

El Roi: God Sees, God hears

JUNE 25, 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. Dr. Jean Morris
Interim Moderator

The Rev. Wendy Adams
Pro Tem Minister

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

Matt Kallio,
Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:



Grace Presbyterian Church
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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 Nation, 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: Toccata Avanti la Messa della Dominica

Toccata, Christe, Kyrie

G. Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Welcome and Announcements

Len Wolstenholme

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Goanar

Call To Worship

God, we lift our hearts to you.

Be open to our praise and prayers and respond in ways that move us to deeper trust with you.

God is good and filled with steadfast love.

God guide us to know your wonderful ways.

Let us praise God's holy name together.

We worship God in hope and love!

Hymn # 799 God is here! As we your people meet

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Loving God –

In a world marked by self-indulgence, you are generosity for those in need. In a world marked by injustice, you are a conscience guiding us. In a world marked by vengeance, you are mercy and reconciliation.

Yet we struggle to decide God –

We claim we will live to serve others but end up focused on ourselves. We claim we want to follow Jesus but we do not follow him in the places he is calling us to. We believe the Good News can change lives as long as it doesn't ask us to change our lives.

Forgive us –

Instead of grumbling, help us to share your grace.

Instead of complaining, allow us to carry compassion into your world. Give us the courage to open our hearts to your grace and love, so we may share your kingdom to everyone we meet.

Renew us with your mercy and strengthen our resolve to live generously in action and in attitude.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Hymn

307 God of the sparrow

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Time with Young Christians

Commissioning of Summer Sunday School Leaders

Questions for Summer Sunday School Leaders

Summer Sunday School Leaders do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with intelligence, imagination, creativity, commitment, and love guided by the Spirit and God's love made known in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to trust in God's guidance, seeking to learn as you lead, to listen as much as you speak and to walk with authenticity alongside people in faith?

We do.

Questions for the Congregation

The Summer Sunday School Leaders are a part of sharing God's story and nurturing faith. Will the congregation of Grace support them with prayer, encouragement, care, and interest?

We will.

Questions for the Grace Kids

Will you bring energy, excitement, joy and your questions with you as you learn about and grow in your understanding of God's incredible love during Summer Sunday School?

We will.

Commissioning Prayer

Prayer for Understanding

Grant Stephenson

Scripture Genesis 21: 8-21

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 (responsive, sing refrain I)

Matthew 10: 28-39

Rev. Wendy Adams

Sermon El Roi: God sees, God hears

Hymn # 650 He leadeth me

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Reception of New Members: Anne and Grant

Welcome From Elder

Questions for New Members

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.

Invitation to Our Offering

Hymn # 306 Praise God from whom all blessings flow †

Prayer for Our Offering Anne Stephenson

Hymn # 583 You are called to tell the story *

Benediction

Amen # 780 Amen †

Postlude Toccata and Canzona in C Major Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

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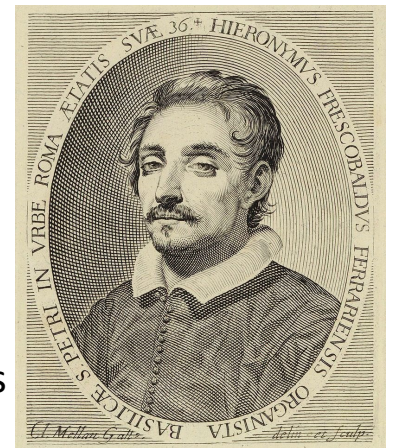
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Music Notes

Matt Kallio

Our prelude today takes three short pieces from the influential Italian composer Girolamo Frescobaldi's (1583-1643) work *Fiori Musicali* (translation: 'Musical Flowers'). The work is a collection of liturgical organ music first published in 1635. It contains three organ masses and two secular capriccios. Generally acknowledged as one of Frescobaldi's greatest works, *Fiori Musicali* influenced composers over at least two centuries. Johann Sebastian Bach was among its admirers, and parts of it were included in the celebrated *Gradus ad parnassum*, a highly influential 1725 treatise on counterpoint by Johann Joseph Fux which is in use even today.

Our postlude is a work by another Italian composer of the baroque era. Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726), was born in Prato, Italy and received his training from luminaries such as Bernado Pasquini in Rome and Alessandro Scarlatti in Naples. He became a Jesuit priest and travelled to South America (then part of the Spanish Empire) to live and work. His music is typical baroque style music, florid and attractive and very contrapuntal. Today's toccata is from his most famous work, the *Sonate d'intavolatura per organo e cimbalo* (published in 1716).





Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly.

Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has endorsed the Calls to Action published by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Truth, Healing & Reconcili-Action Team at Grace shares the following Call to Action and prayer as a way to engage in this important work.

Call 27:

We call upon the Federation of Law Societies of Canada to ensure that lawyers receive appropriate cultural competency training, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations.

Prayer:

God of justice, shine a light on Indigenous legal traditions and the treaties. We pray for lawmakers, law enforcers, lawyers and arbiters. Remind us that treaties are sacred agreements for sharing resources and living together on the land you created.

Let us work for reconciliation. Amen

To learn more about how the Calls to Action are being responded to see:
yellowheadinstitute.org/trc

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 Anuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

June 25

Rev. Wendy Adams

Rev. Wendy Adams begins her pro tem ministry at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Summer Sunday School begins June 25! Heather-Rose will lead the lessons, games, arts and crafts, as the Grace Kids connect with the biblical stories of Noah's Ark, Jonah, Jesus walking on water, Jesus and the woman at the well and Lydia helping Paul.

July 2

Rev. Terry Fach

Rev. Terry Fach has been the Campus Chaplain at Ambrose University (Calgary) since 2013. He was planter and pastor of a church in Calgary for sixteen years, and before that taught philosophy and theology at Ambrose. Educated at Canadian Nazarene College and Oxford University, he is married to Ruth, and they are the parents of two adult daughters.

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the family of Mimi McRitchie who died on June 17. A service will be held at Grace and more details will be shared once confirmed. Please keep Mimi's family and friends in your prayers at this time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Children and Youth

Planning for the regular Church School year starting in September is underway – please prayerfully consider how you might support this ministry with your time and talent.

ELL Coordinator

The English Language Learner (“ELL”) program helps dozens of people become more confident in their conversational English, in a safe and encouraging environment. Currently the program runs for 30 weeks on Monday mornings, from September through June. The ELL Coordinator supports volunteer leaders by arranging resources and organizes communication, student registration and facilities requirements with staff. Volunteering for the ELL Coordinator position is a way to help make a positive difference in the lives of many people.

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

Thank You

The Governance and Planning Committee oversees the implementation of effective governance practices and organizational structure and monitors the Session’s key outcomes, impact and alignment to Grace’s vision and mission. This Committee is also responsible for the development of policies within Grace Presbyterian Church. Over the weekend of June 23/24, the Governance and Planning Committee organized a leadership retreat, attended by Service and Session Elders, Deacons, Ministers and staff, focused on Resilience and Renewal. We are blessed by the creative wisdom of the Committee members: Alan Facey, Mary Jardine, Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, the Rev. Jake Van Pernis and Richard Wilson.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Grace's Interim Moderator

The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod has named the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris as Grace’s Interim Moderator effective June 1 following the resignation of the Rev. Greg Smith. As the Interim Moderator, Jean has specific Terms of Reference, with two primary areas of responsibility. The first is to work with the Search Committee in the recruitment of a minister, and the second is to be the Moderator of Grace’s Session. She will also be supporting the Revs. Adams and Simmins who will be providing leadership in ministry to the congregation for the next year.

We give thanks to God for Jean’s willingness to serve as Grace’s Interim Moderator.

Session Highlights:

At its regular meeting on June 12, the Session:

- was moderated by the new Interim Moderator, Jean Morris
- opened with a reading of Psalm 90 and prayer
- shared enthusiasms and concerns relating to life and work at Grace
- observed the strong engagement of the children and youth with the PWS&D *Opening Classroom Doors* initiative, noted the recent data showing the number of South Sudanese and Eritrean refugees arriving in Calgary and their challenges, and remembered the recent provincial election and our prayers for all the MLA's
- expressed its gratitude for the willingness to serve of the new interim moderator and the pro tem ministers
- agreed to take next steps to solicit further input and to explore a proposed revised ministry model
- received an update from the Lead Minister Search Committee which continues its outreach to potential candidates
- approved the purpose and principles for the Enduring Grace Legacy Fund and the development of a draft agreement for professional investment management
- supported the engagement of the congregation in raising funds (~\$60,000) to restore 9 stained glass windows in the sanctuary
- received updates on the programs supporting faith formation of adults and children and youth
- was reminded of the upcoming leadership retreat on June 23 and 24
- noted that Grace's YouTube channel now has 194 subscribers
- was advised of Presbytery's plans for its regular visitation at Grace this fall
- agreed to jointly study the book *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going* by Susan Beaumont, starting in September
- expressed its hopes and prayers as Rev. Jake begins his leave in the next month
- closed with prayer and a benediction

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