



GRACE

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 **A Ground in Gamut** Henry Purcell †

Welcome and Announcements **Janet Hyde**

Introit **O Come Let us Worship** Richard Shepherd ‡

Lighting of the Christ Candle **Stephen**

Call to Worship

We gather together to hear God's message and teachings;
sometimes we wrestle with difficult concepts.

Yet we desire to love and serve God with our whole heart.

We praise God with attentive minds and eager spirits,

for we are God's servants, working and praying together.

Let us worship God and listen for God's call.

Hymn **# 321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** †

Prayer of Adoration **The Rev. Jake Van Pernis**

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 **# 496 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet** Amy Grant **

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination **Jean Clelland**

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8 (responsive)
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37 The Rev. Christian Persaud

Sermon Learning, Unlearning, Relearning

Hymn # 626 Lord of all power †

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 Thy word is a lantern Z 61 Henry Purcell †

Prayer for Our Offering

Hymn # 685 How firm a foundation v. 1, 2, 4, 5 †

Benediction

Choral Amen # 780 †

Postlude Voluntary in C Major Henry Purcell †

Offering plates are at each side of the dais for your convenience.

Please Note: Given the prevalence of influenza and respiratory illnesses, Session supports wearing a mask in the building. 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 monthly.

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Music Notes

The music of Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

Today is Purcell day at Grace! Our music in worship contains many pieces by the great English baroque composer, including his well known verse anthem *Thy Word is a Lantern* which references Psalm 119.

Thy Word is a Lantern was probably composed in 1687. Set for three solo voices, choir, and continuo, it is full of elegance, chromaticism and harmonic text painting. The full choir is used sparsely; once to provide a re-iteration of the "Quicken me" refrain, and finally in the concluding "Hallelujah." It is interesting to note that at this point in his career, Purcell was embarking on a theatrical career of providing plays with songs, catches, or incidental music. These theatrical tendencies reveal themselves in the recitative-like sections where Purcell draws our ear to the personal and thorny nature of the text.

In our prelude and postlude today we draw upon Purcell's harpsichord and organ compositions. *A Ground in Gamut* features a simple melody that is developed gradually using various contrapuntal devices. He sometimes writes with a singing top voice embellished with ornaments. There is a section in which a chordal feeling predominates, and another full of dotted rhythms and trills. The final treatment is quite florid. Though not an elaborate piece, the ground (bassline) provides a unifying force that allows for continuous variety in the development of Purcell's melody.



Life and Work at Grace Church

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/



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.

February 12

The Rev. Christian Persaud

February 19

The Rev. Sabino Diok

February 22 Ash Wednesday, noon, Chapel

The Rev. Christian Persaud



Lent 2023



seeking:

honest questions
for deeper faith

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This year Grace will be using the theme of **Seeking: Honest questions for deeper faith** produced by *A Sanctified Art*. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. Throughout Lent we will be asking what are we seeking, and what is God seeking?

- ◇ Ash Wednesday – February 22 @ 12 p. m. in the chapel (imposition of ashes)
- ◇ Self-guided daily devotional - Lenten Devotions: *Inward work for outward living*
Copies of this devotional are available by e-mail to office@gracecalgary.org
- ◇ There will be a Lenten group study in person on Thursday mornings at 10:30am in the Family Room led by Rev. Jake Van Pernis and Rev. Christian Persaud. This study will begin on March 2 and go through March 30.
- ◇ Information for services in Holy Week will be available in March.

This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

FEBRUARY 21, 2022 AT 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1009 15 AVE SW

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: WW.GRACECHURCHCALGARY.COM/EVENTS/



Preaching Grace 2023—Get Early Bird tickets until April 15

Preaching Grace 2023 Presents:
Resilience, Hope and Healing
with Dr. Joni Sancken



Dr. Joni Sancken, PhD, is professor of Homiletics at United Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in Mennonite Church USA, Joni is also the author of several books reflecting a theological and interdisciplinary approach to preaching.

Register now! www.gracechurchcalgary.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Sewing Help: Beanbag Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday

We are planning to use fabric beanbag pancakes for flipping challenges at our Shrove Tuesday party. If you're interested in helping, please pick up a kit (instructions and fillings) from the table outside of the north door to the sanctuary. Completed pancakes can be returned to the receptacle at the Volunteer Office no later than Sunday morning, February 19.

Contact Kate Van Pernis at gracekids@gracecalgary.org with any questions.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party Volunteers

Many hands make light work! Come join in the fun on February 21 and help greet attendees, prepare or serve food, or oversee pancake flipping races.

Cake Bake Convener

The Cake Bake is a wonderful part of Grace's history and ministry. The organizing committee is seeking a new member (or new members) who would be willing to help continue this tradition by convening or co-convening the committee. Training will be provided by the retiring convener.

Pastoral Care Committee Members

The Pastoral Care Committee attends to the personal aspects of congregational needs, from equipping lay leaders in fostering relationships, to ensuring members feel connected to God and to Grace. This Committee would welcome the participation of a few more members who have passion for this ministry of caring.

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

Thank you to the performers and thank you to the volunteers who welcomed guests to the third Grace Open Mic Night Friday evening. The event is a fun way of building community.

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