

The Church lives to praise God. We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God, day by day, Sunday by Sunday. *Living Faith* 7.3.1

Grace Presbyterian Church holds a significant place in our hearts, with its striking historic building and exquisite strained glass windows adorning the sanctuary and other areas. It is a landmark building to many Calgarians who have worshipped at Grace for a short time or a lifetime. As we approach the 110th anniversary of the church's dedication on July 27, 2023, we have an opportunity to reflect on our history and preserve the beauty that has touched the lives of many.

Generous contributions from families, members, and groups at Grace Church enabled the restoration of several stained-glass windows in 1976. Imagine my delight when I discovered a brass plaque at the base of a window stating that it had been restored by my parents in honour of my grandparents. You will find a list of donors from 1976 on the second page of this letter.

Almost five decades later, the passage of time has taken its toll, and some of the windows are now in need of repair and restoration. Rubaiyat Stained Glass Studio conducted a comprehensive inspection of the windows in the sanctuary and entrance, and identified nine windows that require immediate attention. The restoration cost of each window ranges from \$3,550 to \$7,600 with a total cost of \$60,000 to restore all the windows.

In honor of the upcoming 110th anniversary, the Stewardship Committee, with the support of Session, is initiating a campaign to engage the congregation in the repair and restoration of these windows. We invite and encourage each member of our community to join us. Every contribution, whatever the amount, is worthy and welcome to help us reach our goal.

Here are some ways you might consider contributing in addition to your regular offerings: make a one-time special donation of funds or securities or pledge a certain amount annually or monthly. Be sure to note "Stained Glass Window Restoration" with your donation.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Corinthians: 9:12

With sincere gratitude,

Barbara Henson

Barbara Henson Campaign Coordinator, Stained Glass Windows Stewardship Committee

Grace Presbyterian Church Stained Glass windows in the Sanctuary, entrance, and stairways

1976 Restoration Dedications

Jean Hamilton MacKay by the MacKay family Arthur Bain Crawford by Mrs. Ethel Crawford Mrs. Lola Paul, Elder of Grace Church, and Miss Nettie Cooper by Grace Bethany Group

To the Glory of God and his Wonderous Works by Joe and Kathleen Meaton To Mr. and Mrs. John Coghlan by the Hankinson family The Findlay Family

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clark parents of Mrs. C. A. (Agnes) Richards Hugh and Naomi Young by their family Mr. and Mrs. Francis Motter by F. Douglas Motter (two windows)

Miss Sarah C. Congdon by her Niece May Young Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Holm by the family Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gainor by their daughter Mrs. R. H. (Kathleen) Lane

Our parents, The Rev. Dr. M. and Mrs. Macleod, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Montgomery by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. T. Montgomery The Winton Family by Isabella Winton

W. Austin Graham by the Len Wagner family Dr. Frank S. Morley by Mr. and Mrs. G. Jansen Van Beek Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McKenzie and Mrs. Florence Souter by Mr. John Souter and family

Dr. Murdo Nicolson by Mr. and Mrs. G. Jansen Van Beek Mr. Vernon Wright by Mrs. Wright and Tom Margaret Mackenzie by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Murdo MacKenzie

Restored in 1976 by The Francis F. Reeve Foundation (no dedication) Restored in 1976 by Grace Church Memorial Fund (no dedication)