

BATHED IN THE SPIRIT

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.



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.

Values

Belonging, Community, Compassion, Engagement, and Service

The Rev. Greg Smith
Interim Moderator

The Rev. Maren McLean Persaud (on leave)
Associate Minister, Children and Youth

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

The Rev. Christian Persaud
Interim Pastoral Care Leader

Kate Van Pernis
Children and Youth Coordinator

Matt Kallio
Interim Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:
www.gracechurchcalgary.com



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Order of Worship

In a spirit of respect and truth we honour and acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

Prelude **Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ** Johann Sebastian Bach †

Welcome and Announcements **Joanne Kellough**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit **The Baptism of Christ** Andrew March

Call to Worship

Hymn **# 314 God is love: come heaven, adoring** †

Prayer of Adoration **The Rev. Christian Persaud**

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn **# 400 Spirit of the living God** †

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination **Jan Dewar**

Scripture **Isaiah 42: 1-9**
Psalm 29 (responsive)
Acts 10: 34-38
Matthew 3: 13-17

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Sermon **Bathed in the Spirit**

Hymn **# 183 Christ, when for us you were baptized**

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Reception of New Member

Welcome from Elder

Questions for New Member

Affirming Our Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

Prayers of the People 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem **The Baptism of Christ**

Andrew March†

Prayer for Our Offering

Hymn **# 574 With the Lord as my Guide**

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Benediction

Choral Amen # 780

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Postlude **A trumpet tune, called Cebell**

Henry Purcell*

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Music Notes

J.S. Bach “Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ”

One of **J.S. Bach’s** shorter chorale preludes, “**Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ**” is based on an ancient plainsong circa 1400, revised in Wittenburg in 1524. The text to the chorale translated goes as follows:



*“All praise to Jesus’ hallowed name,
Who of the virgin pure became,
True man for us! The angels sing,
As the glad news to earth they bring!
Kyrie Eleison!”*

In this beautiful, short composition, typical of Bach’s style, he treats the chorale (hymn) tune fugally. Developing it through entries of the subject and augmentation, especially in the soprano voice.

H. Purcell “A Trumpet Tune called Cebell”

Our postlude “**A Trumpet Tune called Cebell**” by the great English baroque composer **Henry Purcell** is a delightful trumpet tune. A piece labelled “trumpet tune” does not actually denote using a literal trumpet, rather, it is meant to imitate the idiosyncrasies of a trumpet during this era. Typically this allows for brilliant flourishes, trills, or dotted rhythms.

Life and Work at Grace Church



Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in-person.
- ◇ Livestreamed to watch anytime at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/
- ◇ The South Sudanese community meets Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ The Anyuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

January 8 Reception of new Member

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis

January 15

The Rev. Sabino Diok

Minister Away

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis will be away on vacation from Wednesday, January 11 - Sunday, January 22.

Grace Kids

Church school is resuming Sunday, January 8 and all children and youth are invited to join their class at the *Time with Young Christians*.

Welcome New Member

Carol Latter moved to Calgary from Winnipeg in August of 2021 to be closer to her family, having retired from a varied career in banking and insurance. Her interest in the Performing Arts and several years of professional voice training resulted in seven seasons as a chorister with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Winnipeg and ten seasons with the Manitoba Opera in addition to community and church choirs. At her previous church, Carol served on several committees, volunteered as a lay liturgist, registrar for the bi-weekly food bank, chair of the Board and conducted over 100 weddings as a commissioner for marriages. Carol is delighted to have found a new church home at Grace.

Please Note: Given the sharp increase of hospitalization for respiratory illnesses, Session strongly encourages wearing a mask in the building. Please note masks and hand sanitizer are available at the north and south entrances to the sanctuary and throughout the building. Please be diligent at coffee hour as well. Session will review this recommendation at its monthly meetings.



REMINDER: Grace Church wishes to be a safe place of worship for all. Please avoid wearing scents to in-person gatherings so those with chemical sensitivities may also attend.

Grace Updates



Lead Minister Search Committee Update

The Lead Minister Search committee continues to appreciate your supportive comments and your prayers. We had a busy December with new applications and interviews and remain confident that God is leading us to the right candidate at the right time. We will meet again in early January to discuss next steps and will provide another update then. Meanwhile, we are thankful for our blessings at this joyous time of year.

Sincerely,

Janet Hyde (Co-convener), Clark Hanna (Co-convener), Flora Stephenson, Jennifer Lee, Elizabeth Cressman, Jan Dewar, Greg Retzer

Grace Study Group

Grace Bethany is launching a six-month pilot project starting Wednesday, January 11, introducing:

God's Grace in Scripture (10:00 - 11:00 a.m.) An interactive Bible study based on the scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, and

Grieving in God's Grace (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) A time to grow in understanding and care for those who are experiencing grief.

All are welcome! Participate in *God's Grace in Scripture* and/or *Grieving in God's Grace*, or just come for fellowship (11:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Wednesday mornings at Grace. Join us when you can. No RSVP required.

Parking: Please use the north parking lot and use the west Chapel entrance. Accessible parking is available near the west entrance. Remember to register your vehicle when you arrive.

For more information, email Barbara Henson at office@gracecalgary.org.

The Grace Bethany Team: Barbara Henson, Elizabeth Cressman, Chandra Mannix, Noreen Howard, Norma Hunchak

Grace in Community



Evolving Culture: Becoming Earth-Care Stewards

Grace has been learning about and sharing how to be a good Earth Stewards. Here is how buying local helps our community as well as the Earth.

Why Buy Local

The multiplier effect is the amount of local economic activity that is triggered by the purchase of one item. The more a dollar circulates in an area, and the faster it circulates, the more income, wealth and jobs it creates.

At the grocery store, when we purchase a tomato grown locally, the money spent at the grocery store will pay the distributor, who will pay the grower. The grower will pay staff, who will go to restaurants, movies and so on. However, when we purchase a tomato grown in California, for instance, the grocer will pay the distributor, who will pay the importer, who will pay the wholesaler... The money for the California tomato doesn't stay in the community. When we're choosing between those two tomatoes, it's important to remember:

- ◆ for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$68 recirculates and remains in the local economy
- ◆ small local businesses are our largest employer with 90% of new jobs being created by locally owned businesses
- ◆ local businesses create a stronger tax base, which creates better public services
- ◆ many of the food items at the grocery store travel over 1500 miles to reach our plate
- ◆ consumers in regions with more local businesses travel 26% fewer vehicle miles
- ◆ local businesses typically set up in existing buildings which means less urban sprawl, habitat loss and pollution
- ◆ small businesses donate 2.5 times more per employee to local non-profit and charitable causes
- ◆ online shopping produced over 465 million pounds of plastic packaging waste in 2019
- ◆ Local businesses create uniqueness within a community. They select products based on local interests and typically have better service.

Our spending habits have great impacts beyond what we place in our shopping bags or online shopping carts. Shopping locally helps the environment by decreasing pollution from transportation, reducing waste and reducing packaging.

Sources and more information:

<https://sustainontario.com/2012/07/04/multiplier-effect/> <https://sustainableconnections.org/why-buy-local/> <https://shopappy.com/blog/post/how-does-shopping-locally-help-the-environment>
<http://gogreen.org/blog/the-environmental-benefits-of-buying-locally>

Volunteer Opportunities volunteers@gracecalgary.org

Audio-Visual Assistants

Grace continues to live-stream Sunday morning worship (and other events, as appropriate) and so we are hoping for several volunteers to help operate the new Audio-Visual equipment. Training will be provided.

Church School Leaders

Another season of the Church School begins January 8. Please consider whether you might be called to support the faith formation of our children by helping with a Church School class one Sunday per month.

Worship Leaders

It's terrific to be increasing the number of participants sharing in the leadership of worship each week. Are you interested in helping with reading scripture or leading prayer?

Please contact our Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson at volunteers@gracecalgary.org to learn more about the many opportunities to volunteer at Grace.

Thank you

We are so grateful for the time and talent volunteered by Freda Pascoe and Mary Jardine who regularly help in the Church Office. Thank you both!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously donated to Grace's annual RESET Christmas gift bags. Each of the 30 young women is very grateful for the love, caring and support Grace shows. Thanks go also to Joni Ermter, Norma Hunchak, Broda Stuart and Lizabetann Purcell who helped put together and deliver the gift bags.

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