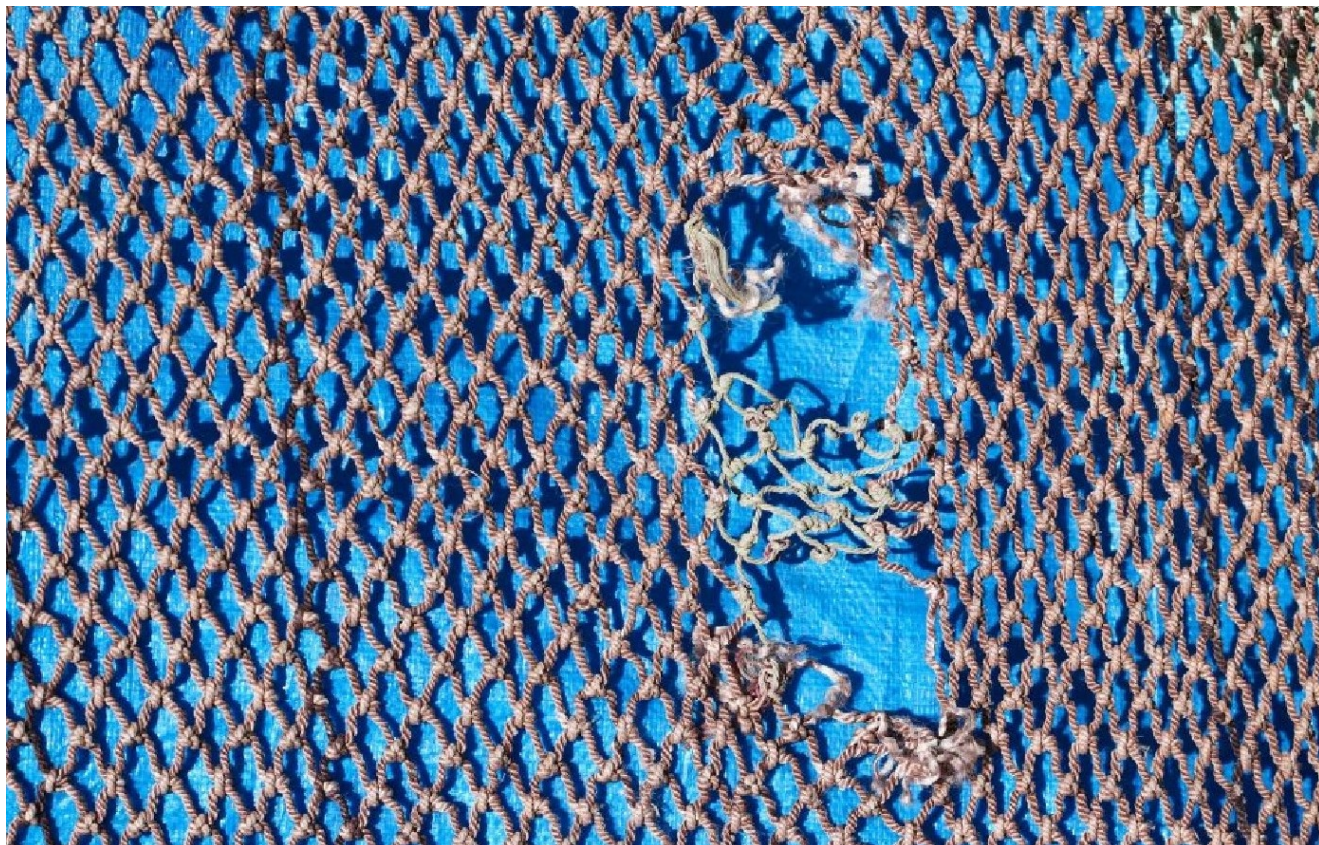


Knit Together

January 22, 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



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 **Prelude in G major** BWV884 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) †

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet

Introit **O Come Let Us Worship** Richard Shepherd †

Call to Worship

Hymn **# 472 We are God's people** Words: Bryan Jeffery Leech *
Arr: Fred Bock

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 **# 480 In Christ there is no east or west** †

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Karen Kim

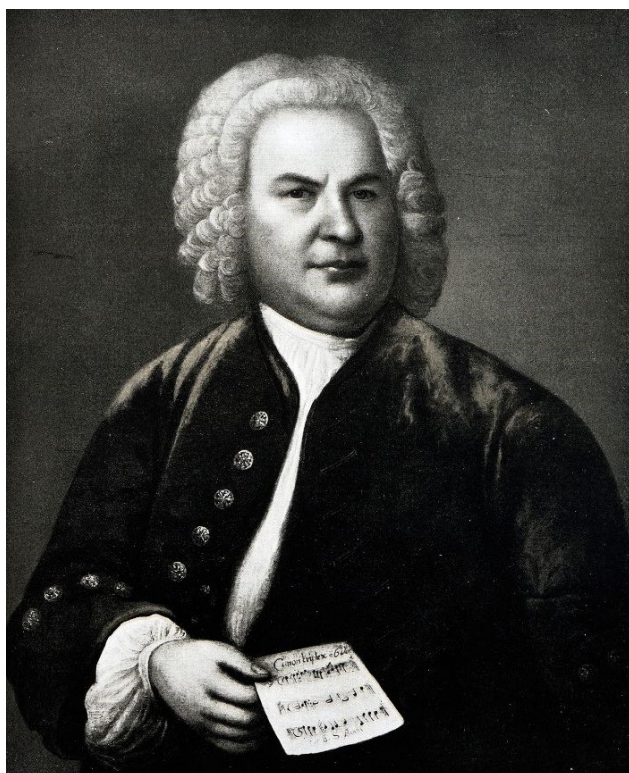
Music Notes



Prelude and Fugue in G major – J.S. Bach

Today's prelude and postlude originally come from **Johann Sebastian Bach's** great masterpiece "Das Wohltemperierte Klavier" (The Well-Tempered Clavier) - a monumental collection of 48 preludes and fugues in every musical key. In it, Bach further demonstrates his incomparable mastery of counterpoint. Each set (prelude and fugue) has a unique character and displays brilliant writing. In the manuscript copy, Bach inscribed the following: "*for the profit and use of musical youth desirous of learning, and especially for the pastime of those already skilled in this study*".

Since the Bach revival around the 1840's, this seminal work has been essential food for all musicians, inspiring and teaching generations of artists from jazz to pop to classical. Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven all profited from studying, copying and learning from this work. Its influence on Western music cannot be overstated.



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 22

The Rev. Christian Persaud

January 29

The Rev. Greg Smith

The Rev. Greg Smith is minister at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, here in Calgary and has been appointed as our Interim Moderator, actively working with Grace's Lead Minister Search Committee and Session. Greg previously served at churches in Ontario.

Committee Convenors and Session Liaisons Lunch N Learn

Committee Convenors and Session Liaisons please be reminded of a lunch meeting scheduled following fellowship Sunday, January 29. Convenors, if unable to attend, are asked to please arrange a committee alternate.

Please Note: Given the hospitalization for respiratory illnesses, Session supports 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 reviews 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



Session Highlights

At its regular meeting on January 9, the Session:

- opened with reflection on Matthew 2:1-20, the season of Epiphany and revelation, recognizing that in every journey to revelation, there will be detours, wrong turns and opportunities to be better
- expressed gratitude for the sense that the congregation is largely reconnecting and engaging. There are still many pastoral needs
- discussed key trends and 2022 results reported by Amy Dunn Moscoso, Grace's Communications Specialist. These will be shared with the congregation in the upcoming newsletter, including the data on on-line worship viewers (average 94 per week) and website viewers (average 137 per day)
- approved updates to the Roll, which now stands at 389 professing members and 161 adult adherents, for a total of 550 adults
- agreed to a process starting in February to consider opportunities for innovations and improvements regarding how we use our resources to effect our ministries consistent with our Mission and Values
- approved the Workplan for the Ad Hoc Stewardship Committee, which will encourage gratitude and generosity with time, talent and treasure in support of our ministries
- received an update from the Lead Minister Search Committee and various correspondence
- closed with prayer

Wednesday Morning Study

God's Grace in Scripture (10:00 - 11:00 a.m.), is 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.), looks to grow understanding and care for those experiencing grief.

Participate in either, both, or just come for fellowship (11:00 - 11:30 a.m.). All are welcome! Join us when you can. No RSVP required.

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

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

The Bible study/grief circles team: Barbara Henson, Elizabeth Cressman, Chandra Mannix, Norma Hunchak

Ruby Walker Library

Grace's Library Committee encourages the congregation to check out the wire racks for two additions: *500 Prayers for Young People* by Martin Saunders and *How Comfortable Is Your Church?* by Rev. Major John Fraser (Associate Minister at Grace from 1982 to 1992.)

Grace is hiring! Admin Support

Grace Church is recruiting for a part-time Admin Support position. A detailed job description is on our website at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news.

Application deadline is Monday, February 6, 2023.



Grace Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – Tuesday evening, February 21st

Grace congregation and community members are invited to a simple pancake dinner in Grace's gym in preparation for the season of Lent. More information and a RSVP page will be on Grace's website in the coming weeks. If you're interested in volunteering (kitchen/cooking help, serving, greeting), please contact Kate Van Pernis at gracekids@gracecalgary.org



In Community

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Praying together for Christian unity allows us to reflect on what unites us. The theme for 2023, based on Isaiah 1:12-17, is "Do good; seek justice." There are two interdenominational services taking place during the week:
Tuesday, January 24 at 11:15 a. m. - St. Ambrose University in the gym
Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p. m. - Parkdale United Church
For more information, please visit

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/8-days-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-jan-18-25>

Volunteer Opportunities

Grace Photo Directory

A photo directory can help the congregation get to know each other better and it's been a number of years since Grace had an update. A volunteer is needed to help coordinate the photo directory project and make this a reality, working with staff and other volunteers.

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.

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

These Church School leaders currently share the ministry of faith formation for Grace Kids and Youth: Ken Lee, Joanne Kellough, Ryan Kellough, Richard Kim, Sujung Ko, Chandra Mannix, Anne Mohtadi, Chisom Okongwu, Kim Reid-Smith, Ava Retzer, Elise Retzer, Euan Robertson, Irene Robinson, Chloe Seah, Jenni Shin Lee, Maija Smith, Cindy Stephenson, Flora Stephenson and Kate Van Pernis. We give thanks for their faithful love of God and God's children.

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