

Come after me

January 21, 2024

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)
Associate Minister

The Rev. Wendy Adams
Interim Minister

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
Interim Minister

Matt Kallio
Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:
www.gracechurchcalgary.com



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 Toccata in F major

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pauline

Introit **Confitemini Domino**

Jacques Berthier/Taizé Community

(Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good)

Call to Worship

Jesus said: The kingdom of God is near.

Seek forgiveness, change your actions,
and believe this good news!

The time is up! God's reign is now!

Let us live joyfully as the family of God!

Jesus said: follow me, and I will make you fish for people

We have heard Christ's call. We will follow Jesus.

Trusting in God's mercy and grace,
let us worship the Lord together.

Hymn **39 God of mercy, God of grace**

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Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Wendy Adams

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy cleanse us and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

W.Gladden/arr: Gilbert Martin

Time with Young Christians

Hymn 471 We are one in the Spirit

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Prayer for Understanding

Greg Retzer

Scriptures **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**
 Psalm 62: 5-12 (sing Refrain I)
 Mark 1: 14-20

Sermon Come after me

Hymn 753 You walk along our shoreline

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Cressman

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 **Offertory on "Melcombe"**

Healey Willan

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

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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

Aluat

Hymn **648 I'm gonna live so God can use me**

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Benediction

Choral Amen **780**

Postlude **Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

William Bradbury/arr: Larry Shackley

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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 28

The Rev. Wendy Adams

February 4

Lead Minister Candidate Invited to Preach for the Call

A candidate has been invited to preach for the call on February 4. A letter from Interim Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, and a Preach for the Call document explaining the process, the roles of members and adherents and the timeline have been emailed and mailed to all members and adherents of Grace Presbyterian Church. 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. Please email Jean Morris at interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org if you have questions.

Friday, February 2: Meet and Greet

- Candidate meets with Session and Service Elders; The Rev. Jake Van Pernis; and members of staff.

Saturday, February 3: Meet and Greet

- Families of Grace Kids and Youth meet with the Candidate from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.
- Congregation is invited to meet the Candidate between 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church. The candidate will speak briefly at 2:45 pm. Questions can be sent ahead of time to the Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, at interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org.

Sunday, February 4: Worship, followed by Congregational Meeting, then Signing of the Call.

The candidate will preach for the call. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend in-person. If you cannot attend in-person, please view livestream worship, or watch the recorded video at: www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/worship/.

Congregational Meeting (immediately after worship). Attend in-person or online via Zoom—email office for Zoom link.

- Worship: Candidate leads worship.
- Congregational Meeting: members vote to extend a call.
- If successful, members and adherents sign the call document.
- Signatures collected until February 20.
- Call is presented to Presbytery Calgary-Macleod. If approved, it then goes to candidate's Presbytery.
- Candidate has 10 days to accept.

New Elder Districts:

We have recently re-assigned elder districts to ensure that all members and adherents have an elder. There is a list of individuals in the congregation, with their elder, printed on an insert in the bulletin. Elders are contacting people in their districts to remind them to attend the events of The Preach for the Call weekend. Should the congregation vote to call this minister, elders will be seeking your signatures between February 5 and 19. The number of signatures indicates the strength of the congregation's commitment to call this minister, so it is very important that every member and adherent make the effort to sign the call. If you would like the contact information of your elder, please email the church office at office@gracecalgary.org, or call (403) 244-5861. Thank you very much for your participation.

Staff Away

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins is away on vacation until January 27. For pastoral needs, please call the office at (403) 244-5861.

Music Notes:

Good morning, Grace Presbyterian Church! Our prelude this week is a lively toccata by Johann Pachelbel (you may be noticing a lot of Pachelbel pieces cropping up in the services; that's because Matt got a new book of Pachelbel organ music at Christmas). The toccata originated from early Italian organ playing where it was originally improvisation to test out a keyboard instrument, the word toccata coming from the Italian "toccare", meaning to touch. The toccata evolved to playing various figurations, scale patterns and sequences to try out the instrument. Eventually, the improvised music was written down into formal compositions, as we moved towards the baroque period in music history. The form has flourished with toccatas being written still in modern day.

Our anthem today uses one of our hymn tunes "O Master Let me Walk with Thee" (tune: Maryton). Its author, Washington Gladden (1836-1918), was called to the First Congregational Church in Columbus, OH in 1882, remaining there for 32 years. In 1883-84 he was known for his success in fighting the corrupt Tweed Ring, for arbitrating the Telegraphers' Strike and the Hocking Valley Coal Strike. He challenged John D. Rockefeller, Sr. for giving \$100,000 of "tainted money" to the Congregational Church's Foreign Missions program. Throughout his ministry he emphasized applying the gospel to life in America. He wrote "O Master, let me walk with thee" in 1879.

Session Highlights:

At its regular meeting on January 8, 2024, the Session:

- opened with a reading from Romans 12
- gave thanks for the growing numbers of volunteers, new worshippers, and students in the English Language Learner program
- prayed for individuals who are ill and dying, and their loved ones
- considered the key points from Chapter 5 of Susan Beaumont's *Leading in a Liminal Season* focused on "rightly remember[ing] stories from the past, so that these stories teach important values for the present and shape a hope-filled future"
- heard, with grateful hearts, from the Lead Minister Search Committee on its work and approved the committee's unanimous recommendation that the Session invite a candidate to preach for the call on February 4
- reviewed the process that is required leading up to, during and following the call weekend February 2-4. Communications from the Interim Moderator with the congregation starting immediately.
- approved the list of members and adherents to be shared with the congregation, along with the names of their elders, January 21
- received reports from the Interim Ministers and referred the matter of the position description of the Support Services Director to the Minister Resource & Presbytery Relations Committee
- was advised that there are currently several individuals in discernment about serving as a ruling elder
- referred proposed communications to professing members who have not been active for some time to the Pastoral Care & Connection Committee
- agreed that the Human Resources Committee be made inactive, with its responsibilities distributed to Minister Resource & Presbytery Relations, Governance, and Leadership Development (when established) Committees
- approved updated Terms of Reference for the remaining Committees and workplans for some of the Committees
- received additional reports on the work of the Engagement & Service, Spiritual Growth, and Land & Facilities Committees, the Coordinator of Volunteers, and the Communications Specialist
- was reminded to register for the Preaching Grace weekend February 23-25 with the Rev. Dr. Richard Topping
- closed with prayer and a benediction

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/



Thank You

After 40 weekly gatherings in 2023, the Grieving in God's Grace group was celebrated and brought to a close with thanksgiving. In God's love, participants have learned a great deal about grieving, confidentially sharing their own stories, lamenting and healing in a safe and trusting context. We give deep thanks to God for this ministry of pastoral care, facilitated so well by Elizabeth Cressman, Deacon of Bereavement Care, and all those who shared on this journey.

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 and help 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

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



God's Grace in Scripture

Wednesday mornings 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 Thursdays, 10:00 am to noon, led by The Rev. Wendy Adams. In-Person at Grace Presbyterian Church and online through Zoom. Sign up: www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/

Valentine's OPEN MIC



February 3, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Join us for a special evening of love, laughter, and music at Grace Presbyterian Church! Whether you're a talented performer or just want to enjoy the show, this in-person event is the perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Grab your loved ones and get ready for an unforgettable night filled with heartfelt performances. From soulful serenades to hilarious stand-up comedy, our OPEN MIC has it all. Visit www.Gracechurchcalgary.com/events/ to sign up to perform, or buy a \$5 ticket to attend.

Community Pancake Party



COME ON OUT TO A COMMUNITY PANCAKE PARTY!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1009 15 AVE SW

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

RSVP AT WWW.GRACECHURCHCALGARY.COM/EVENTS/

Come on out for a FREE Community Pancake Party. Pancakes will be served between 5:30 pm and 6:45pm. There will also be games and activities. All are welcome-from the congregation and the community.

signing up here: www/gracechurchcalgary.com/event/community-pancake-party/
(sign ups help planners anticipate refreshments and set-up).

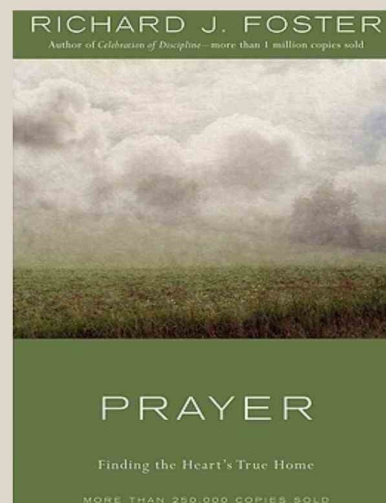
In-Person Lenten Book Study - *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*

In-Person Lenten Book Study

Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home

Tuesdays, 7-9:00pm, February 13-March 19
Grace Presbyterian Church

Led by lay leader Elizabeth Cressman



Tuesday, February 13-March 19, 7:00-9:00 pm: Join a 6-week interactive Lenten Book Study. The study focuses on Richard J. Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*, led by lay leader Elizabeth Cressman. The study is free and books are available through the office - donations are always welcome! Learn more and sign up at www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/

Preaching Grace 2024

Registration at www.GraceChurchCalgary.com Sign up today after worship during Fellowship Time. All sessions available in-person and on-line.



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

PREACHING GRACE WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 23-24-25, IN-PERSON & ONLINE
ONE WEEKEND, MULTIPLE SESSIONS

- FRI, FEB 23 CLERGY MASTERCLASS \$20
- FRI, FEB 23 FREE PUBLIC LECTURE
- SAT, FEB 24 WORKSHOP & LUNCH \$20
- SUN, FEB 25 WORSHIP

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