

FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU

August 20, 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 **Elevation in F major**
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Prière in B major

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Wendy Adams

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lina

Call To Worship

Let us praise the God of truth,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Let us praise the God of peace,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Let us praise the God of love,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Hymn **# 334 God who gives to life its goodness**

Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess
although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The fears and jealousies that we harbour
set neighbour against neighbour
and nation against nation.

Lord have mercy upon us,
heal us, forgive us and set us free
to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

Hymn # 471 We are one in the Spirit

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Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Understanding

Janet Hyde

Scripture Psalm 66 (Responsive, sing refrain I)

Matthew 3: 13-17

Isaiah 43: 1-7

The Rev. Terry Fach

Sermon Fear Not, For I Am With You

Hymn # 696 In suffering love

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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 I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowry/arr:James Kasen

Hymn #425 We praise you, O God v1

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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

Estel Latchman

Hymn # 768 Sometimes a healing word is comfort

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Benediction

Amen # 780 Amen

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Postlude Grand Jeu from suite A major Michel Corrette (1707-1795)

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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/
- ◇ 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 Anyuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Aug 27

The Rev. Terry Fach

The 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.

Sept 3

The Rev. Geoffrey Simmins

Upcoming Dates for children and youth at Grace

- Sunday August 27: last day of Summer Sunday School
- Sunday September 3: All Ages Worship
- Sunday September 10: Commissioning of teachers and helpers
First Sunday of Church school— Time to register !

Youth Lunch

After worship today, Grace Youth (Grades 7 through 12) are invited to join Youth Leaders for lunch at a nearby eatery. Meet at the front of the Sanctuary. Return time to the south parking lot is expected around 1:30 p.m.

Thank You

Company of Deacons

Deacons are lay leaders who have been recognized and commissioned by the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church. Each Deacon is trained for and takes on a specific area of pastoral care ministry. The current Deacons are: Nancy Connors, Deacon for Hospital and Health Care, Elizabeth Cressman, Deacon for Bereavement Care, and Margot Kellough, Deacon for Homebound Care. The ministry of providing homebound care is also supported by trained visitors: Margaret Anderson, Cathy Caldwell, Nancy Connors, Norma Hunchak, Margot Kellough, Henrietta Van Huigenbos, Audrey Van Leeuwen, Sandy Willott and Elizabeth Young. We are grateful to God for the dedicated and competent caring provided by all these leaders.

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.

Grace Satellite Food Bank

The Grace Food Bank has been operating at capacity on Thursdays and so we have been asked if we could expand this service to the community to also operate on Tuesday afternoons. Please let us know if you might be interested in this much needed ministry.

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

Good morning! Well, after much hullabaloo our organ is finally functional again! Many thanks to Leslie Smith and his team of organ builders as well as Chellan and Steve Hoffmann for doing a quick tuning post-repair. It's so very good to have our beloved instrument back and supporting our music ministries here at Grace!

Our prelude music is some beautifully contemplative music from Alexandre Guilmant's compendium "L'Organiste Practique". Guilmant was an important organist of the French romantic school in Paris. He studied with the famous organist Jacques Lemmens and wrote almost exclusively (and very prolifically) for his instrument. While his output for other instruments or ensembles is much less, trombonists will recognize his famous solo piece "Morceaux Symphonique", a staple of that instrument's repertoire.

Our offertory is a fine little piece based on the 19th century hymn tune by Annie Hawkes and Robert Lowry arranged by James C. Casey. "I Need Thee Every Hour" was written in 1877 in Brooklyn, New York by the hymn writing duo. It has a characteristic easygoing singable melody of American hymnody of that time. One verse is as follows:

*I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.*

Chorus

*I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee*

Grace Updates



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Thursday, July 27 marked the 110th anniversary of the dedication of Grace Presbyterian Church. To mark this significant milestone, the Stewardship Committee, with the support of Session, initiated a campaign to engage the congregation in the repair and restoration of nine stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary and front entrance.

Work is underway and over the next several months, Rubaiyat Stained Glass Studio is repairing and restoring the stained-glass windows, one at a time.

Thanks to 20+ generous donors, we are very close to reaching our goal of \$60,000. Donations of any size are most welcome.

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

With sincere gratitude,
Barbara Henson
Stewardship Committee



Financial Update July 31, 2023

Financial Update July 31, 2023 (select financial information)

	YTD	Budget YTD	YTD
	July 31, 2023	July 31, 2023	July 31, 2022
	\$	\$	\$
Total Receipts	351,897	405,633	370,450
Operational Disbursements	739,513	944,034	801,263
Deficit from Operations	(387,616)	(535,401)	(430,802)
Surplus (Deficit)	77,346	(289,984)	(647,744)

The complete financial report for July is available on Grace's website.

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/givingandfinancials/



Grace Events

Summer Plans for Grieving in God's Grace

You are invited to join the **Grieving in God's Grace** group gatherings in August. If you have been thinking about joining us for a session, but haven't done so yet, this is a great opportunity to check it out for yourself.

For more information contact: office@gracecalgary.org

Wednesday, August 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

We will spend an hour in a group session followed by a time of fellowship as we enjoy lunch together. We look forward to welcoming you.

Elizabeth Cressman and Barbara Henson, Coordinators

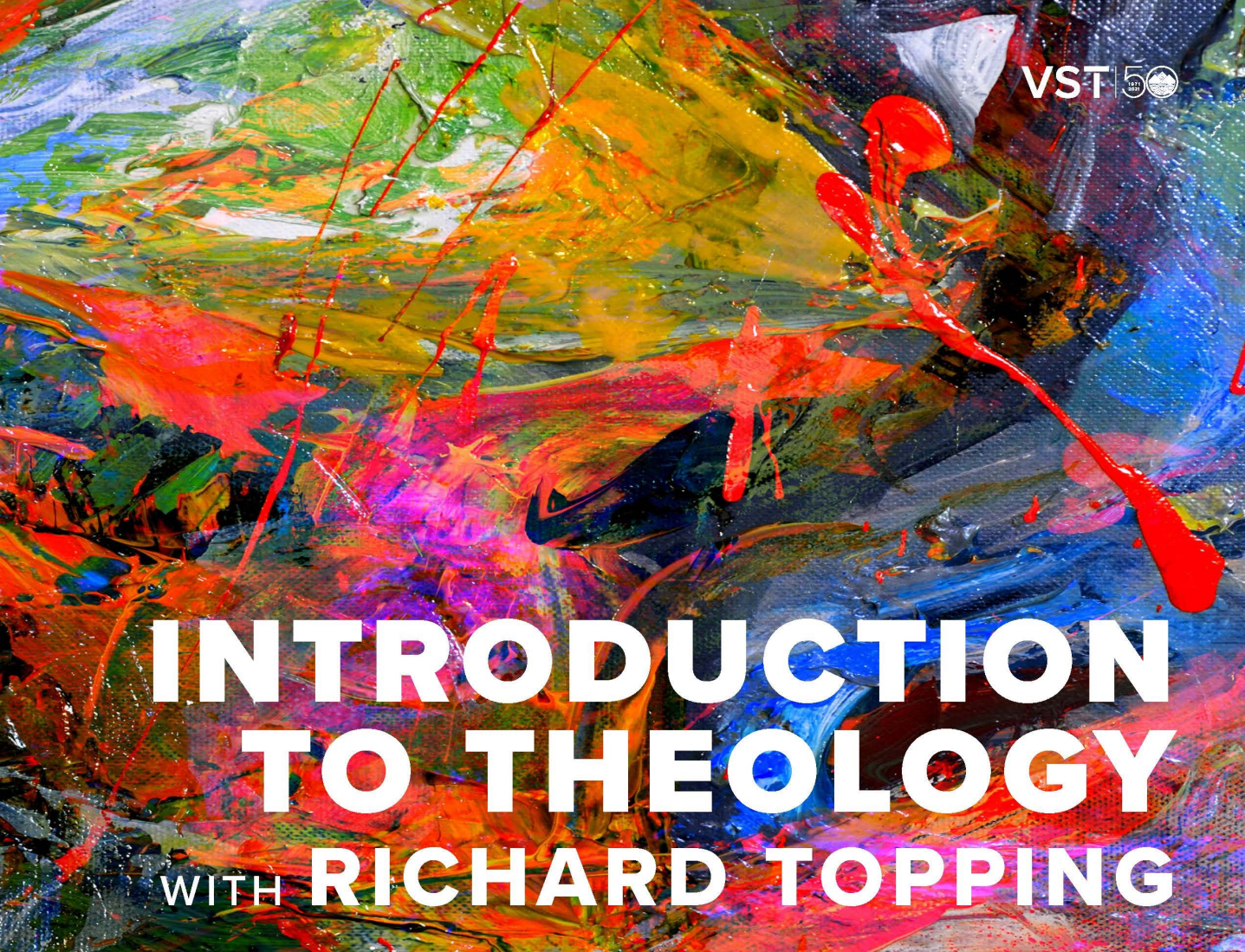
In Community



Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly.

World Humanitarian Day:

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.



INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY

WITH **RICHARD TOPPING**

VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

RICHARD TOPPING

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY I (TH500)

The purpose of this course is to further understanding of major Christian teachings in loving engagement with God and the world in the context of the contemporary church. It covers central themes of Christian teaching (e.g., revelation, scripture, Trinity, creation, sin, Christ, reconciliation, Holy Spirit, church and hope) as well as contemporary critiques and reformulations of the faith in the light of Scripture, tradition, experience and imagination. The goal of the course is doxological: to learn to praise God who is revealed in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAYS, 6 - 9PM (PT)
SEPT 13TH TO DEC 15TH, 2023
In-Person & Online

**THE COURSE CAN BE AUDITED
OR TAKEN FOR CREDIT**

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