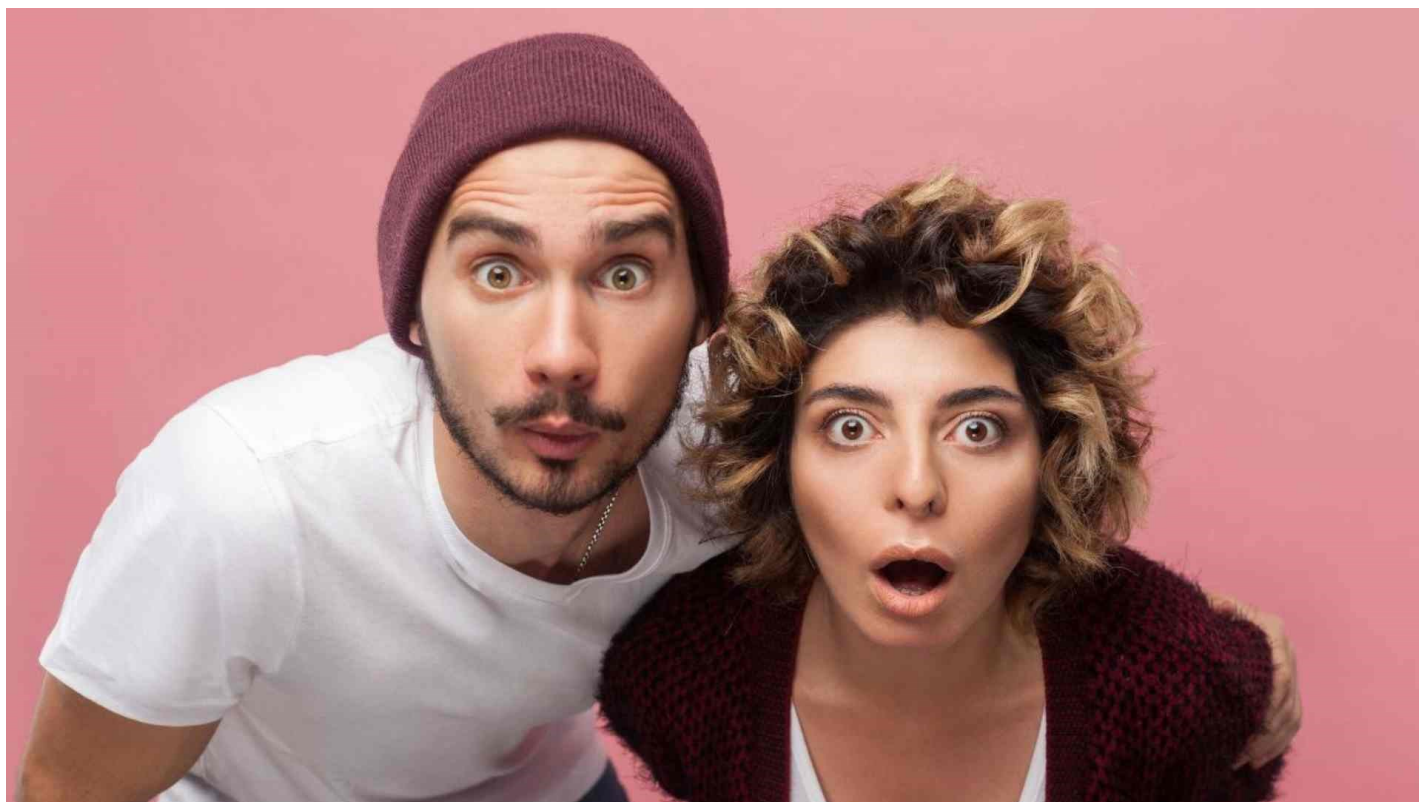


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January 28, 2024

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
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 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 **Morning Has Broken**
 Fairest Lord Jesus

Gaelic melody/Arr: Michael Bedford
Crusader's hymn/Arr: Dan R. Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

Janet Hyde

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Giyth

Introit **Confitemini Domino**

Jacques Berthier/Taizé Community

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

Call to Worship

God's praise endures forever,
and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.

God's praise endures forever,
and glory bursts into ordinary activities.

God's praise endures forever,
and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.

Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

Hymn **436 God, we praise you for the morning**

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Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

We confess there are many times we forget you.

We focus on what troubles us and ignore the help you offer.

We seek wisdom and meaning in the wrong places.

In thoughtless moments,

we harm the earth and each other.

Forgive us.

Remind us to live each day focused on your purposes

revealed in Christ who loves us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis, setting by Donald Busarow

Time with Young Christians

Hymn 475 I am the church! You are the church!

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Prayer for Understanding

Kerri Kroeker

Scriptures Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm 111 (sing Refrain I)

Mark 1: 21-28

Sermon They were astounded

The Rev. Wendy Adams

Hymn 768 Sometimes a healing word is comfort

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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 Offertory on Hyfrydol

Rowland H. Pritchard/Arr: Kathleen Wissinger

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 Clark Hanna

Hymn 647 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us †

Benediction

Choral Amen 780 Amen

Postlude Voluntary in G major, Op. 7 No. 9 Largo-Vivace—John Stanley

Thank you to the Handbell Choir and also Paul Xu for lending his talents on flute.

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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.

Sunday February 4 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. A second letter from the Interim Moderator introducing the candidate and his personal message including his bio were sent this past week. If you need a copy of these documents, please contact the church office at (403) 244-5861 or email office@gracecalgary.org. 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

- The 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, and he will speak briefly at 2:45 pm. Questions can be sent ahead of time to the Interim Moderator, 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. Register through the website at www.gracechurchcalgary.com or by scanning the QR code, and the Zoom link will be emailed to you ahead of the meeting.



- Worship: The Candidate leads worship.
- Congregational Meeting: members vote on the 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 goes to the 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.

Music Notes:

Good morning, Grace Presbyterian. Today we welcome our handbell choir to the worship service. They will be performing three pieces for you today all based on well known hymn tunes. Bunessan, our first selection is more commonly known as *Morning has broken*. Bunessan originates from Scotland where it was named after the village of Bunessan near Ross of Mull. Mary McDonald, the author of this tune, wrote the hymn *Leanabh an aigh* to this traditional Gaelic melody.

Our anthem uses a famous tune (the third mode) by the great renaissance composer Thomas Tallis. One of England's most important composers, Tallis served at court for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I. He was first designated as an organist at the chapel after 1570, although he had been employed as an organist throughout his career. He lived in tumultuous times, but he generally avoided the religious controversies that raged around him throughout his service to successive monarchs (just keep that head down Thomas and continue to write music!) His style is very typical renaissance, fluid lines inspired by vocal music, of which the majority of his music consists of. Tallis died on November 23, 1585.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/



Thank You

The weekly bible study, God's Grace in Scripture, continues Wednesday mornings under the volunteer leadership of Colleen Charter, Jan Dewar, Carol Latter, Broda Stuart and Richard Wilson. We are so blessed by the faithfulness of these disciples.

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/

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 6:45 pm. There will also be games and activities. All are welcome—from the congregation and the community.

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

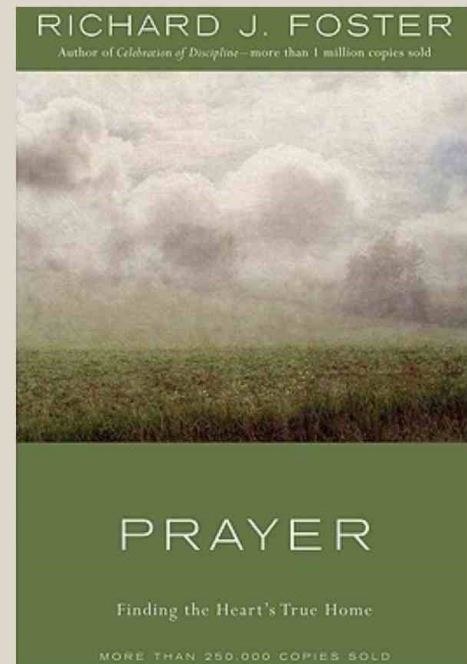
In-Person Lenten Book Study - *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*

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:

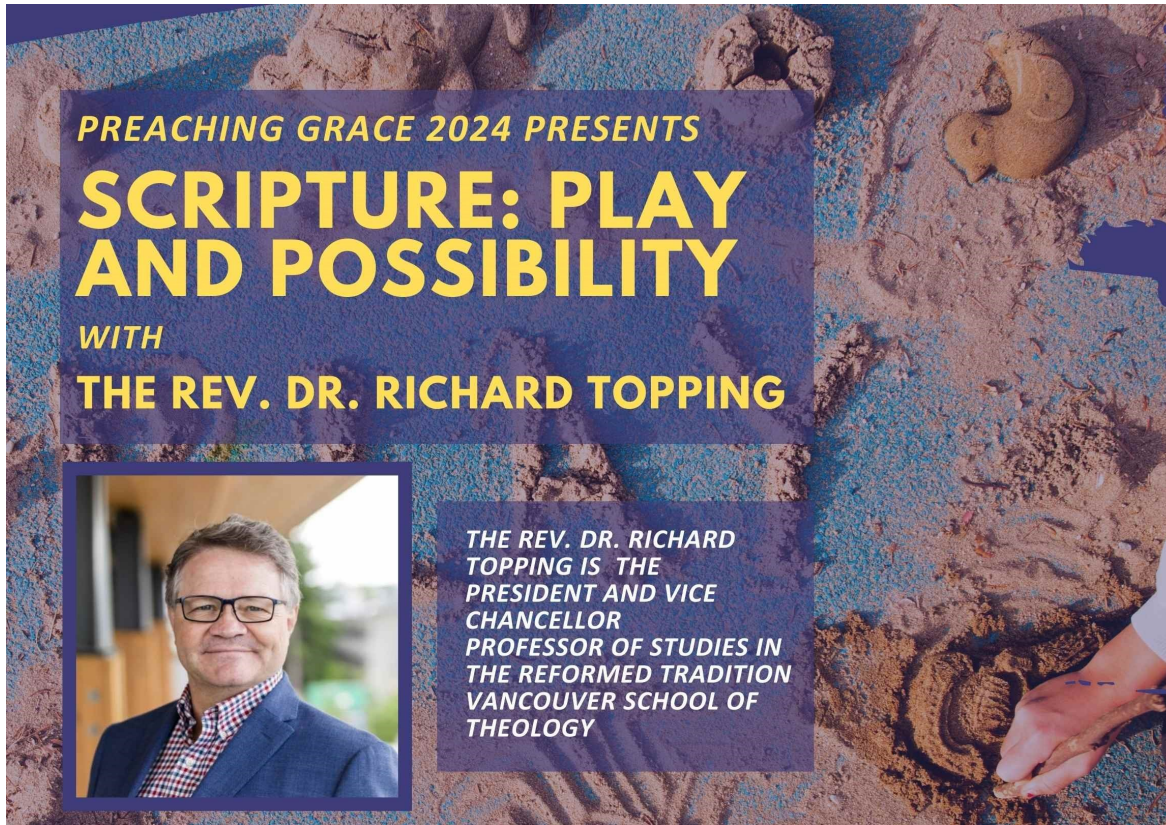
Join a 6-week interactive Lenten Book Study.

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



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!

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Grace in Community



Mission Moment

In Nepal, Nirba struggled with an undiagnosed skin condition that kept her inside. In addition to her health struggles, Nirba grappled with financial instability. Because she couldn't afford medical assistance, Nirba borrowed money from friends and relatives. Thanks to a clinic set up by the International Nepal Fellowship (a PWS&D partner), Nirba was able to meet with a dermatologist, receive a diagnosis of leprosy and begin treatment. The clinic's support also provides financial aid for Nirba's child's education. Nirba expressed profound gratitude for this assistance as it not only helped her son but her own health situation as well.

For more information on the life-changing work of Presbyterian World Service and Development, please visit www://presbyterian.ca/pwds/

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