

## DON'T SEND THEM AWAY

August 6, 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:



**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 Fantasia**

Violin Sonata in C major - Adagio

William Byrd (1540-1623)

G.P. Telemann (1681-1767)

*Katarina Bohdan - violin*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Mary Jardine**

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

### **Call To Worship**

Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

**Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.**

God is near to all who call out in truth.

**God satisfies every living thing.**

God watches over all who offer love and praise,

**So we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.**

**Hymn # 374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing**

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### **Prayer of Adoration**

**Rev. Wendy Adams**

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Gracious and merciful God,  
In Jesus you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness,  
yet we neglect the suffering of others.  
We blame and judge each other  
in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy.  
Free us from greed and from grievance.  
Open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings  
and walk in his way. Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

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

**Hymn** # 319 Wherever I may wander

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### Time with Young Christians

#### Prayer for Understanding

Chukwuebuka Okongwu

**Scripture** Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-21 (Responsive, sing refrain II)

Matthew 14:13-21

Rev. Sabino Diok

**Sermon** Don't send them away

**Hymn** # 704 Teach me, God, to wonder

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## 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 For the Mountains Shall Depart

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

*Bamise Banwo - bass*

### Hymn #425 We praise you, O God v1 †

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

## Prayer for Our Offering

Nancy Connors

### Hymn # 649 How clear is our vocation, Lord \*

## Benediction

### Amen # 780 Amen †

## Postlude Violin Sonata in C major - Allegro

G.P. Telemann

Many thanks to Katarina Bohdan, violin and bass Bamise Banwo for joining us this morning in our worship service.

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## 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/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/)
- ◇ Fellowship in the Family Room immediately following Worship each Sunday.
- ◇ 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.

**Aug 13    Baptism Sunday**

**The Rev. Wendy Adams**

**Aug 20**

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### **Summer Sunday School**

Welcome children! 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.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Joan Thomson at her passing. A memorial service will be held at Grace on August 16, at 11:00 a.m. with graveside service and reception following.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jim Nichol who passed away August 2. A memorial is planned for August 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace with reception to follow.

Celebration of the lives of Ken and Sheila Grogan will take place with a memorial service at Grace on August 19 at 1:00 p.m., reception to follow.

### **Thank You**

Minister Resource is a committee of Session whose purpose is to encourage and support the Ministers in their position responsibilities, function as a confidential sounding board for the Ministers, and arrange for interim ministerial work as required. Currently, Jim Campbell the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, and Len Wolstenholme serve on Minister Resource. We are grateful for their wise and caring work.



## Music Notes

**Matt Kallio**

Good morning and welcome to Grace Presbyterian! Today's service is chock full of music, including a Fantasia from the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book by William Byrd, a Sonata by German composer George Philip Telemann and an aria from Felix Mendelssohn's famous oratorio *Elijah*.

The keyboard works of the early baroque/late renaissance are often labelled as pieces for the precursor of harpsichord, the virginal, a smaller, square shaped keyboard instrument ideal for home music making. As such, the *Fantasia* played today is sourced from the *Fitzwilliam Virginal Book*, a collection of early keyboard music, bequeathed by the Viscount Fitzwilliam in 1816. A veritable who's who of major early English composers were collected in this invaluable manuscript, including William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons, John Bull, Giles Farnaby, Thomas Tallis as well as the Dutch composer Jan Peeter Sweelinck.

Our offertory is a selection from *Elijah*, the well-known oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn depicting events in the life of the Prophet Elijah as told in the books 1 Kings and 2 Kings of the Old Testament. It premiered on 26 August 1846. The aria takes its text from Isaiah 54:10 and is sung by Elijah himself: "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you."

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Children and Youth**

Planning for the regular Church School year starting in September is underway. If you would like to know what a volunteer role looks like in this area, you are invited to just come down and see. Then please 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.

Please contact Grace's Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Grace.



### **Stained Glass Window Restoration Project**

In the coming weeks and months, Rubaiyat Stained Glass Studio will be restoring and preserving 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. We are over two thirds of the way to the \$60,000 goal— all donations are welcome, from \$5 to sponsoring a window.

Please refer to the website [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/) for more information on the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project and how you can become involved.

Barbara Henson

Stewardship Committee

## Peacemaking

“Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls his followers to seek peace in the world. Sometimes war may be unavoidable but that the tragic evil that comes with war must rouse us work for peace” (Living Faith 8.5.1-2). The church has a statement on the Theology of Peacemaking and supports the concept of the Responsibility to Protect. The church has advocated that Canada support UN Conventions to regulate the trade of conventional weapons and to ban nuclear weapons and land mines.



### **Principles that the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada has endorsed:**

- There can be no peace without justice. God’s peace cannot be separated from God’s righteousness, justice and steadfast love.
- Christians are called to be active participants in the process of peace-making.
- As a witness to God’s reign the church must address the well-organized roots of violence, deal with the world powers-that-be that bear a special responsibility for all aspects of social justice and seek out people of good will who are working for the cause of peace and need well-organized support.
- Canada should maintain a peacekeeping role in international affairs and focus attention on seeking the welfare of all people on earth as a way of achieving world peace.
- A military solution in itself is no solution to international conflict.
- The PCC endorses the Canadian Council of Churches document “The Canadian Churches and the Responsibility to Protect” while recognizing the questions addressed concerning the use of last resort (military intervention) and the potential for abuse of the Responsibility to Protect doctrine.
- Economic advocacy is a non-violent action that may contribute to peaceful change.
- Ethnic or cultural distinctions must enrich the church not divide it. The church must condemn idolatrous nationalism in its many forms and be an effective witness of God’s kingdom of shalom.

Source: <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/peacemaking/>

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