

AUTHORIZE ME
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023
10:30 am



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 (parental leave)
Assoc. Minister, Engagement & Service

The Rev. Wendy Adams
Interim Minister

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
Interim Minister

Matt Kallio
Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:
www.gracechurchcalgary.com



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 Adagio from Organ Sonata no 1 in f minor, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome and Announcements

Len Wolstenholme

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ainsley

Introit Eat this bread

Jacques Berthier, Communauté Taizé

Call To Worship

The banqueting table is prepared, and God calls us to the feast.

We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

There are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Hymn # 528 Jesus calls us here to meet him

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Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem Ave Verum Op 2. No 2

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Sacrament of Communion

Hymn # 549 For the bread which you have broken

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving # 564

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Sanctus Hymn # 303 Holy, holy, holy (all languages)

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Children dismissed for Sunday School

Prayer for Understanding

Iain Robertson

Scriptures Psalm 78 1-4, 12-16 (responsive, sing refrain II)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

The Rev. Wendy Adams

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon Authorize me

We profess our faith together # 539

Invitation to Our Offering

Offertory Music **O Sacrum Convivium** Ludovico Viadana (1560-1627)

Hymn **#807 We plough the fields and scatter** (refrain) †

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord for all your love.

Offertory prayer Estel Latchman

Hymn **# 775 Sent forth by your blessing** *

Benediction

Amen **# 780 Amen** †

Postlude **Postlude in D major** Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Life and Work at Grace Church

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Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays at 10:30 am 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 pm in the Chapel.
- ◇ The Anyuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 pm in the Chapel.

October 8 Thanksgiving

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

October 15

The Rev. Sabino Diok

Grace Kids and Grace Youth

Questions, please contact Anne at gracekids@gracecalgary.org or Cindy Stephenson at volunteers@gracecalgary.org.

Interim Ministers' Hours

With the goal of strengthening their team ministry, Revs. Wendy and Geoffrey will work Sundays through Thursdays. Taking Fridays and Saturdays off will help the ministers maintain the necessary practice of self-care and Sabbath.

If an urgent matter arises on a Friday or Saturday, such as a pastoral care issue when a minister is requested to support a family or an individual, please feel welcome to call Geoffrey directly at 587-391-4787.

Sympathies

We are saddened to learn of Marion Burrus' death on September 18. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. A Memorial Gathering will be held at Grace on Saturday, October 28, at 1:30 pm when condolences, memories and photos may be shared with her family.

Thank You

In partnership with Stardale Women's Group and others, Grace welcomed the community to events in honour of The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) on September 30. Grace volunteers, led by Mary Jardine, were vital in organizing and hosting these powerful and hopeful steps towards healing and reconciliation. We give thanks for the gifts of time and hospitality shared by these many volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities

Grace Kids and Youth Church School

We need two Church School leaders this fall. Please consider helping with this ministry one Sunday per month. The curriculum is easy and there is a lot of support to make it fun.

Trunk N Treat

Come join in the fun and help welcome our neighbours, serve hot chocolate, and hand out treats at our annual Halloween Trunk N Treat on Tuesday, October 31.

Photo Directory Helpers

Appointments are now being arranged for photos for the new Photo Directory project. A few more volunteers to help call individuals to confirm their appointments would be very welcome.

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

Music from many eras in history accompany our world communion day service. Our prelude is by the great German composer Felix Mendelssohn. Having written a great deal of organ music for the church and concert hall, his organ sonatas are bread and butter for organists when it comes to Romantic era repertoire. In the Adagio we hear today (the second movement of the sonata op. 65), Mendelssohn creates a serene mood with the long lines and melodies typical at the time.

Continuing in the Romantic era vein, we present English composer Edward Elgar's *Ave Verum* from his op. 2 set of motets. *Ave Verum* is an excellent choice for communion anthem, the words translated:

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

We also present the communion motet *O Sacrum Convivium* by the Italian Renaissance composer Lodovico Viadana, a teacher, composer and Franciscan Friar in the Order of Friar's Minor Observants. Translated the text is:

O sacred banquet! In which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

Finally, we end the service with *Postlude in D major* by Anglo-Canadian organist/composer Healey Willan. Well known in Canada as one of our most important sacred musicians, Willan has written extensively for the church. He had a distinguished career at several churches but most notably at St Mary Magdalene in Toronto, a post he held until a year before his death in 1968.

Grace Updates



www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/

Photography appointments October 1 and 8 after worship

Sundays October 1 and 8, photography appointments can be made for you and your family, by signing up in the Family Room after worship. These photographs are for the new picture directory being prepared here at Grace this fall.

Photographs will be taken beginning Saturday, October 28. By taking part in this project, you will help to make the directory complete and assist people in connecting names and faces. We encourage everyone to help build a sense of community here at Grace by participating in this exciting project.

New in the Library

On a recommendation by the Spiritual Growth Committee, check out *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going, Leading in a Liminal Season* by Susan Beaumont. You can find this publication in the wire display rack in front of the library shelves.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Congregational Lunch, October 22 after worship



As Paul reminds us concerning spiritual gifts, (1 Corinthians 12:1-30), "the body [of Christ] does not consist of one member but many." We give thanks to the diverse spiritual gifts that inspire our volunteers to serve.

Grace Events



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**Trunk N Treat, Tuesday, October 31, 6:00-7:00pm, Grace South Parking Lot:
Vehicles and Volunteers needed!**



The annual Trunk N Treat eve is coming this Halloween. There are 4 ways to take part:

1. **Register your vehicle:** Grace needs 15+ vehicles! Park in the lot by 5:30pm, decorate for 6:00pm, and hand out candy until 7:00pm. Register your vehicle here: www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/trunk-n-treat/
2. **Volunteer:** Help welcome our Beltline neighbours, pour hot chocolate and give out bags. Email Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Stephenson at volunteer@gracecalgary.org
3. **Donate:** Sealed store bought candy or nut free items kids can pack in their lunches such as granola bars, juice boxes, small potato chips, fruit leather, etc.
4. **Trick or treat:** Sign up, come out, and trick or treat! RSVP here: www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/trunk-n-treat/

In Community

Mission Moment



Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly.

Hummingbird Ministries, one of the Indigenous ministries supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, is committed to bringing peace and healing to Indigenous families living in BC's lower mainland. Led by The Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, the ministry helps to restore hope by offering regular healing circles, working with the community in art and celebration, and providing educational and healing workshops, Bible studies, children's art and music programs. The ministry has also recently embarked on a journey to gather the wisdom and teachings of Indigenous elders through a series of interviews, reviving and preserving their treasured stories for generations to come.

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