

**HOW TO KEEP AWAKE**  
**Restorative Justice Week**

November 12, 2023  
10:30 am



But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
Amos 5:24

**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

### Land acknowledgement

In a spirit of respect and truth we honour and acknowledge that we worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, 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 Flute Sonata in F major** HWV 369 G.F. Handel (1685-1759)  
Grave - Allegro

### Welcome and Announcements

Cindy Stephenson

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

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**Introit # 709 What does the Lord require of you**

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### Call to Worship

God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

**We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.**

God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

**We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.**

God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

**We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**Hymn # 411 Stand up and bless the Lord**

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### Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Wendy Adams

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,  
you call us to love our neighbours and serve your purposes.  
We confess that this is easier said than done.  
When things get complicated, we lose patience and turn away.  
When we are unprepared for a challenge,  
we excuse ourselves from taking part.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Renew our willingness to put ourselves on the line for your love.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

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

**Anthem**      **Sing a new song**      Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672)  
arr: Carolyn Jennings

### Time with Young Christians

**Prayer for Understanding**      **Jim Campbell**

**Scriptures**    **Amos 5:18-26**  
**Psalm 70** (Responsive, Sing Refrain I)  
**1 Peter 1:3-9**  
**Matthew 25:1-13**

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



## 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 19**

**The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

**November 26**    **Reign of Christ**

**The Revs. Adams and Simmins**

**Special Music: Grace Handbell Choir**

**December 3**    **Advent 1 Communion Sunday**

**The Rev. Wendy Adams**

**Special Music: Grace Camerata**

### Grace Updates

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



### Thank You

Updating the Grace Photo directory has been led by Anne Stephenson, with great support from the team of Margaret Anderson, Cathy Caldwell, Nancy Connors, Carol Evans, Susan Mendonca, Broda Stuart, and Elizabeth Young, plus greeters who welcomed people arriving for photography appointments. It is the hope of the Pastoral Care Committee that this project will help the congregation feel a little more connected and so we give thanks for the time and grace shared by all these volunteers.

### Flowers in the Sanctuary during Advent

Please be in touch with the office at 403 244-5861 or [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) if you, your family or group would like to place a Christmas floral arrangement behind the communion table to beautify the Sanctuary on a Sunday in December.



## 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 on 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.

### Poinsettias for Advent

Help send the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent to approximately 60 of Grace's congregants who are unable to join us in-person. Donate poinsettias and they will be delivered starting the weekend of December 8, in time for their festive colour to be enjoyed throughout the Christmas season. Plants are \$15 each. Order here in memory of loved ones or in honour of cherished ones:

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/26/advent-poinsettias/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/26/advent-poinsettias/).

Thank you for ordering by Friday, December 1.

If you are able to help deliver some of these much appreciated plants, please be in touch with Cindy Stephenson at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org).



## Elder Nominations

As part of our ongoing leadership development at Grace, every two years we recruit new Elders to serve the congregation. Election to the eldership is the call of God, through the congregation, for service in Christ's Church. Since the eldership is a spiritual office concerned with the rule and pastoral oversight of the congregation, only suitable people should be considered. They should be committed Christians, in regular attendance at public worship, persons of sound judgment and upright character, and either knowledgeable or prepared to learn of the government of the church. The right of electing elders is vested in the professing members of the congregation. (*Book of Forms* 132).

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 on-line @ [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/24/nominate-or-become-an-elder/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/2023/10/24/nominate-or-become-an-elder/) , or
  - 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Photo Submissions for Photo Directory**

Until the end of November, anyone who was unable to come to the church to have their photo taken for the new directory is welcome to submit a photo for inclusion in the photo directory. High resolution digital photos are preferable. The photo must be accompanied by a fully completed and witnessed consent form which can be obtained by calling the church office at 403 244-5861. (Note: The name of everyone who appears in the photo must be listed on the consent form and each adult (age 18 years and older) who appears in the photo must sign the form. One form per family. Please list the names of everyone who appears in the photo from left to right.) For any photo taken by a professional photographer, please include a letter of permission from the photographer for Grace Presbyterian Church and Artistic Impressions to use the photograph. These photos and consents can be emailed to the church office at [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) with the subject line Photo directory – Family Surname.

## **Grace Events**

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



### **God's Grace in Scripture, Wednesday mornings until December 13**

*God's Grace in Scripture* is offered in the Lounge from 9:30 to 10:30 am, followed by a fellowship time. Drop in any week.

### **Grieving in God's Grace, Wednesday mornings until December 13**

*Grieving in God's Grace*, is held in the Family Room from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm followed by a fellowship time. All are welcome.

### **"Hallelujah, the Bible and Handel's Messiah" Bible Study**

Led by The Rev. Wendy Adams In-Person at Grace Presbyterian Church and online via Zoom, Thursdays in November, 10:00 am to noon.

Registration is on-going: [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/hallelujah-the-bible-and-handels-messiah-2/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/hallelujah-the-bible-and-handels-messiah-2/)





## New Member Class Lunch N Learn

Sunday November 19, 12:00—1:30 pm in the 2nd floor boardroom.



**New Members Class  
Lunch N Learn Nov 19**

New to Grace? Learn more about the New Members class. Sign up at [www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/](http://www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/)

You are invited to join a Lunch N Learn on becoming a member at Grace, including the benefits of being a member, the process for taking this step, and how it fits into faith formation. As this is in-person and catered, please sign up online at [www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/event/new-members-class/](http://www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/event/new-members-class/) by Tuesday, November 14.

## Graceful Seniors Lunch—Advent: Thursday, November 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

The Pastoral Care and Connection Committee invites everyone at Grace to join in celebrating the upcoming season of Advent. Enjoy learnings from Rev. Geoffrey, fellowship and a lunch of shepherd's pie and angel food cake. Please RSVP by Monday, November 20 at noon when the food order will be placed.

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## Grace Quilters Advent Sale Sunday, November 26 in the Family Room after worship



Shop from a wonderfully curated selection of hand crafted originals. Meet the talented makers of beautiful tree skirts, table runners, place mats, ribbon skirts, cards, coasters, tea cozies, and much more. See you there!

### **Beginner Handbell Seminar: Sunday, November 26 at noon in the Sanctuary**

Are you curious about handbells? Would you like to try out this special art form but are unsure how to join in? If so, our beginner handbell workshop is designed for you! Wayne Hubbard will be running a handbell workshop for beginners in bell ringing. If you enjoy the workshop and bell ringing, perhaps you might wish to join Grace's Handbell Choir which meets Monday nights at 7:00 here in the music auditorium. The handbells play at special services throughout the year.

No previous experience is necessary! We will train you and would be grateful for your talents at this long running music ministry here at Grace Presbyterian. This is a great parent-child activity or grandparent/grandchild activity! Bring your kids and come make music with us.

### **RESET Christmas Gift Bags**

To learn more about the work RESET is doing to support safe exit from human exploitation and trafficking visit [www.resetcalgary.ca](http://www.resetcalgary.ca).

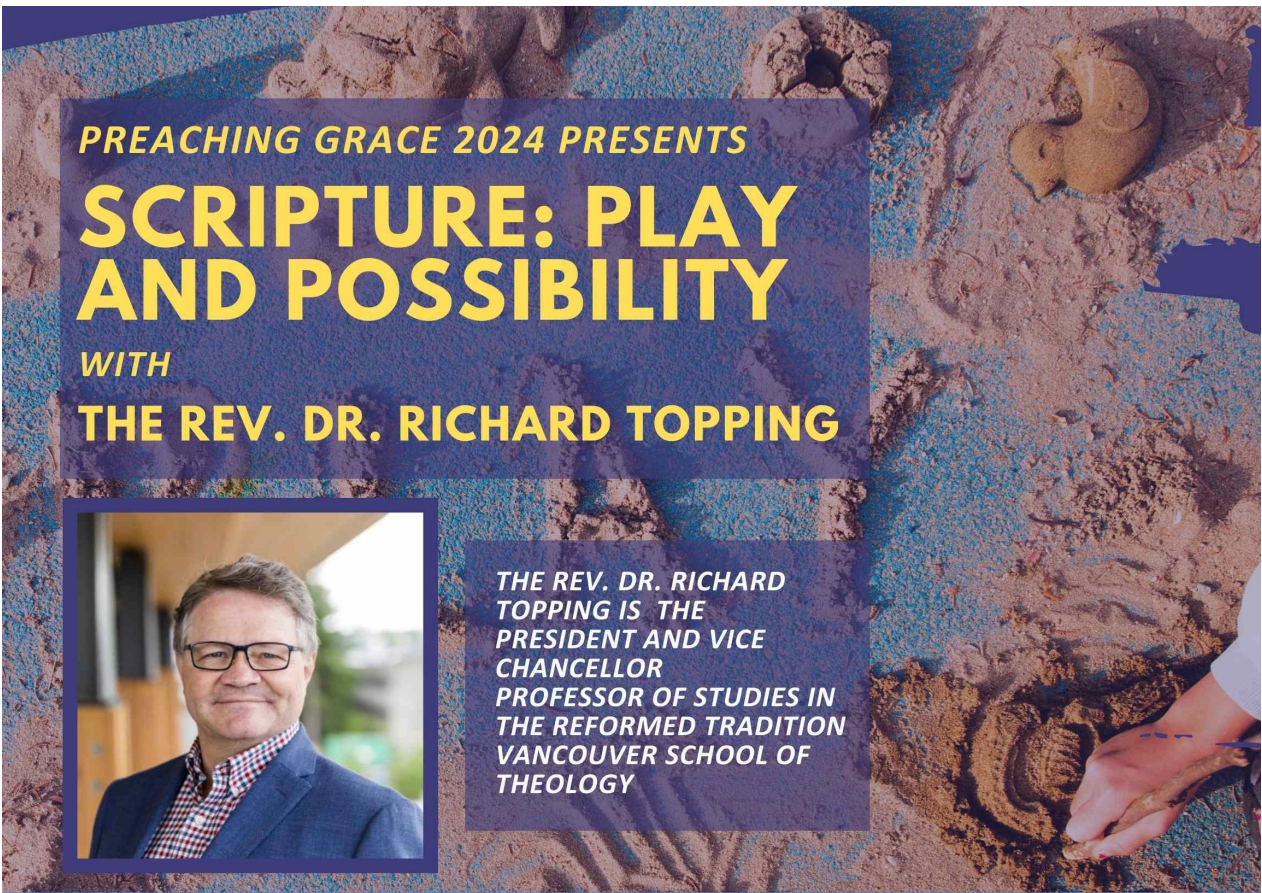
Donations of bath, beauty and hygiene items to make gift bags for 35 young women would be greatly appreciated. Please set them in the "Donation Bin" in the entry way to the Family Room until Sunday, December 10.

Thank you for your generosity.





Save the Date or get your tickets now!



*PREACHING GRACE 2024 PRESENTS*  
**SCRIPTURE: PLAY  
AND POSSIBILITY**  
*WITH*  
**THE REV. DR. RICHARD TOPPING**



*THE REV. DR. RICHARD TOPPING IS THE PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR OF STUDIES IN THE REFORMED TRADITION VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY*

Does the Bible open doors or close doors?  
How can we position ourselves and the Bible to open us to transformation?  
Can we play with Scripture?

Come and engage with the Rev. Dr. Richard Topping and other curious Christians on these questions and more. Over the February 23-25 Preaching Grace event weekend, explore how we can bring playfulness and imagination to reading the Bible. Sign up for one or all sessions - and invite your friends, family, colleagues and church congregations along.

**PREACHING GRACE SCHEDULE**  
• ALL SESSIONS AVAILABLE IN-PERSON & ONLINE

FOR CLERGY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23; 10:30AM  
MASTER CLASS FOR CLERGY \$20  
(LUNCH INCLUDED FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDEES)

FRIDAY, FEB 23: 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
FREE PUBLIC LECTURE  
OPEN TO EVERYONE

SATURDAY, FEB 24 9:30 A.M.  
PAID WORKSHOP (LUNCH FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDEES): \$20

SUNDAY, FEB 25: 10:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP - EVERYONE WELCOME!

**REGISTER NOW!**

EVENT LOCATION:  
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1009 15 AVE SW AND ONLINE

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW:

[WWW.GRACECHURCHCALGARY.COM](http://WWW.GRACECHURCHCALGARY.COM)





## Grace in Community

### **Mission to Gambella**

We've received word that Pastor Olul Owiti and Mrs. Achwor Omot arrived safely and were warmly welcomed in Gambella. The first workshop was a great success and the second was scheduled. Thank you for keeping Pastor Olul and Achwor in your prayers.



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