

The Best BBQ You've Never Had

JULY 16, 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. Jake Van Pernis
Associate Minister, Engagement and Service (on parental leave)

The Rev. Wendy Adams
Pro Tem Minister

Matt Kallio,
Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:



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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: Berceuse

Franklin Ashdown

Lobe Den Herren (Praise to the Lord)

Robert Hebble

Welcome and Announcements

Iain Robertson

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship

Friends, we are blessed with the freedom to worship without fear,
We are blessed with the experience of the bounty and diversity of God's creation,
and the precious gift of unexpected joy.

**Let us draw near to God this hour,
and immerse ourselves in God's healing presence
so that we might become faithful laborers
in God's harvest of peace, justice, and joy.**

Hymn # 410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

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Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Wendy Adams

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God,
You have planted the seeds of faith in us,
but we confess we have not tended those seeds well.
We fail to keep studying your Word,
satisfied instead with what we think it means.
We consider that we already know enough,
rather than pursue deeper encounters with you.
Forgive us, God, when we think you have nothing
more to offer us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

Hymn # 508 Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated *

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Understanding Joanne Kellough

Scripture Psalm 119: 105-112 (Responsive, sing Refrain II)

Romans 8: 1-11

Luke 8: 26-39

Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

Sermon The Best BBQ You've Never Had

Hymn # 637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated †

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

Offertory Music Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ J.S. Bach †
(Praise be to You, Jesus Christ)

Hymn #306 Praise God from whom all blessings flow †
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer for Our Offering Rob Petzold

Hymn # 775 Sent forth by your blessing †

Benediction

Amen # 780 Amen †

Postlude Trumpet Recessional A. Fedak

We thank Wayne Hubbard for providing music for our service this morning.

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Our beautiful Casavant organ will be getting some much needed maintenance starting July 17. We have contracted a trusted organ repair specialist, Leslie Smith, who will be repairing some wear and tear on the air reservoir chests. These chests feed the air into the hundreds of pipes that make up the organ. Think of them like the “lungs” of the organ. Thus, they are an essential part of the beast! In any event, they have served Grace very well over several decades and are due for some upkeep. The entire operation will take approximately two weeks! Better to do it now than at Christmas time, right?

Music will still be happening, but at the piano for services while the patient is being operated on. Don't fret, I hear this new fangled instrument called the piano is quite popular and there is a variety of music to choose from.

Happy Sunday,
Matt

[Life and Work at Grace Church](#)

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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.

Summer Sunday School has begun! Leaders share lessons, games, arts and crafts, as 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.

Offering Plates

After several weeks of resuming the practice of passing the offering plates during service, there have been suggestions to simplify our approach. Offering plates will be distributed at all entrances to the sanctuary for worshippers to place their gifts. During the offertory, the plates will be gathered and brought to the front, to dedicate our gifts in response to God's generosity to us.

July 16

The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart is the Dean of St. Andrew's Hall at The University of British Columbia. An Ordained Minister in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, he is the Professor of Mission Studies at The Vancouver School of Theology and the founding Director of The Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall.

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The Rev. Wendy Adams

[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.

Sound System Operator

Each Sunday morning, a dedicated volunteer operates the sound system in support of our worship. One additional operator to share the schedule about once every 3 or 4 weeks would be very welcome. The schedule is flexible and training will be provided.

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](#)

Over the last few weeks, Audrey Van Leeuwen has been cleaning up the pew racks in the sanctuary, making sure that the welcome cards and offering envelopes are available and in good condition for worshippers and other visitors. Grace is blessed with such lovely examples of quiet but meaningful service.

More than 200 reusable grocery bags have been donated for food bank clients. Thank you!

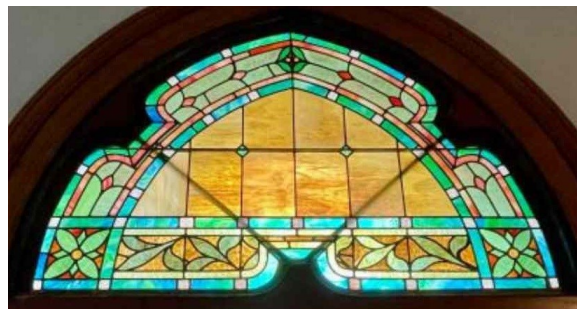
Grace Updates



Lead Minister Search Committee

Please remember the Lead Minister Search Committee in your prayers as they meet this afternoon.

Stained Glass Window Restoration Project



In the coming weeks and months, Rubaiyat Stained Glass Studio will be restoring and repairing nine stained glass windows in the Sanctuary and front entrance of Grace Church. Windows will be removed one at a time and reinstalled when repairs are complete. Each window is expected to take from eight to 16 weeks.

Our sincere thanks to those who have already contributed to this project. \$23,000 of the estimated cost of \$60,000 has been donated so far! Please refer to the July newsletter for more information on the **Stained Glass Window Restoration Project** and how you can become involved.

Presbyterian Connection

Please help yourself to a copy of the summer edition of Presbyterian Connection, the newspaper highlighting initiatives and people across The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Copies are available at the entrances to the sanctuary and around the building.



Engagement and Service Spotlight

Single Use Disposable Cups

It might seem harmless to stop at your local coffee shop and grab a coffee to go; but have you considered the impact of that choice? Did you know that 500 billion disposable coffee cups are used globally each year? It equates to 20 million trees and 3.7 billion pounds of waste generated each year to produce the cups.

Quite sobering, isn't it? That a simple coffee cup could have such an effect? Every minute, 1 million single use coffee cups are sent to the landfill. Canada discards over 1.5 billion disposable hot drink cups annually.

Robert Swan said that "the greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it". Our choices have an impact. With that in mind, we'd like your help to change the amount of disposable cups we use at Grace.

For the next two weeks, we will have "Idea Boxes" at each coffee station during fellowship hour. Please bring forward your ideas for how we can move away from using disposable cups.

source: <https://blog.gitnux.com/coffee-cup-waste-statistics/>

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