by Wednesday, February 7 to confirm their attendance. Money is collected to cover the lunch costs.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Ushers Needed – Ushering teams help welcome worshippers, direct newcomers around the building, receive and count the offering, read the offertory prayers, and help with emergencies.

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.

Self Service Coffee Volunteer Request – We continue to request volunteers to assist after the morning service with setup of the self-service coffee stations. We are looking for two or three people to help each Sunday. **If you can help, please sign the list** posted in the Family Room. Thank you! Complete instructions for setting up the coffee stations can be found in the kitchen.

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

TONIGHT, Sunday, February 4, 2018
Evening Grace, 7:00 pm – 7:50 pm in the Chapel
Preaching: Roberto DeSandoli

Sunday, February 11, 2018

10:30 am

Preaching: Jean Morris

A service recognizing the ministry of the Women's Fellowship.

Leadership in worship will be offered 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 Idolatry

March 4

Faith and Hypocrisy

March 18 False Prophets

April 1

Christian “Mission” in 2018

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

Thankful for 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.

Weekly programs are available for all children up to Grade 12.

Sunday School - Sunday School is available for children age 4 to Grade 6.

This morning, the Sunday School children will learn about sharing God's grace through acts of love and service, and how acts of service can be acts of gratitude! They will discover how God's message is shown through Jesus' work of healing, praying, and preaching.

For more information about our children's programs and teaching teams, please contact Joanne, Interim Sunday School Coordinator, at joannek@gracecalgary.org or 403.244.5861.

Youth Group - All youth in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to join us for fellowship and conversation. We sit in the Sanctuary near the piano and will depart for the downstairs Youth Group room following the Conversation with Young Christians. Please see an usher if you are uncertain about finding this room. For more information, please contact Roberto DeSandoli, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, at robertod@gracecalgary.org or 403.244.5861.

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