

GROW WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

October 8, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

10:30 am

Commission Pastor Olul to Gambella Mission



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

Please find Online Worship at:
www.gracechurchcalgary.com



Grace Presbyterian Church
Transforming lives through God's grace

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 **God Leads Us Along** George A. Young/Arr: Larry Shackley (b. 1956)
God is So Good Anonymous/Arr: Phillip Keveren (b. 1961)

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pauline

Introit **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful**

Jacques Berthier,
Taizé Community

Call To Worship

Our God formed our bodies in the darkness of the womb
and fashioned every creature from the soil of the earth.

Thanks be to you, O God our Creator.

Our God knitted into our senses a thirst for water and a hunger for food
and wove into every living being desires for life.

Thanks be to you, O God our Sustainer.

Let us be alert to the yearnings God has placed within us
and know what will truly satisfy the desires of our hearts.

Let us be alert, O God our Deliverer.

Let us be attentive to the yearnings that you have planted in every human being
and let us be sure of what will fulfil them.

Let us be attentive and guided by your wisdom, O Christ.

Let us be guided by your wisdom.

Come let us worship the Lord.

Hymn **# 457 Now thank we all our God**

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Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Wendy Adams

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbours, and we have refused to hear the cry
of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Renew in us the courage to offer others
the generosity of heart you have shown us in Jesus.**

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

Anthem Nun Danket Alle Gott S.61

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Hymn # 630 When we are living

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Time with Young Christians

Commissioning: for Olul Ojulu Owiti and Achwol Omot Omot
Mission project for the Synod of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church,
East Gambella Bethel Synod

Will you, following the example of Jesus, proclaim the good news of God in Christ in word and action among the people where you serve? Will you rely on the resources of God's grace and continually seek God's guidance in fulfilling our mission?

We will, God being our helper.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, as members of The Presbyterian Church, do you promise to uphold Olul and Achwol in this ministry, remembering them in your prayers and giving your support?

We will, God being our helper.

Prayer and laying on of hands

The Aaronic blessing # 619

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**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.**

Prayer for Understanding

Laurie Livingstone

Scriptures Deuteronomy 8:7-11
Psalm 65 (responsive, sing refrain I)
2 Corinthians 9:6-9
Luke 17:11-19

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon Grow where you are planted

Hymn # 802 For the fruits of all creation

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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 the Offering

Offertory Music Six studies in English Folksong - I: Adagio

II: Andante Sostenuto

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Aine Kay Sison - Tuba

Offertory Response Hymn #807 refrain

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

Prayer for Our Offering

Dave Todd

Hymn # 805 Give thanks, my soul, for harvest

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Benediction

Amen # 780 Amen

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Postlude Concerto for two trumpets in D major—III: Allegro

Christoph Graupner (1683-1760)

Troy Deren, Paul Scholtz—trumpets

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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 15

The Rev. Sabino Diok

October 22

The Rev. Wendy Adams

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.

Thank You

On Thursday, September 28, Grace baked and served almost 900 cookies for the Connaught School Welcome Back BBQ. We give thanks for Marlene Doherty, Joni Ermter, Lesley Lee, and Andrea Radford who generously gave of their time to help build community.

Volunteer Opportunities

Grace Kids and Youth Church School

We need two Church School leaders this fall. Please consider helping with this fun and easy ministry one Sunday per month.

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.

Volunteer Request for Cake Bake 2023 Saturday, October 14 to Friday, October 20

Opportunities include:

Saturday, October 14: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Delivery Day · organize and set-up

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm: Production Days

· Cake Production: filling pans, weighing, leveling, preparing for baking

Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm: Baking Days

Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm: Wrapping Days

· Wrapping cakes, gift packaging, storing

Friday: 9:00 am: Cleanup Day · Clean and store equipment

To join in, please contact the cake bake volunteer coordinator at

cakebake@gracecalgary.org

Happy Thanksgiving Grace! Today we welcome some special musical guests: Troy Deren and Paul Scholtz trumpets, Aaron Geislinger trombone, Aine Kay Sison tuba and Rob Maciak percussion. What a sound they will make! I am thankful indeed!

With this wonderful group of musicians, we will, among other things, play Franz Liszt's "Nun Danket Alle Gott" (*now thank we all our God*). In his day, Liszt was best known as the crème de la crème of virtuoso pianists with his staggering technique and musicality. However, he was also an important and innovative composer of the mid to late Romantic period in music. One of his trademarks is to take a theme or motive and transform it via clever key modulations and manipulations of the notes or rhythms. Notice this in the anthem this morning in which an extended organ solo takes the well-known tune by J. Cruger and leads us on a journey to the triumphant choral exclamation that finishes the piece.

ROSE BALTRUSAITIS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications and donations to the Rose Baltrusaitis Music Scholarship are now being accepted for the current season.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact the church office at: office@gracecalgary.org for an application form.

Applications and sample recordings should be returned to the office at Grace by October 28, 2023.

This scholarship is currently administered by the Spiritual Growth Committee. If you wish to support this scholarship program, you may make a donation by contacting Rob McDonald, Treasurer at Accounting@gracecalgary.org.



Grace Updates



www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/

Photography appointments October 8 after worship

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.

Lead Minister Search Committee

The Lead Minister Search Committee continues to work diligently and prayerfully always listening for God's guidance. Many thanks to the congregation for their comments, support and prayers.

We have been meeting regularly and our next in-person meeting will be held October 14. Our expanded advertising program has created some interest. We have completed updates to our PCC profile and have worked with Minister Resource to develop position descriptions for the Lead Minister and Associate Minister. We are also preparing for potential interviews by developing questions and answers that enable open sharing of information to support discernment. It is our hope that God will hear our prayers and a Lead Minister will be found soon.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day hosted at Grace



Bones of Crows screened at Grace



Grace Events

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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/



Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly.

Mission Moment



In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. The Rural and Remote Ministry Fund offers seminary students the opportunity to gain practical ministry experience in rural communities across the country. This summer, Nehemia Neuhisa and Howard Tuwaidan, both seminary students, served as student ministers for the Synod of Saskatchewan. Through the experience, Nehemia and Howard were able to lead worship at 10 different congregations, support Vacation Bible School programs, serve as chaplains at Camp Christopher, and volunteer at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Like the early disciples, their commitment to mission and outreach was a blessing to many. For more information about Presbyterian Sharing please refer to: <https://presbyterian.ca/sharing/>

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