

INWARD OUTWARD FORWARD

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

October 22, 2023
10:30 am



“The word of the Lord has sounded forth from you.” (1 Thess. 1:8)

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:



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 Chorale Prelude on "Slane"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Welcome and Announcements

Marlene Doherty

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Giyth

Introit In God alone

Jacques Berthier,
Taizé Community

Call To Worship

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

We will bless God's name from day to day.

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

We will bring God honour and glory as we worship God's holy name.

Hymn # 422 Sing a new song unto the Lord

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Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Patient God,
we confess we need your mercy.
We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do.
We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways.
Forgive us, O God,
Amend who we are and direct who you would have us be
for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

Anthem **Be Thou My Vision**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Time with Young Christians

Hymn # 661 **We give thee but thine own**

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Prayer for Understanding

Sandy Strother-Stewart

Scriptures Psalm 96 (responsive, sing refrain III)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon **Inward Outward Forward** **The Rev. Wendy Adams**

Hymn **# 300 Father, we love you** ******

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 **Organ Sonata in a minor** **Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)**

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 **Robin Telfer**

Hymn **# 626 Lord of all power** *****

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

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/



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 29

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

November 1

All Saint's Day Memorial Service The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

November 5

Remembrance Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Thank You

Especially during this season of thanksgiving, we give thanks to God for the service, faith and commitment of almost 200 volunteers who bring to life the ministries at Grace. Grace and gratitude do belong together like heaven and earth.

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 Greeters

The programs at Grace are full of life and busy-ness, providing many opportunities for connection and building community. One such initiative is the updating of the Grace Photo Directory, to help us know each other a little better. Individuals and families will be coming to Grace for their photography appointment from Saturday, October 28 through Saturday, November 4. We're hoping to have two greeters available through these dates/times to welcome them as they arrive and have their photograph taken. Please let us know if you could help at Grace for one or two shifts.

Please contact our Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson, at

volunteers@gracecalgary.org to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Grace.

Good morning! We have some great music coming your way for our service this morning. Our anthem today may have the title of a well-known hymn, but you'll be pleasantly surprised by the music! Of course, the Irish tune Slane is beautiful (and we are singing it this morning), and English composer John Rutter has set these familiar words to a gorgeous, florid tune for our choir anthem. This anthem is quintessential Rutter, warm, almost neo-romantic in its approach and very accessible.

I love a good chorale prelude, and today we begin worship with a favorite of mine, Anglo-Canadian composer Healey Willan's serene take on the above mentioned tune "Slane". Willan marked this chorale prelude as "Slane - at the close of day" and I can see why, it evokes a peaceful atmosphere with the string stops and gentle solo stop, however, I believe it also works beautifully as a prelude.

ROSE BALTRUSAITIS SCHOLARSHIP

Please find application forms and a link to upload submission recordings at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/04/music-scholarship-application.



You can also email 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.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/



Session Highlights:

At its regular meeting on October 10, the Session:

- prayed for peace, justice and reconciliation in Palestine and Israel, remembering Ephesians 2:11-22, and reflecting upon The Presbyterian Church in Canada's statement of solidarity with all the people of the region (<https://presbyterian.ca/2023/10/10/a-relentless-cycle-of-conflict-inflicting-immeasurable-pain-and-suffering/>)
- considered the implications of times of liminality for church leaders, as described in Susan Beaumont's book *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*, when leaders are encouraged to have incarnational presence and a presence of awareness
- celebrated the partnerships that resulted in meaningful National Truth and Reconciliation Day events at Grace, and the commissioning of Pastor Olul Ojulu Owiti and Achwol Omot Omot as they begin their mission work in Gambella
- received updates on and directed further actions to address workplace harassment concerns
- agreed upon steps to address some misunderstandings about the fixed term employment of the Music Coordinator
- approved the formal ending of the Parish Nurse Program, with many thanks for the service of Sherry Buckle, Sierra McNamara, Nancy Mazereeuw, Liz Sarginson, and Robin Tomlinson. Staff are being certified in first-aid.
- agreed to establish a Leadership Development Committee and a standing Stewardship Committee, as well as some changes to the mandates of the other Committees, consistent with the refreshed Strategic Plan. Terms of Reference and workplans are to be adjusted accordingly.
- initiated the process for recruitment and election of Ruling Elders, to be complete in the spring of 2024
- discussed the preliminary draft of the 2024 budget, with adjustments to be incorporated in a revised draft for consideration at the November 13 Session meeting
- supported plans for a congregational meeting on December 10, at which approval of the 2024 budget will be sought
- encouraged the work of the Ad Hoc committee work leading to a comprehensive land and building strategy, and directed next steps to address the recent correspondence with RESET about Grace House

Session Highlights continued

- agreed with plans for a Memorial Worship Service to be held in the Chapel on November 1, and for Christmas Eve Services at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm
- was advised that the Presbytery had approved the revised 2 minister model and the associated position descriptions
- received updates from Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Engagement & Service, Governance & Planning, Human Resources, Facilities, Finance, Preaching Grace, Lead Minister Search, the Interim Moderator, and the Interim Minister
- received and discussed various correspondence as required
- closed with prayer for individuals, the Grace congregation, and world leaders in the face of so much suffering

September 2023 Financial Report

Positive financial trends are continuing in September. The operating deficit for September is \$147,000 less than budget and \$65,000 less than the same period last year. Revenues are on par with 2022. Expenditures are \$195,000 less than budget and \$64,000 less than the same period in 2022.

Please find the full report (along with monthly financials, annual financials, and the 2023 budget) at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/financials/.



**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/

LUNCH N LEARN Sunday, November 5 12:00 – 1:30 pm in the dining room



The Pastoral Care Committee invites Elders, Deacons, and everyone who provides pastoral care to *CARE AND CONNECTION*. Anyone interested in becoming an Elder should also attend.

PLEASE sign-up at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/care-and-connection

Led by Rev. Geoffrey, this will be an opportunity to explore the fundamentals of being present with someone in need and to share challenges and joys in your work.

Questions may be directed to Nancy Connors, Convener of the Pastoral Care Committee or Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, Convener of the Governance Committee via office@gracecalgary.org or 403 244-5861.

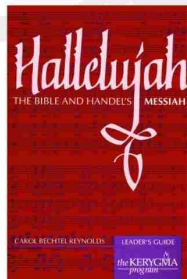
All Saints' Day Memorial Service

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.

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



“Hallelujah, the Bible and Handel’s Messiah” Bible Study, led by Rev. Wendy Adams In-Person at Grace Presbyterian Church and online through Zoom, Thursdays in November (2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 10:00am to Noon



JOIN A SPIRITUAL
GROWTH ADVENT AND
LENT BIBLE STUDY LED BY
THE REV WENDY ADAMS



Handel’s oratorio, *Messiah*, is one of the best-loved musical compositions of all time. In this study we are going to take advantage of that love and use it as an avenue into the biblical texts on which *Messiah* is based. Deepen your appreciation of the words and the music of Handel’s *Messiah* by focusing on the Bible and how words are interpreted musically. Open to all with an interest in learning more about the Bible and appreciating spiritual music on a deeper level. Sign up and learn more at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/rev-wendy-bible-study/.

In Community



Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly.

Mission Moment

World hunger is a more pressing global challenge than ever. An increasing number of people around the world suffer from worsening and chronic food insecurity and malnutrition. Climate change, conflict, and poverty exacerbated by global inflation are key factors worsening this crisis. Hunger threatens physical and mental well-being and hinders social and economic development. Through its partners, PWS&D is responding to the hunger crisis in East



Africa, where millions of people are suffering from increased food insecurity. Conflicts, such as those in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are forcing hundreds of thousands of families from their homes. Furthermore, extreme climate weather events across the Horn of Africa have created high hunger levels. Through PWS&D, we are helping to provide emergency support to people affected by the food crisis.

For information to help live out the biblical call to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8) and ways Presbyterians can seek justice through social action, visit presbyterian.ca/social-action.

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