# THE WAITING AND THE WORK

# February 4, 2024

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) Associate Minister

The Rev. Wendy Adams Interim Minister

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins Interim Minister

Matt Kallio Music Coordinator





# **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	Trio Sonata in F major—Largo	Georg Philipp Telemann
		(1681-1767)
	Fantasy in C major BWV 570	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
		Wayne Hubbard playing organ
Welcome and Announcements		Len Wolstenholme
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Introit	Lord God Almighty	Coni Huisman **

# **Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Joiner

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. We join Christ in the waiting. We join Christ in the work.

# Hymn 433 All creatures of our God and King vv 1, 3, 5 & 6

**Prayer of Adoration** 

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# **Rite of Reconciliation**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Forgiving God, give us the courage and faith to seek you out in confession. We confess our impatience in the waiting. We trust in our own power, rather than yours. We walk by those in need of wholeness, distracted by our own needs. We are reluctant to believe the gospel is truly good news for all, and not just for some. Forgive our mistrust. Forgive our distracted apathy. Forgive our cynicism. Call us to the healing and wholeness you offer in forgiving our sins, and strengthen us in the joy of the gospel. Amen.

#### Words of Forgiveness

#### **The Peace**

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

Anthem The Call

Z. Randell Stroop (b. 1953)

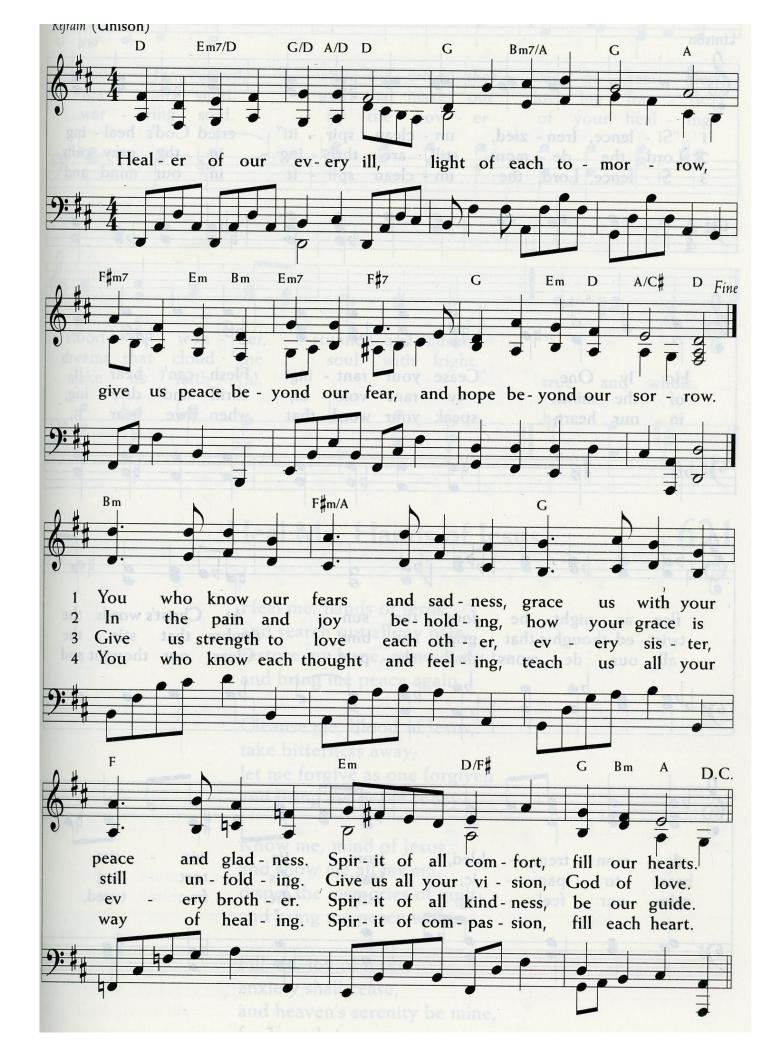
**Time with Young Christians** 

**Prayer for Understanding** 

Scriptures Isaiah 40:21-31 Mark 1:29-39

Sermon The Waiting and the Work

Hymn Healer of Our Every III (see following page)



### 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** Sonata for Clarinet in F major—Adagio Johann Baptist Vanhal (1739 - 1813)

# **Doxology** 425 We praise you, O God v 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** 

### The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

712 Arise, your light is come Hymn

**Benediction** 

Choral Amen 780 Amen

#### Postlude Toccata in G major from Douzes pièces pour orgue

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Thank you Grace Camarata Group and Wayne Hubbard for your contributions this morning.

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# Life and Work at Grace Church www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/

# **Worship Services**

- Sundays at 10:30 am in-person.  $\diamond$
- Livestreamed to watch anytime at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/  $\Diamond$
- The South Sudanese community meets Sundays at 12:30 pm in the Chapel.  $\diamond$
- The Anyuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 pm in the Chapel.  $\Diamond$

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

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Joiner 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. Get the Zoom link at www.gracechurchcalgary.com or by scanning the QR code.

- Congregational Meeting: members vote on the call.
- If approved, members and adherents sign the call document. •
- Signatures collected until February 20. •
- The call is presented to The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod. If approved, • it goes to Dr. Joiner's presbytery.

Sunday February 11 Transfiguration Sunday The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday Sunday February 18 **1st Sunday in Lent** The Rev. Wendy Adams





The Rev. Wendy Adams

#### Welcome to Chris and Kim Joiner

Grace is very pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Christopher Joiner to preach for the call as Lead Minister. Dr. Joiner is currently serving as Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tennessee. Chris and his wife Kim are at Grace for the weekend to meet the congregation and continue their discernment of a call. Chris' full bio is in the insert.

#### **Music Notes:**

We have some beautiful music planned that includes our chancel choir and Camerata instrumental group assisted by Wayne Hubbard on organ. We open with a trio sonata by German baroque composer Georg Philip Telemann performed by members of Grace Camerata Group. Telemann was one of the most famous composers of his day, eclipsing even J.S. Bach, who was more known as an organ virtuoso than a composer. One famous story is that Telemann and Bach were applying to a major church for the same position of Kapellmeister (music leader). The church authorities were excited to have the famous Telemann applying for the position. In the end, Telemann accepted another opportunity, and, the church grudgingly decided to go with the second-choice candidate, J.S. Bach, a relative unknown at the time!

Today's postlude is by the French Romantic-era composer Theodore Dubois. After study at the Paris Conservatoire, Dubois won France's premier musical prize, the Prix de Rome, in 1861. He served as organist and choirmaster at several wellknown churches in Paris, and at the same time was a professor at the Conservatoire, teaching harmony from 1871 to 1891 and composition from 1891 to 1896. Bright and cheerful, with running sixteenth notes in the right hand, his toccata is an accessible and satisfying closing piece.

#### Scholarship Announcement:

Congratulations to the 2023 Rose Baltrusaitis Scholarship recipients. These are Rachel Fast, Doch Diok, Alexander Umana and Julian Umana. Well done, scholars!

# Grace Updates www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/



# <u>Thank You</u>

David Lachapelle generously shares his time and talents in support of many facilitiesrelated projects at Grace. We give thanks to God for the gifts of his professional expertise as an architect and his love for our church and its mission.

# Volunteers@gracecalgary.org

### **Ceramic Cups for Fellowship Time**

As one step towards attaining 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 are needed to set up the cups before Fellowship Time, and to gather the dirty cups and put them in the lounge dishwasher after. 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.

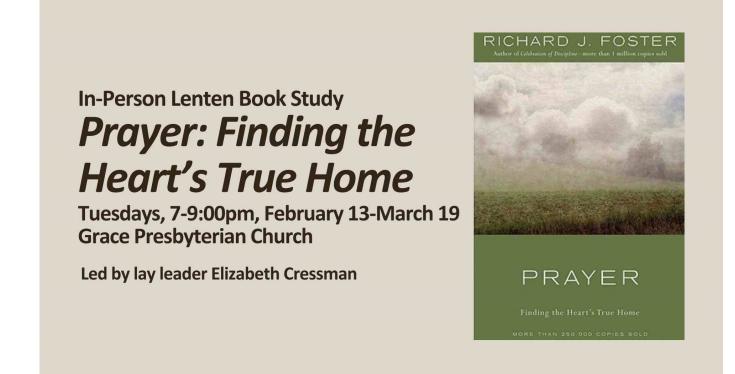
#### **Community Pancake Party**



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 ups help planners anticipate refreshments and setup. Please sign up here: <a href="http://www/gracechurchcalgary.com/events/">www/gracechurchcalgary.com/events/</a>.

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



Join this interactive study Tuesday evenings from February 13 to March 19, 7:00-9:00. Focused on Richard J. Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* and led by lay leader Elizabeth Cressman, the study is free and books are available through the office—a donation would be welcome.

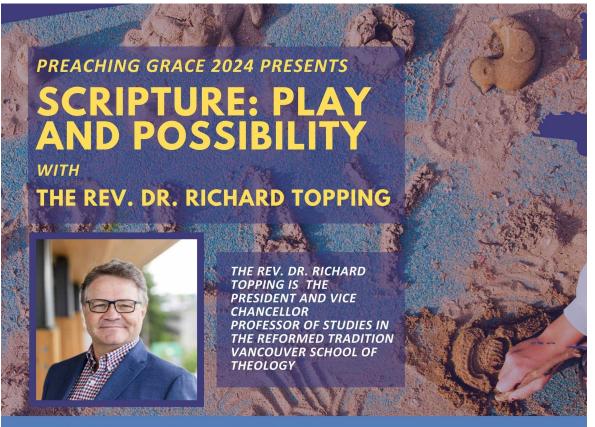
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#### February 14, Ash Wednesday - Enter through west Chapel doors



#### **Preaching Grace 2024**

Registration at <u>www.GraceChurchCalgary.com</u>. Sign up today after worship and the congregational meeting. All sessions available in-person and on-line.



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.

# • ALL SESSIONS AVAILBLE 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!

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#### **REGISTER NOW!**

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Learn about Presbyterian World Service and Development at <a href="http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/about-pwsd/where-we-work/">www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/about-pwsd/where-we-work/</a>

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