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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)
Associate Minister

The Rev. Wendy Adams
Interim Minister

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
Interim Minister

Matt Kallio
Music Coordinator

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Grace Presbyterian Church
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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 peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta (Districts 5 and 6).

Prelude Chorale Prelude on Dulce Carmen

Robert Powell

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Wendy Adams

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ainsley

Introit Bright Morning Star's Arising—Traditional Shaker hymn

Call to Worship

Before we were born, God knew us.

God knit us together in the womb.

God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

So we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.

Hymn 438 When morning gilds the skies

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and patience, you call us to follow you and offer us purpose and new possibilities.

Yet we confess we often hesitate.

We are not sure what we have to offer you.

We'd prefer that someone else take the lead and maybe we will follow them.

Forgive us when we hesitate.

Help us trust in you.

Help us know what we have to offer.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem **Lord Lead us Still** German folksong/arr Johannes Brahms

Time with Young Christians

Hymn 645 Follow me, the Master said †

Prayer for Understanding **The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris**

Scriptures **1 Samuel 3: 1-10**
 John 1: 35-51

Sermon **What are you looking for?**

Hymn 634 Will you come and follow me *

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 **Chorale Prelude on Aberystwyth** Robert J. Powell

Doxology **425 We praise you O God** (verse 1) †

We praise you O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

Prayer for Our Offering

Hymn 324 Great is thy faithfulness

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Benediction

Choral Amen 780

Postlude Fugue in a minor

Johann Pachelbel

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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/
- ◇ 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.

January 21

The Rev. Wendy Adams

January 28

The Rev. Wendy Adams

February 4 Preach for the Call Candidate

Rev. Geoffrey Simmins is away on vacation until January 27. In case of pastoral need, please call the office at (403) 244-5861.

Lead Minister Candidate Invited to Preach for the Call

Session has issued an invitation to a candidate to Preach for the Call for Lead Minister. This week, a letter from Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, and a Preach for the Call process document were emailed and mailed to all members and adherents of Grace Presbyterian Church. This explains the process, the roles of members and adherents, and the timeline. These documents are also inserted in the bulletin and posted on the Grace website at www.gracechurchcalgary.com. Please review the documents and save the dates—if you have questions, please email Jean Morris at interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org.

Elder Lunch, Sunday January 14 after Worship, in the Gym

All Elders of Grace Presbyterian Church have been invited to a lunch after worship today with Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Preach for the Call process, clarify Elder roles in the Call process, and answer any questions. We look forward to breaking bread together as Grace begins the Call process.

Music Notes:

Good morning Grace Presbyterian!

This morning of the second Sunday after Epiphany brings us music with themes of leading and following. Our scripture reading of John 1:35-51 deals with this theme. In this spirit we present a beautiful folk tune arranged by German composer Johannes Brahms with English text by Helen Dickenson. The words are apropos:

“Along the varied paths of life, through hours of joy and sorrow keen, in grim temptations’ mortal strife, in doubt and confidence serene, Lord lead us still.
O lead us still.”

Further to this theme of leading and following, I thought an appropriate postlude would be to present a fugue. The polyphonic nature of the fugue suggests leading and following. The subject (main melody) of the fugue being presented with the other voices following in tandem and taking their turn imitating and developing upon the original theme. This morning we will hear a short delightful fugue in a minor by a master of fugal writing, the Baroque composer Johann Pachel

Grace Updates

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Thank You

The English Language Learner program has started another term and we give thanks for the volunteer leaders: Richard Kim, Jill Nation, Janice Ottewell, Marilyn Simmons, Samantha Van Huigenbos, and Sandy Willott. We are grateful that Mary Jardine has been serving as the Interim Coordinator, ensuring this vital ministry continued while we sought a new Coordinator. And we give thanks that Shirley Philips has felt called to step into the role of Coordinator to sustain and grow the program. God is good.

Thank you everyone for so generously supporting the 35 RESET Christmas gift bags with beauty items and toiletry needs. They will have brought much joy to the young women for a wonderful Christmas. My grateful thanks to all, ... Joni Ernter.

Volunteer Opportunities

volunteers@gracecalgary.org

Ceramic Cups for Fellowship Time

As one step towards a more ecologically sustainable footprint at Grace, we hope to use ceramic cups during the Fellowship Time after service instead of disposable paper cups. Volunteers to assist with the set up of the cups before Fellowship Time, and to gather the dirty cups and put them in the lounge dishwasher after, will help us make this step. Please let Cindy Stephenson know if you might be willing to take some turns at this.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, Tuesday, February 13

Please come welcome the congregation and community, prepare and serve the meal, and help with the games and clean-up. Fun will be had by all!



Grace Events

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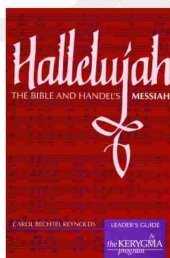
God's Grace in Scripture resumes Wednesday mornings January 10 in the Lounge from 9:30 to 10:30 am, followed by a fellowship time. Drop in any week.



“Hallelujah, the Bible and Handel’s Messiah” Bible Study

Part 2 resumed Thursday, January 11, 2024, led by The Rev. Wendy Adams. In-Person at Grace Presbyterian Church and online through Zoom.

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



Grace in Community



Mission Moment

Sohdi became the sole provider for her family when her husband died a decade ago. A farmer in Pakistan, she plants various crops, but droughts and floods have disrupted food production for three years. In 2021, Sohdi received aid through the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, supported by PWS&D, which provided food aid to households in need. This assistance enabled her family to eat properly even during times of failed harvests. The project also provided support for women artisans to improve their skills and market their goods, making them more resilient for the future. Sohdi is grateful for this support that allowed her to stay out of debt. Now, she dreams of her son's wedding as well as sending her other children to school.

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