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## 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

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**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** **Song Without Words** Book II, Op. 30 #1—Andante espressivo  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Janet Hyde**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Lina**

**Introit** **In God alone**

Jacques Berthier,  
Taizé Community

## **Call To Worship**

We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

**Here God will transform us into disciples.**

We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

**Here God will write compassion on our hearts.**

We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

**Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives,  
and so we will praise our God!**

**Hymn** **# 497 Word of God, across the ages**

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**Prayer of Adoration**

**The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times, O God of our Salvation.

**Happy are those, O God.**

We have fallen short of this high calling—through what we say, through what we have left unsaid, and through the ways that we have not always extended the hand of peace and friendship to all those we meet.

**Forgive us for failing to reach high towards you.**

Forgive us for losing patience with others, for blaming others rather than seeking solutions, and for failing to forgive when it is in our power to do so.

**Forgive us and turn our hearts and minds towards you, and towards the good ways of Christ Jesus.**

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

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

**And also with you.**

**Anthem Thank You Lord**

African American Spiritual  
/Arr: John Carter (b.1930)

## Time with Young Christians

**Hymn # 477 Your hand, O God, has guided**

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**Prayer for Understanding**

**Jean Clelland**

**Scriptures** Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23 (unison, sing refrain I)

Matthew 22:1-14

**The Rev. Sabino Diok**

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**      **Who is worthy of a king’s banquet?**

**Hymn**      **# 11 The Lord’s my shepherd**      †

### **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**    **Prayer in B flat Major, Op. 47, No. 4**      Alexander Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

**Offertory Response Hymn #807 refrain**      †

**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**      **Anne Stephenson**

**Hymn**      **# 652 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go**      †

### **Benediction**

**Amen**      **# 780 Amen**      †

**Postlude**      **Postlude on the tune Austria**      Franz Joseph Haydn  
Arr, Mark Rippe

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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/](http://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 22**

**The Rev. Wendy Adams**

**October 29**

**The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

### **Thank You**

The first class of this fall's term of the English Language Learner program is on October 16. We pray for and give thanks for the leadership of Mary Jardine (Coordinator), Cathy Brown, Shane Cormier, Richard Kim, Janice Ottewell, Marilyn Simmons, Samantha Van Huigenbos, Claire Vukadinovic, and Sandy Willott as they prepare for this much-needed ministry.

### **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](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Grace.

Good morning, Grace. Today's anthem is an uplifting and vibrant setting of the famous African American Spiritual *Thank You Lord* arranged by accomplished American composer John Carter. Mr. Carter is Director of Music at University Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio and completed his music degrees at Trinity College, San Antonio and Peabody College in Nashville. With its strong gospel style and positive message of thanksgiving, this anthem will surely leave you in a bright mood. The words, simple and heartfelt, are as follows:

*Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you Lord,  
Been so good, you been so good to me,  
I just want to thank you Lord.  
Been my friend, I just want to thank you Lord.*

### **ROSE BALTRUSAITIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Please find application forms and a link to upload submission recordings at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/04/music-scholarship-application](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/04/music-scholarship-application).



You can also email [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) for application forms. Submissions of the completed form and the sample recording are due 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](mailto:Accounting@gracecalgary.org).

## **Grace Updates**

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/)



### **Photograph Directory**

Volunteers will be reaching out by phone to those who have not yet made an appointment to have their photo taken for Grace's new photo directory. This project is a great way to strengthen the sense of community here at Grace. We really encourage everyone to participate by arranging a photo appointment between October 28 and November 4 at a time that is convenient. Let's use this opportunity to connect the names and faces in our congregation!

### **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.

## Grace Bethany

# Bethany October Gathering



The women of Grace Bethany met on Tuesday, October 10, at Grace to enjoy fellowship and discussion. Grace Bethany is open to all women of Grace (and any female friends who would like to attend). It is a Christian fellowship group that meets monthly at Grace Presbyterian Church on the second Tuesday of the month. Grace Bethany actively supports RESET, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D includes overseas mission), Brown Bagging for Kids, KAIROS and several other charitable areas as needs arise.



## 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.

**All Saints’ Day Memorial Service  
Wednesday, November 1  
at 7:00pm in the Grace Chapel**



### **All Saints’ Day Memorial Service**

Everyone is welcome to attend to address losses in life, from deaths to job and friendship losses as well as changes in life. Open to all including the congregation, family, friends, and the community.

## In Community



**Do** justice.  
**Love** kindness.  
**Walk** humbly.



## **World Food Day 2023: Water is life, water is food.**

This year, World Food Day shines a spotlight on the vital role that water plays in life and the production of food. It's a reminder that billions of people live in places where water quality is a concern or where the demand for water surpasses its availability. This is especially challenging for smallholder farmers who produce much of the world's food. Without clean and reliable water sources, crops and livestock cannot thrive, food production becomes very limited and people's health suffers.

Clean water is the foundation of a sustainable food supply—impacting the overall health of communities worldwide. Now more than ever, we need to be intentional with how we manage our water usage so we don't run out of this essential resource. On October 16, World Food Day, let's raise awareness about how important wise water management is for food security.

Did you know?

- 2.4 billion people live in water-stressed countries.
- Agriculture accounts for 72% of global freshwater use. Another 16% is used for households and services, while 12% is used by industries.
- Global water demand for agriculture is expected to increase by 35% by 2050.
- In the past decade, flood-related disasters have increased by 134%. The number and duration of droughts increased by 29%.

Together, We Respond:

PWS&D works with our global partners to help people in marginalized countries access clean and safe water. Access to water helps families grow food, improving livelihoods and, ultimately, their quality of life. Additionally, communities with access to clean drinking water and proper sanitation facilities have the necessary tools to help prevent the spread of waterborne diseases.

How YOU can take action locally:

- Reduce your food waste: producing food means using water, and wasting food means wasted water.
- Conserve water: be conscious of your water usage.
- Stay informed: staying informed is a great way to stay updated with initiatives and advocacy opportunities you can be involved in.

PWS&D is a member of [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), a coalition of 15 church-based agencies working together with the common goal of eliminating global hunger.



**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/](http://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](mailto: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/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/trunk-n-treat/)

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