

**FAREWELLS**  
**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

**MAY 14, 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  
Associate Minister, Children and Youth

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

The Rev. Christian Persaud  
Interim Pastoral Care Leader

Matt Kallio, Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:  
[www.gracechurchcalgary.com](http://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 Simple Celebration**                      Kevin McChesney  
Grace Handbell Choir/Kaleidoscope Handbells  
**Jesus Name of Wonderful Love**                      Robert J. Powell  
CK Okongwu, Titilola Sanni—duet

**Welcome and Announcements**                      **Jim Campbell**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**                      **Pauline**

**Introit**                      **Christ Our Passover**                      Richard Shepherd

## **Call To Worship**

Let us see you this day, O God;

**Come to us as light.**

Let us hear you this day, O God;

**Come to us as truth.**

Let us sense your presence, O God;

**Come to us as love.**

Come and let us worship, God.

**We have come to rejoice in God, our Saviour.**

**Hymn**                      **# 310 Bring many names**                      \*

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

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

God of love,  
we are grateful for the love you bless us with  
in our homes and families.  
Yet you know family life is not always easy.  
Our love for each other gets strained some days.  
Forgive us if we have taken our family for granted.  
Give us grace to repair relationships where strain is showing.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

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

**Hymn** # 380 Spirit, come, dispel our sadness †

**Time With Young Christians** Rev. Maren McLean Persaud

**Prayer for Illumination** Iain Robertson

**Scripture** Psalm 66:8-20 (*responsive, sing Refrain I*)  
Acts 17:22-31  
John 14:15-21

**Sermon** Farewells

**Hymn** # 704 Teach me, God, to wonder Walter Henry Farquharson \*  
Ron Klusmeier

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Christian Persaud

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.

## Invitation to Our Offering

### Anthem

**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** K. Ahn 232

W.A. Mozart

## Prayer for our Offering

### Hymn

**# 371 Love divine, all loves excelling**

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## Benediction

### Amen

**#264 Sing Amen**

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### Postlude

**Prelude and Air**

Henry Purcell

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

Thank you to the Kaleidoscope Ringers from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, led by Lori Teneycke, who join the Grace Handbell Choir for their contributions to this worship service.

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This morning's anthem, the *Gloria* from **W.A. Mozart's** 12<sup>th</sup> Mass, is a typically brilliant offering from the early part of his life. Very much in the classical idiom (in the sense of the classical period of music history, roughly 1750-1830), it is homophonic, bright and joyous. The *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* (Latin for "Glory to God in the highest") is a Christian hymn known also as the Greater Doxology (as distinguished from the "Minor Doxology" or Gloria Patri) and the Angelic Hymn/Hymn of the Angels. The name is often abbreviated to Gloria in Excelsis or simply Gloria. Musically, it is the second movement of a mass setting preceded by the "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord have mercy) and followed by the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy).



Grace is blessed with volunteers who make up its music ministry team, sharing their gifts, as expression of worship. If the music is meaningful to you this morning, please consider expressing it through a simple "Amen" or by thanking a music ministry team member for their efforts in the worship service.



## 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.

### May 14 Christian Family Sunday

**Rev. Maren McLean Persaud**

Many of us observe Mother's Day—this year, on Sunday, May 14. This is a tradition that celebrates the unique role mothers play in our lives. This day can also be challenging for many of us. Some of us associate the day with grief and pain while others mark the day with flowers and time spent together.

We recognize the breadth and depth of emotions among us as members of a large Christian Family in relationship with God and with one another. In baptism we have been welcomed into the worldwide Christian family, and this day we celebrate being part of that family, being kin to one another, and members of God's family.

### May 14 Celebration of Maren and Christian in the Family Room following worship

### May 21

**Rev. Sabino Diok**

### Opening Classroom Doors Initiative

As Church School begins to wrap up the program year, we invite the whole congregation to join us in a special challenge. Since September, Grace Kids & Youth have been collecting Church School offering for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) *Opening Classroom Doors* challenge. Throughout the month of May, the congregation is invited to join in the challenge by helping the kids and youth fill a backpack with loose change! On Sunday, June 4 we will celebrate our collective offering together.

## [Grace Updates](#)

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



### **Minister Resource Committee**

Presbytery met this Tuesday and voted to sustain the calls to Rev. Maren and Rev. Christian as “true gospel calls” with over 90% support from the Westminster congregation. As reported last week, we encourage everyone to stay for the coffee hour after worship to wish them well as they will conclude their time at Grace this week. Please continue to pray for Rev. Maren and Rev. Christian as they move forward. The induction service is planned for May 28—more details to come.

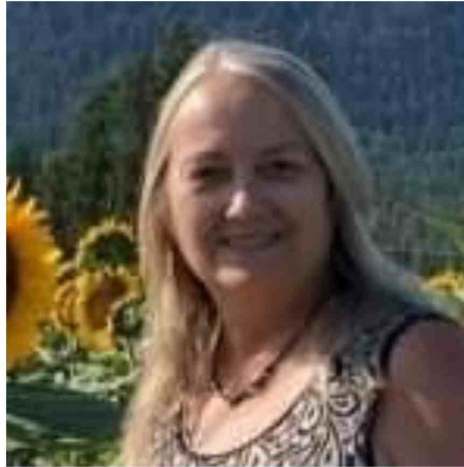
### **Offering Plates**

The practice of passing offering plates to receive financial offerings during worship will resume this month. Stationary offering plates will continue to be available, as well as automatic withdrawal and on-line giving options. Please see the website for more details [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/givingandfinancials/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/givingandfinancials/)

### **Introducing the Pro Tem Ministers**

Minister Resource is very pleased to announce that Rev. Wendy Adams has agreed to serve as Pro Tem Minister at Grace starting June 23. Rev. Wendy will be with us full-time through March 16, 2024, covering Rev. Jake’s entire parental leave. Many of you know Rev. Wendy as a guest preacher and as a member of our congregation before she was ordained so it will be a joy to welcome her back. Her biography is attached. Rev. Wendy and Rev. Jake will have time in June to meet and ensure a smooth transition.

On September 1, Rev. Geoffrey Simmins will join Rev. Wendy to minister at Grace. Rev. Geoffrey has specialized in pastoral care and given his on-going hospital coordinator commitment, will be serving slightly less than full-time. He is very keen to support the Deacon program. Both Rev. Wendy and Rev. Geoffrey are lovers of choral music. It is hoped that they will be introduced to the congregation in June. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Minister Resource Committee.



Rev. Wendy Adams was ordained as an Elder in Grace Church, Calgary, in 1997. She served as Representative Elder to The Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod from 1999-2004. Wendy was ordained to Ministry of Word and Sacrament in 2007 and called to St. Andrew's church in Armstrong, British Columbia where she served until 2015. She was elected Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia in 2011. In 2017 Wendy was appointed as the Minister of Children and Families at All Saints Anglican Church in Vernon where she oversaw the Sunday School and Messy Church program and assisted with a local refugee family. Wendy also has extensive experience as a leader of Spiritual Retreats and is a certified Spiritual Director.

Wendy Adams is a committed advocate for justice and has served on several Not-For-Profit Boards and Committees in that regard. In the 1990s she was the Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the Alberta Wilderness Association, as well as the editor of their news Journal. Wendy served on the International Affairs Committee of General Assembly for 6 years, 3 years as Convenor. Her primary focus was on peace and justice for citizens of Israel Palestine, and the intersection of this issue with the rights of First Nation's people in Canada. Wendy also served as President and director for the Restorative Justice Society of the North Okanagan.

Prior to her Ministry vocation, Wendy worked as a Land Secretary in the Calgary oil industry and then received a Bachelor of Arts Degree First Class Honours, Communications Major, (University of Calgary) 1995. She has been married to her husband Greg for 33 years and they enjoy their role as Great-Aunt and Great-Uncle to their niece's growing family.





Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins is an ordained minister of Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care. He has a particular interest in pastoral care and enjoys team ministry.

Recent ministry highlights include having served from 2020 to the present as the Interim Pastoral Care Minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Calgary. In 2019, he served as a Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care for a Methodist-Presbyterian parish in New Zealand/Aotearoa. For the United Church of Canada in addition to working in congregational ministry, he serves as the Hospital Ministry Coordinator for the Chinook Winds Region. He developed an orientation program for people visiting patients in hospital.

Before entering ministry, he enjoyed a 25-year career as a professor, researcher, and administrator at the University of Calgary. He is a professor emeritus of art and architectural history.

Geoffrey is married to Joan. They are the parents of two grown sons. They are also the besotted grandparents of Ayla, who will be two this June.

Geoffrey looks forward to serving in team ministry with Rev. Wendy Adams and with the members and adherents at Grace.

## Grace Events

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



### **Register for Grace Annual General Meeting and Congregational Lunch Sunday, May 28, following worship**

Grace's Annual General Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, May 28 starting with lunch followed by the meeting. The congregation is reminded that they need to register on the church website no later than May 24. A time for lunch and fellowship is a big part of the meeting. For the first time since the pandemic started, we will hold our annual general meeting in-person.

## **Congregational Lunch & Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, May 28, 2023  
After Worship

RSVP at [www.GraceChurchCalgary.com](http://www.GraceChurchCalgary.com)



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### **Lunch and Learn about becoming a member of Grace**

On Sunday, June 4, people interested in learning about membership at Grace Presbyterian Church are invited to a "lunch and learn" in Grace's Board Room at 12:15 p.m. As lunch is shared there will be the opportunity to learn about the beliefs of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, what it means to be a member of Grace, and how Grace supports and shares its ministries within and outside its walls. Please let Rev. Jake know if you are interested by contacting the office at [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) or 403-244-5861.

## Grace Events

### **Help Support "A Place To Call Home"**

In years past members from Grace have participated in *Coldest Night of the Year* to support KAIROS Calgary. This year a change has been made and an official walk is not happening, but there is still a way to help support KAIROS Calgary through an initiative called, "A Place To Call Home." Financial donations can be given to this initiative to help pay down the mortgage on the Bankview Apartments which provides homes to a blend of single adults, couples and families who were previously homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

If you are interested in donating to "A Place To Call Home" or learning more about this initiative please go to the donation website: [www.homespace.org/walk-for-bankview](http://www.homespace.org/walk-for-bankview)

Donations are being accepted until May 31, 2023.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Worship Leaders**

*Living Faith* reminds us that "we have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday". There are many opportunities to participate in the leadership of worship at Grace: praying, reading scripture, lighting candles, receiving our offerings, singing and ringing handbells, and more.

### **Grace Kids Leaders**

Do you have a heart for sharing your faith with young Christians? The Church School has a few openings for leaders to serve one Sunday per month. Training and support are provided to make this a fulfilling ministry for volunteers as well as Grace kids and youth.

Please contact Grace's 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

Twenty volunteers take turns greeting worshippers each Sunday morning, providing a warm welcome and assisting with any questions. These Welcomers help to demonstrate the hospitality that Grace hopes to share in its community. Grace gives thanks for the graciousness and dedication of these volunteers.

# Notes

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