

**BE ATTENTIVE TO GOD'S WORD**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**February 19, 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:  
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**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
*Transforming lives through God's grace*

## 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**      **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Brian Doerksen/arr: Peggy Bettcher

### **Song of Triumph**

Kevin McChesney

**Sonata for two trumpets**      Johann Christoph Pezel (1639-1694) †

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Cindy Stephenson**

### **Introit**      **O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**

Robert Lehman †

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Abuk**

### **Call to Worship**

God cares for all of creation –

**we lift our praise to the Lord!**

God's movement stirs justice and calls us together to share grace and love –

**we share in the call, peace, and promise of the Lord!**

God's glory is all around us –

**the Spirit moves us to share who we are and what we have in prayer and praise!**

### **Hymn**      **# 176 Songs of thankfulness and praise**

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### **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** # 375 Fairest Lord Jesus †

## Time with Young Christians

**Prayer for Illumination** Richard Wilson

**Scripture** Psalm 99 (responsive)  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-19 The Rev. Sabino Diok

**Sermon** Be Attentive to God's Word

**Hymn** # 185 Jesus on the mountain peak Wren and Taylor \*

## 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** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright Claudio Monteverdi \*

## Prayer for Our Offering

**Hymn** # 620 Go now in peace Brian A. Wren \*

## Benediction

**Choral Amen** # 780 †

**Postlude** Concerto for two trumpets RV 537—1st movement Allegro  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678—1741) †

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

Thank you to Grace Handbells Choir and trumpeters Troy Deren and Ali Dermott for their contributions to Worship this week.

**Please Note:** Given the prevalence of influenza and respiratory illnesses, Session supports wearing a mask in the building. Masks and hand sanitizer are available throughout the building. Please be diligent at coffee hour as well.

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## Music Notes

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" - Claudio Monteverdi (1567—1841)

This beautiful anthem originally scored for two violins, organ and choir, but played this morning with our two guest trumpeters, was adapted from a motet by the early baroque composer Claudio Monteverdi.

Monteverdi was an important connecting figure in music history, bridging the time between the renaissance and the early baroque period. As many of his contemporaries did, he worked in both the church and the courts. He is most famous as a pioneering figure in the development of the opera as a new musical form. The motet we are performing today with its words describing radiance and light, is an excellent choice for this Transfiguration Sunday and the Epiphany season. The text is as follows:



*O splendor of God's glory bright,  
O Thou that bringest light from light;  
O Light of light, light's living spring,  
O day, all days illumining.*

*O Thou true Sun, on us Thy glance  
Let fall in royal radiance;  
The Spirit's sanctifying beam  
Upon our earthly senses stream.*

*Creator, too, our prayers implore,  
Creator of glory evermore;  
Creator of all grace and might,  
to banish sin from our delight.*

*To guide whate're we nobly do,  
with love, all envy to subdue;  
to make ill fortune turn to fair,  
and give us grace, our wrongs to bear.*

## Life and Work at Grace Church

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/)



### Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in-person.
- ◇ Livestreamed to watch anytime at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://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 19**

**The Rev. Sabino Diok**

**February 22      Ash Wednesday, noon, Chapel**

**The Rev. Christian Persaud**

**February 26      First Sunday in Lent**

**The Rev. Jake Van Pernis**



## Grace Updates

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### 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, noon, Chapel (imposition of ashes). Please use the West-Chapel doors
- ◇ Self-guided daily devotional - Lenten Devotions: *Inward work for outward living*  
Copies of this devotional are available by e-mail or in hard copy. Please contact [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org)
- ◇ There will be a Lenten group study in person on Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the Family Room, led by The Rev. Jake Van Pernis and The Rev. Christian Persaud. This study will begin on March 2 and go through March 30. Register here: [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/)
- ◇ Information for services in Holy Week will be available in March.

During Lent, you are invited to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. Seeking invites us to stay curious, open, and nimble as well as soften our assumptions and expand our perspectives. The hope is the practice of seeking will create a safe space to explore and be drawn more deeply into the heart of God and life's fullness.

## Grace Events

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*Preaching Grace 2023 Presents:*  
**Resilience, Hope and Healing**  
with Dr. Joni Sancken  
Friday, May 5; Saturday, May 6; Sunday, May 7  
Grace Presbyterian Church



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.

As we emerge from the pandemic - we find the world has changed - and is constantly changing. So - where do we go from here?

The world is uncertain: The pandemic, economic strife, societal upheaval and challenges to faith keep us all in a state of constant change. Yet, we are resilient. This May, Preaching Grace Guest Speaker Dr. Joni Sancken leads Christians, clergy and curious individuals through strategies that help build resilience, heal trauma, and find hope that nurtures compassion.

### **Preaching Grace Registration is Open!**

Friday, May 5, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Free Public Lecture (online and in-person) *All Our Grievs to Bear: Building Resilience*

Saturday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Paid Workshop & Lunch:

- Morning - *Words of Hope: Scriptural Resources for Trauma*
- Afternoon - *Compassion Fatigue*

What to expect at the workshop:

- Leave screens behind
- time to connect with Dr. Joni and fellow Christians in-person
- lunch and conversation

Sunday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. Worship (online and in-person)

Seats limited to 70; \$40 Early Bird Tickets until April 15  
Group Discount Pricing Available

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **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](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about the many opportunities to volunteer at Grace.

## Thank you

Working with the Finance Committee, the Treasurer is accountable for the oversight of Grace's financial activities, including the establishment of good financial processes and internal controls and compliance with legal, statutory and administrative requirements. Grace has been blessed with the skills and diligence that Rob McDonald brings to this role, and we are very grateful. Thank you Rob!

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