

# BECOMING A DISCIPLE: WHO DO YOU SAY YOU ARE?

November 19, 2023 10:30 am



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



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## 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 Tuba Tune - Op. 15**

C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Wendy Adams**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Jonathan; Andrew**

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

### Call to Worship

Let us praise the God of Truth!

**Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.**

Let us praise the God of Peace!

**Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.**

Let us praise the God of Love!

**Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!**

**Hymn # 298 Glory be to God the Father**

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### Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

Trusting God,  
you placed your mission in our hands and gave us gifts to  
accomplish amazing things in Jesus' name.  
We confess sometimes we've taken credit for  
what your love has done.  
Sometimes we've called our own desires your will.  
Sometimes we've stepped back and  
let others carry responsibilities.  
Forgive us when we've failed to honour your trust in us.  
Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

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

**Anthem**      **Leaning on the everlasting arms**      M. Hayes (b.1953)

### Time with Young Christians

**Prayer for Understanding**      **Iain Robertson**

**Scriptures**      **Psalm 90** (Responsive, Sing Refrain I)  
**Luke 9:18-20**      **The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

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

**Sermon**      **Becoming a disciple: who do you say you are?**

**Hymn**      **# 645 Follow me, the Master said**      †

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**      **Mary Jardine**

**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 Psalm 90: God Everlasting**      **St. Magnus/Jeremiah Clarke**  
(1660-1707)

**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**      **Rob McDonald**

**Hymn**      **# 784 Thy kingdom come—on bended knee**      †

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen # 780 Amen**      †

**Postlude Fantasia in C major BWV 570**      **J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

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## Grace Updates

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## Thank You

The Representative Elder is an active Ruling Elder on Session who works both with the Teaching Elders (ministers) at Grace Presbyterian Church and serves at Presbytery. Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet currently serves in this role, to which she brings an understanding of church polity and a trusted relationship with the Teaching Elders at Grace. We give thanks for Mary Lil's wisdom and dedication as she serves both Grace and Presbytery.

## 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

Advent is fast approaching and so plans are underway for making the sanctuary even more beautiful as part of our anticipation of Christmas. Volunteers are welcomed to help hang the garland and decorate the trees on the afternoon of Thursday, November 30. Come join in the fellowship. Please contact the Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson, at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about 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 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/)





**Graceful Seniors Lunch—Advent: Thursday, November 23 from 12:00 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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### **Congregational Meeting and Lunch** **Sunday December 10, 12:00—2pm in the Gym**

A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday December 10 from 12:00-2:00 pm, following a luncheon in the gym. The purpose of the meeting is to provide Session updates, consider the 2024 budget and the sale of the RESET House. **Please register on the website by Tuesday, December 5 (the food order will then be placed) at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/congregational-meeting-and-lunch/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/congregational-meeting-and-lunch/)** Meeting materials will be posted on this page as they are shared.

If you are unable to attend, you may send comments or questions to the Clerk of Session ([clerk@gracecalgary.org](mailto:clerk@gracecalgary.org)) no later than December 5 at noon.

You are warmly encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship and participate in discerning God's leading involving ministry priorities.



**Congregational Meeting  
and Lunch**

Sunday, December 10, 2023



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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**

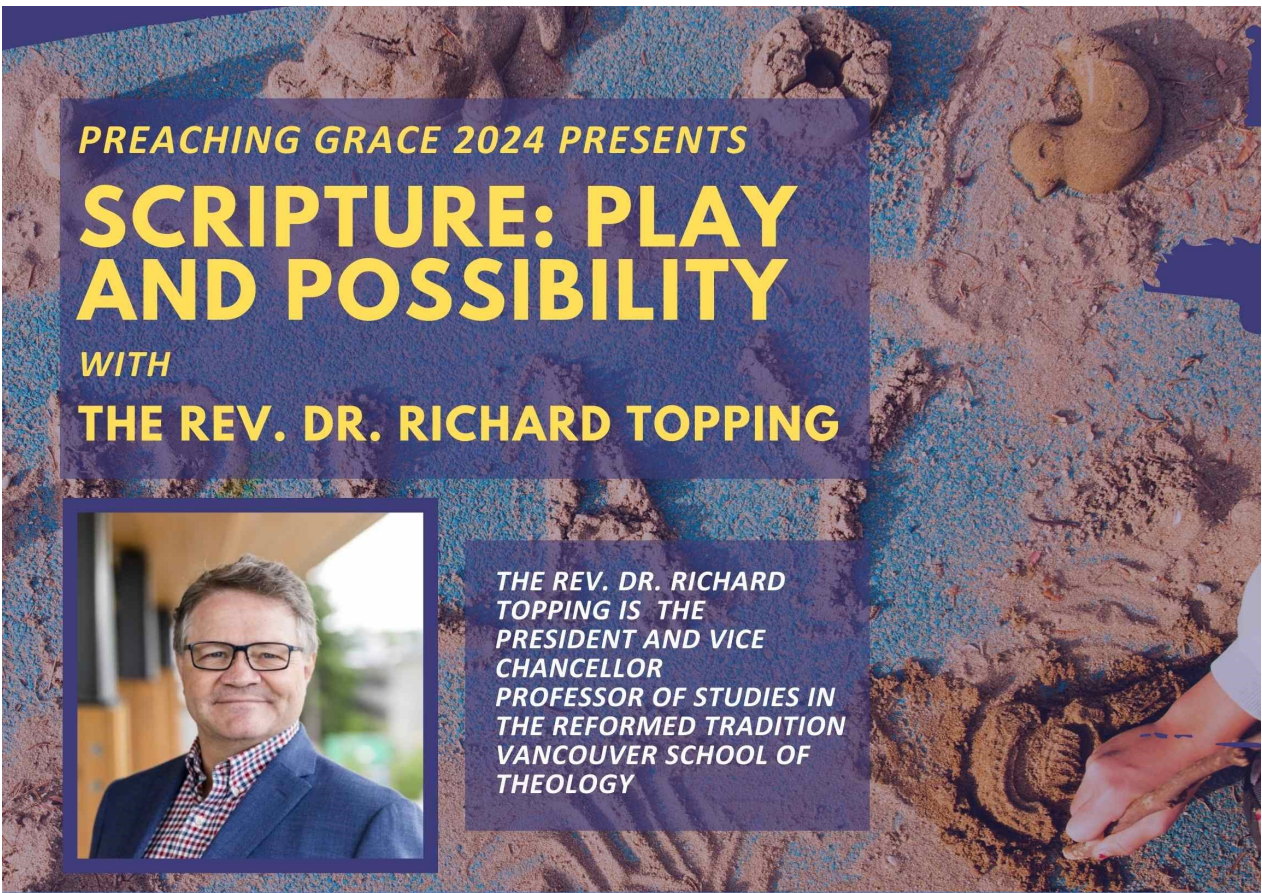
Are you curious about handbells? Would you like to try out this special art form but are unsure how to join in? If so, our beginner handbell workshop is designed for you!

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.



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 Moment



We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we share in God's mission and proclaim God's love. We participate in mission and ministry in Canada, build strong congregations, support theological colleges and provide resources and educational opportunities. We serve vulnerable people, seek justice and work toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We share Christ's love around the world, sending grants and staff to encourage, equip and accompany The Presbyterian Church in Canada partners in their ministry. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we make mission and ministry happen. None of this would be possible without your generous gifts.

[www.presbyterian.ca/sharing/](http://www.presbyterian.ca/sharing/)

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