

# TRYING OUT GRACE'S TIME MACHINE

## Reformation Sunday

October 29, 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:



**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 Intermezzo in A major, Op 118 # 2** Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Rev. Wendy Adams**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Ainsley**

**Introit In God Alone**

Jacques Berthier,  
Taizé Community

**Call To Worship (*Psalm 90*)**

God is our dwelling place from year to year, age to age.  
And yet, we become complacent, forgetting who we are.  
God reforms us.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God.**

God's life surges forth through creation, like grass that renews every morning.  
And yet we prefer to be dust, swept away in the wind of every  
new idea and new fad.  
God reforms us.

**May we rejoice and be glad in all our days.**

God turns to us, and has compassion on us,  
so the great work of our lives manifests Christ's glorious love to the world.  
God reforms us

**Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper the work of our hands.**

**Hymn # 321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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## Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God.  
Renew us by your Spirit,  
and reform us with your compassion,  
remaking us more fully into the image of Christ,  
and as nimble servants of your reign.  
Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

### The Peace

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

**Anthem Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

## Time with Young Christians

**Hymn # 374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing**

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## Prayer for Understanding

**Ben Stephenson**

**Scriptures** Psalm 1 responsive (sing Refrain II)  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**      **Trying Out Grace's Time**                      **The Rev Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**  
**Machine**

**Hymn**            **# 479 The church's one foundation**                      †

### **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**    **Chorale prelude: Lobe den Herren**

Johann Walther (1684-1748)

**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**

**Dave Turner**

**Hymn**            **# 315 A mighty fortress**                      †

### **Benediction**

**Amen**            **# 780 Amen**                      †

**Postlude**        **Toccata on Ein Feste Burg**                      Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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## Life and Work at Grace Church

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



### **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.

**November 1      All Saints' Day Memorial Service      The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**  
**Grace Chapel**

**November 5      Remembrance Sunday      The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

**November 12      The Rev. Wendy Adams**

**Please note: East entrance church doors now closed; please use north, south and west entrances only.**

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### **Session Committees**

Ministries, programs and projects at Grace are overseen by 10 committees of Session:

- Engagement & Service
- Governance
- Land & Facilities
- Minister Resource & Presbytery Relations
- Spiritual Growth
- Financial Management
- Human Resources
- Leadership Development
- Pastoral Care & Connection
- Stewardship

These committees are served by members and adherents of the congregation who have interest in the ministry of a particular committee and are able to meet typically once per month, by Zoom or in-person. There is a regular rotation of membership and there are currently opportunities for service in a number of these committees.

Please contact the Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson, at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about the work of these committees or the many other opportunities to serve at Grace.

## Elder Nominations

As part of our ongoing leadership development at Grace, every two years we recruit new Elders to serve the church. Elders are ordained for life and provide pastoral care for a specific district of congregational members and adherents. Elders are responsible for the spiritual leadership of the congregation, and the stewardship of church assets. When Elders are first elected, they will either serve on Session for a six-year term and assume the role of liaison to a Session Committee, or they will be designated a Service Elder and serve on a Session Committee.

This is how members of Grace can participate in the process of choosing new Ruling Elders (this process follows the guidelines set out in The Presbyterian Church in Canada's *Book of Forms*):

- Pray for potential new Elders.
- Exercise discernment about nominating a member of Grace to this office.
- Find another member to submit a nomination of a potential new Elder. New Elders must be nominated by two members of the congregation.
- How do you do this?
  - Complete the form [here](#), OR [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/)
  - Fill in the form below and forward it to The Rev. Wendy Adams.
- Nominations will be accepted until Monday, December 4, 2023.



Once the nomination period has ended, Rev. Wendy will interview the nominees to gauge their interest moving forward. The nominees will then meet with the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee to explore their sense of calling.

The list of those who feel called will be reviewed by the current Session Elders and then will be voted on by members at a congregational meeting in April of 2024.

Subsequent to their election, there will be a service of ordination.

If you have any questions about this process, you may speak with Rev. Wendy Adams or your Elder.

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of First Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Second Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank You

### Cake Bake

Sincere thanks for the commitment, energy, and enthusiasm of these volunteers and supporters as we celebrated 61 remarkable years of fellowship and tradition:

Amanda Wall, Audrey Elliott, Barb Cichon, Barb Voynovich, Barbara Henson, Broda Stuart, Carol Campbell, Carol Evans, Clark Hanna, Colleen Charter, Dan Doherty, Dave Todd, Deborah Winston, Dorothy Bartnes, Elaine Moody, Fran Cormack, Fran Tomlinson, Henrietta VanHuigenbos, Jackie Wise, Jacoba Dedert, Janet Slinger, Joni Ernter, Josette Macdonald, Kathy Fee, Lesley Lee, Linda Snow, Lisa Hamilton, Lorna McNeill, Lorna Patterson, Lorna Thomson, Margaret Montgomery, Margareta Meijer, Mark Durieux, Mark Tomlinson, Matthew Durieux, Marlene Doherty, Mary Jardine, Noreen Howard, Norma Hunchak, Pat Helwer, Robert Petzold, Sam Lamour, Shirley Aldous, Shirley Walker, Sonia Bertolissi, Terry McNeill, and Vivian Scott.

Also a big thank you to our loyal customers. Your preordered cakes will be ready for pickup on the date you requested.

The Cake Bake Committee




Good morning, Grace folks! Today is Reformation Sunday and to mark the occasion we have pulled out the Reformation's greatest hits. One of the most well-known tunes from this period is the German tune “Lobe den Herren” (known to us as *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*) by Joachim Neander, a reformed Calvinist preacher. It’s a great old tune (first published in 1665), and incidentally, the favorite tune of King Frederick Wilhelm III of Prussia who heard it first in 1800 (save that factoid away for your next cocktail-party trivia). Our anthem by American composer Robert Lau and our offertory music by German baroque composer Johann Walther uses this stirring and joyful tune, as well as our opening hymn. Talk about staying power for a tune!

Finally, we close with a postlude based on probably the most famous Reformation tune “Ein Feste Burg” (*A Mighty Fortress is our God*) a tune composed by the guy who started it all, Martin Luther. Have a happy and blessed Sunday!



### Why “Spiritual Health IS Health”?

Health encompasses the whole person: the mind, the body, the emotions and the human spirit. However, Western society privileges the physical, mental and emotional needs of people, often minimizing the spiritual aspect. Let us collectively raise awareness that effective care must be holistic and include human spirituality. Just as society addresses and values the physical, mental and emotional dimension of people, the spiritual dimension of individuals should also be addressed and valued. Grace seeks to support spiritual health. Some of the ways you can get support are through ministers, pastoral care (there are multiple supports available through the Care and Connection Committee), attending the Wednesday grief group, and your Elder. There is also a Memorial Service on November 1 to honour losses you may have experienced in life.



Spiritual Care Awareness Week  
October 22-28, 2023

# spiritual health is health

BODY  MIND   CASC/ACSS  
Canadian Association for Spiritual Care / Association canadienne des soins spirituels  
 EMOTIONS  SPIRIT





**Trunk N Treat, Tuesday, October 31, 6:00-7:00 pm, 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 [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@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/)

**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](http://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](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) or 403 244-5861.

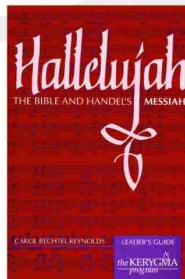
## All Saints' Day Memorial Service

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 The 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/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/rev-wendy-bible-study/).

***The Presbyterian Church in Canada joins in prayer for the people of Palestine and Israel as they face war, danger and uncertainty.***

*As Palestine and Israel are mired in violence and suffering, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is planning humanitarian assistance that will be provided through members of the ACT Alliance. PWS&D, a member of ACT, is accepting donations to support those affected by the rapidly evolving humanitarian crisis, even as basic support services are cut off or inaccessible. Meanwhile, churches are providing refuge and assistance to people where possible.*

*The Presbyterian Church in Canada asks that people pray for all who are affected and threatened and for an end to violence and a just peace in the land of Christ's birth.*

*God of truth, mercy and peace,  
God of life and of reconciliation,  
we mourn the suffering and murder of your people  
and we pray for a just peace  
and reconciliation for the people of Palestine and Israel  
who have endured the burden of violence and conflict for so long.  
Console those who grieve, heal the injured,  
comfort those who are alone and afraid,  
protect those who are held hostage, and  
restrain those who would cause more violence  
or act cynically for political gain and power.  
Let wisdom settle on your churches  
and on the governments and leaders of this world  
so that justice is sought,  
reconciliation found,  
peace established and  
security provided for all.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray.*

*Amen.*

[www://presbyterian.ca/2023/10/19/a-just-and-lasting-peace/](http://www://presbyterian.ca/2023/10/19/a-just-and-lasting-peace/)

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