“If you are the Son of God”

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.

Musicians
Susan Woodward, Music Director
Donna Holoboff, Organist

Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Lead Minister, Vision, Worship and Discipleship

The Rev. Maren McLean Persaud
Associate Minister, Children and Youth

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

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
Associate Minister, Engagement and Service
Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able.

LARGE PRINT COPIES of today’s hymns are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are worshiping at Grace for the first time. Your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together. You are invited to fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or to reach out to us through our website.

Prelude

Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen
Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High (Partita I-V)

G. Martin
J. Engel

Announcements

Nick Athanasiadis

*Entry of the Bible

Stephen Petzold

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Riley Doherty

*Choral Introit

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Arr. R. Lau

*Call To Worship (PWS&D insert)

Laurie Livingstone

*Hymn 407

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Jean Morris

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

The Lord’s Prayer #831 (sung)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 57

You who dwell in the shelter (verses 1, 3, 4)
CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS  
(Maren McLean Persaud)  
(All children and youth may leave for their Church School classes.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
(Richard Wilson)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE  
Responsive Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 (refrain 1)  
(page 53, New Testament)

SERMON  
"If you are the Son of God"

HYMN 197  
Forty days and forty nights

ANTHEM  
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms  
Arr. M. Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING (envelope in box on pew in front)  
Psalm 139  
A Pote  
Duet: Brenda Bjolverud & Tara Grant

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

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\text{Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;}
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\text{Praise God above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.}
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Today the flowers in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in memory of beloved parents and siblings who have gone before, from the Wolstenholme family.

A Word of Thanks

- The music ministry of Grace would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, Rob McDonald’s very thoughtful and generous donation of a Baldwin baby grand piano for use in the music auditorium. The piano is a very beautiful black ebony with a lovely, lush tone. You are welcome to come and see it. Thank you Rob!

- Thank you to the gracious individuals who are helping us as volunteer receptionists! This is a tremendous assistance for our office staff.

- Another thank you to all those who helped with hospitality for the Shrove Tuesday Packcake Supper and the two Book Studies.
Following Worship

• **Refreshments** will be served in the Family Room. All are welcome to be part of this time of fellowship.

• **Today: Church School for Parents** Topic: Your Kid and Communion
  Parents and Guardians are invited to join their children downstairs following the conversation with young Christians before attending their own “class” in the boardroom with Rev. Maren. We’ll discuss communion at Grace and what child and youth participation in communion would mean and look like.

• Copies of the 2018 Annual Report and the 2018 Financial Statements are available in the Family Room after service.

For Your Information
Please note that we are currently conducting snow removal maintenance around the Bell Tower portion of our roof.

Upcoming Worship Services

**Sunday, March 17, 10:30 am** – Second Sunday in Lent - All Ages Worship
Guest Preacher: Guy Smagghe, Director, Presbyterian World Service & Development

• Torin Bradley Shaw Purdy, son of Brad and Shannon Purdy, will be received into the membership of Christ’s church through the sacrament of baptism.

• Immediately following morning worship on March 17, a **Congregational Meeting** will be held in the Sanctuary. The Congregation will be asked to consider the 2018 Annual Report and the 2018 Financial Statements, as well as other appropriate business.
Earlybird pricing ends April 1
Register now for Preaching Grace 2019 and enjoy new Early Bird pricing ($35; $55 for 2 by April 1. Senior/student pricing $25; $35 for 2. Includes lunch.) This year’s speaker, the Reverand Lillian Daniel, helps you learn to stop apologizing for your religion and share your faith story instead. She’s a prominent American preacher, speaker and writer known for engaging lay people with humour and stories, being featured in the New York Times and on PBS, and writing work described as “biting, hilarious, pitch perfect, tender, and often stunningly beautiful.” The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel’s latest book is Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don’t Belong To. Register now and get full details for 2019 at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event-items/preaching-grace-2019/.

Life and Work at Grace Church

Wednesdays March 6 through April 3
Meal 5:30 pm; Weekly Book Study 6:30-7:45 pm
God and Human Suffering: An Exercise in the Theology of the Cross, by Douglas John Hall

“The trouble with most answers – including the answers that popular Christianity is ready to offer at bargain prices, is that they are usually provided by persons who have not lived long enough with the questions.” –DJH

This text aims to be a thoughtful reflection on a complicated and emotional issue. Sign up sheets are available online or on the Bulletin Board in the hallway.
In preparation for our second session, please read chapter 2 Paged 49-72.

Tuesday, March 12
Grace Bethany is a women’s group that meets monthly for a time of learning and fellowship. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, March 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend.
Saturday March 16
Meet & Greet with the PWS&D Director. This is a unique opportunity to meet with Guy Smagghe and learn firsthand about the work of PWS&D around the world.
Saturday March 16, 1:30 – 3:00 PM at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church
4612 Varsity Drive NW, Calgary.

Sunday, March 17:
Tired Of Apologizing For A Church I Don’t Belong To book study begins this evening
The simple shared meal begins at 5:00 pm in Grace’s Dining Hall followed by study and discussion of Part 2 (ch. 7-15) of the Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel’s Tired of Apologizing For A Church I Don’t Belong To at 5:45 pm and Evening Grace at 7:00 pm.
At Evening Grace themes from Tired of Apologizing For A Church I Don’t Belong To will be explored. The themes are:
• March 17: The Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis: The Mystery of Religion
• April 7: Real, Reasonable, Rigorous: Where does this point the church? The Rev. Jake Van Pernis will talk about ways to be real, be reasonable, and be rigorous as a community of faith.

New Members Class March 22-23 – Are you interested in exploring what it could mean to be a member of Grace Presbyterian Church? If you’re wondering or would just like to learn more about Grace, please join us on Friday night March 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm and Saturday morning from 9:30-11:30 am. Reception of new members will be on Sunday April 14. Please contact the office by phone 403.244.5861 or at office@gracecalgary.org

Wednesday, March 27
The Beltline Reconciliation Committee proudly presents “What does Reconciliation mean?, a panel discussion.” The event will take place on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 PM at the Memorial Park Library. To register for the event please call: Joan Farkas (403) 476-7176 during office hours, or see the poster on the bulletin board.

Sunday, March 31
The Foothills Brass Quintet, with guests, Grace Presbyterian Church Choir, and Ambrose University Singers, present “Down by the Riverside, Spring Songs and Spirituals”, Sunday, March 31, 2:30 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church. Admission by donation.

Saturday, May 25
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church is cohosting with the Aboriginal Friendship Centre an “Aboriginal Awareness” event on the afternoon of 25 May 2019. Our broad objective is to extend and expand mutual understanding and acceptance within our respective communities. Our immediate objective on that day is to offer Calgary citizens an opportunity to join us for an afternoon of education, experience, and fun for all ages. You’re all invited!

The opening ceremony will take place at 1:30 PM in front of two tipis, and with the flags of Canada, local First Nations and Metis flying. Educational activities by volunteers from First Nations will include art classes, bead work, and native dancing, sometimes with audience participation. Local aboriginal vendors will be on site, drumming and dancing will take place throughout the event, and a bison feast will conclude the day. There is no charge for your attendance! **St. Andrews is at 703 Heritage Drive SW, 500 m west of the C-train Heritage Station.**

**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 conversational English language skills. The program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers at cindys@gracecalgary.org for more information.

Do you have gifts in **developing strategies and overseeing their implementation**? Several of our **Session Committees** would greatly benefit from your expertise. The Committees typically meet once each month. Please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, cindys@gracecalgary.org to learn more about this or other volunteer opportunities.

**2018 Tax Receipts** were mailed out by the office last week and **2019 Offering envelopes** can be now picked up during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30).