

February 18, 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

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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 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**    **Aus tiefer Not, Schrei ich zu dir**                      Christian Geist (1640—1711)  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord

### Welcome and Announcements

**The Rev. Wendy Adams**

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Grace**

**Introit**    **Jesus, Remember Me**                      Jacques Berthier, Communauté Taizé

### Call to Worship

**The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

We are beginning our journey through Lent.

**God is with us on the way.**

We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness.

**We will remember God's faithfulness.**

We seek God's mercy and truth step by step, day by day.

**We trust in God's steadfast love, so we worship with grateful hearts!**

*Please go to Lent insert responsive reading*

**Hymn**    **671 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

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### Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

Wise and Merciful God,  
you made a covenant with us in faithfulness,  
but we confess we are not always so faithful to you.  
We grow tired and restless when things don't go our way.  
We lose patience with others.  
We lack compassion for our neighbours in need,  
and forget to express love for those closest to us.  
Forgive us.  
Make us prisms of your love,  
with Christ's light shining through us. Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

### The Peace

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

**Anthem**      **Lord Jesus, Think on Me**      Arr. Georgiann H. Toole

## Time with Young Christians

**Prayer for Understanding**      **Okwayi Obang**

**Scriptures**      **Genesis 9:8-17**  
                         **Psalm 25:1-10 (responsive, singing refrain I)**  
                         **Mark 1:9-15**

**Sermon**      **Living into the promise**      **The Rev. Wendy Adams**

**Hymn**      **504 This is a story full of love vv 1-4**      \*



## Life and Work at Grace Church

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



### Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays at 10:30 am in-person.
- ◇ Livestreamed to watch anytime at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://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 25      2nd Sunday in Lent      The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

Sunday March 3      3rd Sunday in Lent      The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins  
Sacrament of Communion

### The Call, Signing the Call, and Next Steps to February 20

Thank you everyone who attended in-person and online for the February 2-4 Call Weekend with the Rev. Dr. Christopher Joiner. If you were unable to attend, the congregation approved the Lead Minister Guarantee of Stipend and to extend the Call to Dr. Joiner.

**Sign the Call today!** Everyone (all members and adherents including children and youth) is invited to sign the Call. It is really important that all members and adherents take part. If you have not yet had an opportunity to sign the Call, please email your Elder, or contact the Interim Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, at [interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org](mailto:interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org).

Elders will also be reaching out to everyone who has not yet signed.

The Session is hoping to have 90% of members and adherents sign the Call. You have until Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00 pm to have your name added to the Call.

You can have your name added to the Call in multiple ways – you can sign in-person, ask your Elder to sign on your behalf, or ask the Interim Moderator (Jean) to add your name: email [interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org](mailto:interimmoderator@gracecalgary.org).

You can sign in the alcove today.

### Condolences

We remember in prayer and thanksgiving Anne Adams. A funeral service for Anne will be held Friday March 1 at 1:00 pm at Grace.

Prayerful condolences are also offered to the family of Gail McFadyen. A funeral for Gail will be held at Grace on April 30 at 1:30 pm.

## **Music Notes:**

Good morning, Grace Presbyterian. As we move into Lent, our music becomes a little more somber and penitent. Today's prelude by German composer Christian Geist, "Auf tiefer Not," is a Lenten standard. Geist worked primarily in the courts of Denmark and Sweden. This tune by Wolfgang Dachstein instead of the more well-known Luther tune is a paraphrase of psalm 130 (Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications).

Move ahead a couple of centuries and we have a postlude work by Paul Fey. At 26 years old he has already published many fine organ works and holds a prestigious post as one of the organists at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, where the yearly Bach festival takes place. A "Grande Choeur" is normally found in French organ music and essentially means "full organ." It is typically a grand, dramatic work, often played as the final piece in a church service.

While the poetry of Hymn 671 is beautiful, the Kingsfold tune is a favourite. Thought by some scholars to date back to the Middle Ages, it is a folk tune set to a variety of texts in England and Ireland. The tune was published in *English Country Songs* (1893), an anthology compiled by Lucy E. Broadwood and J. A. Fuller Maitland. After having heard the tune in Kingsfold, Sussex, England, Ralph Vaughan Williams introduced it as a hymn tune in *The English Hymnal* (1906) as a setting for Horatius Bonars "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Shaped in classic rounded bar form (AABA), the tune has a modal character and is both dignified and strong. It is well suited to either unison or harmony singing.

## **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 Notes Children's Choir:**

The Children's Choir begins today in the music auditorium at 1:00 pm.

## Thank You

Twenty-six volunteers welcomed over 140 friends from the community and congregation at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party. They helped prepare and serve hundreds of pancakes and sausages, and thanks to their hospitality combined with games and activities, built new connections. We give thanks for the generosity of these volunteers in sharing their time, talents and love of community!

## Volunteer Opportunities

[www.volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:www.volunteers@gracecalgary.org)

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

This Sunday, Grace is resuming the use of ceramic cups during the Fellowship Time after service instead of disposable paper cups. Volunteers are taking turns over the coming weeks to help set up the cups before Fellowship Time, and to gather the used cups and put them in the lounge dishwasher. Please let Cindy Stephenson know if you can help.

### **English Language Learner Program Teachers**

The ELL program is growing in response to the increasing need for conversational English skills in our community! Currently classes are held Monday mornings at Grace from 9:30 to 11:30. Training and teaching resources are provided.

## Accounting

### **2023 Tax Receipts**

2023 income tax receipts were emailed on Tuesday, February 13 to those who have a current email on file. The balance of the tax receipts was mailed during the week of February 12. (If you would like to update your contact information please call the office at 403-244-5861 or e-mail [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org)).

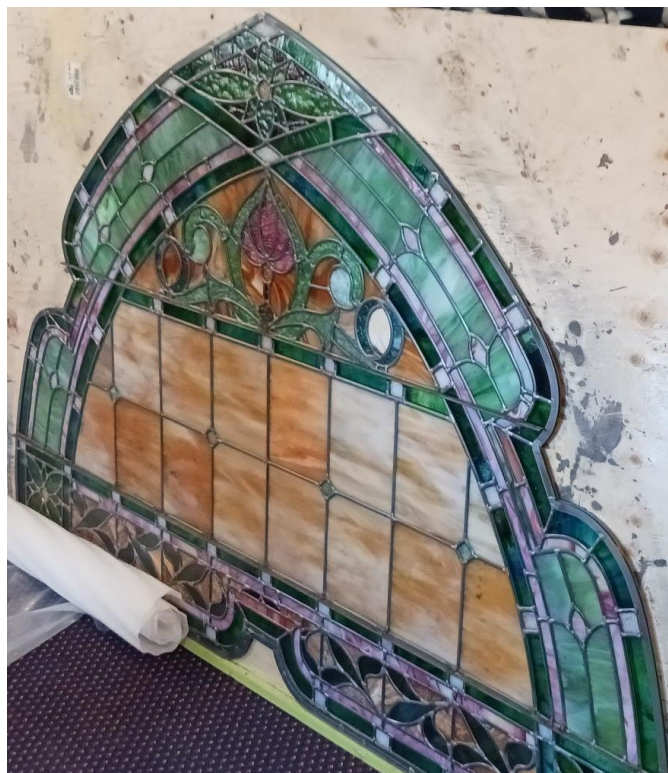
If you contributed to Grace through Canada Helps, that tax receipt is generated by Canada Helps. You can obtain the receipt from Canada Helps by logging on to their website.

## Grace Updates

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



## Ongoing Restoration of Sanctuary Stained Glass



The restoration of nine stained glass windows in the sanctuary continues. Thank you to the generous donations over the summer of 2023 that have allowed this work to take place. Donors will be invited to visit the studios of Rubaiyat, the local restoration company, in 2024.

## Grace Events

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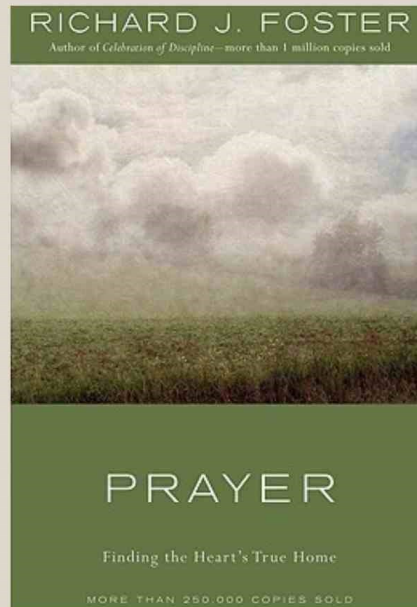
## In-Person Lenten Book Study - *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*

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



Join this interactive exploration. The study is free and books are available at the office—a donation would be welcome. Learn more and sign up at

[www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/](http://www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/)

**Pilot Project: GRACE NOTES CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS today.**



**GRACE NOTES  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to join a pilot children's choir ministry.

- Grace Notes is FREE, for all levels of singers
- Open to children ages 5 to 12
- Sundays at 1:00pm; February 18-April 7
- Directed by Matt Kallio, Grace Music Coordinator & Trisha McKinney, voice & early childhood education teacher

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## LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GRACE

*LIVING INTO THE PROMISE*



**Book Study** - Tuesdays in Lent at 7:00 pm

*Prayer, Finding the Heart's True Home*

In-person at Grace, led by Elizabeth Cressman

**Worship Services** - Sundays at 10:30 am (In-person and livestreamed)

February 18	First Sunday in Lent	Rev. Wendy Adams
February 25	Second Sunday in Lent	Rev. Dr. Richard Topping
March 3	Third Sunday in Lent	
	Sacrament of Communion	Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Rev. Sabino Diok
March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Rev. Wendy Adams

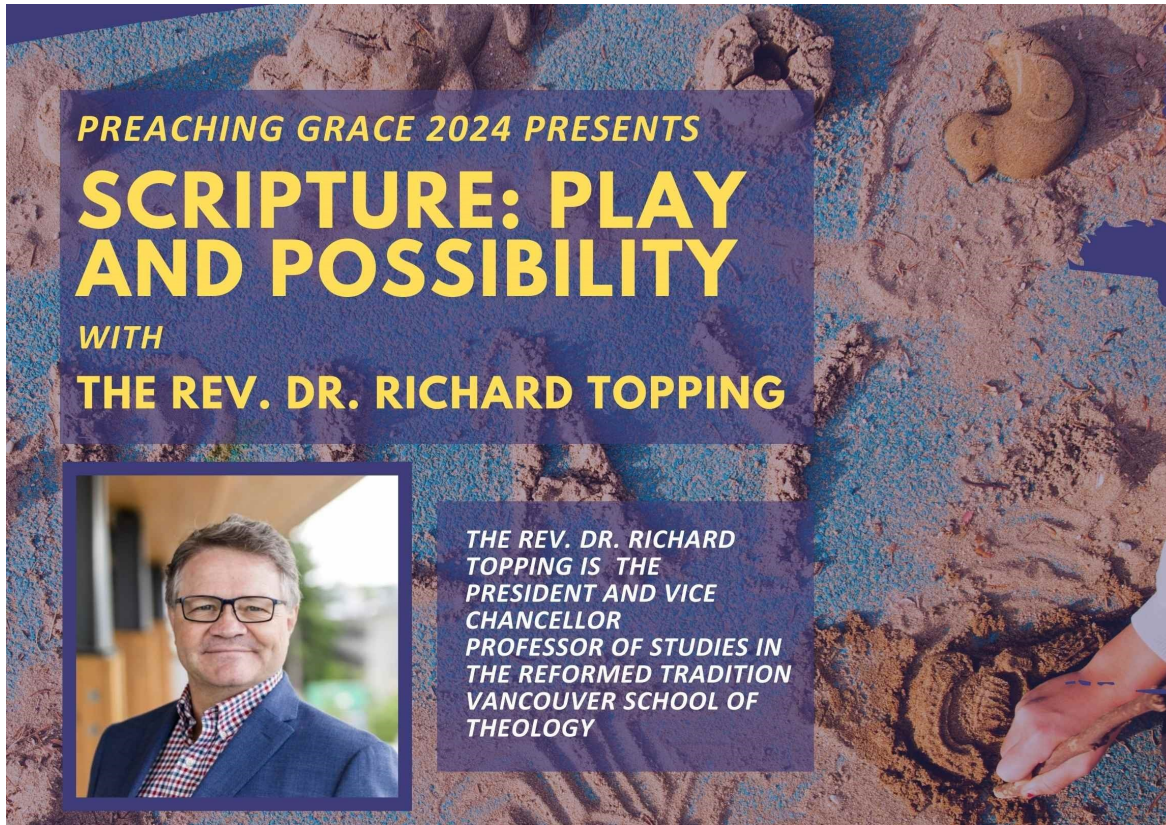
### **Holy Week**

March 24	Palm Sunday	Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
March 29	Good Friday service at 11:00am	Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
March 31	Easter Sunday	Rev. Jake Van Pernis

## Preaching Grace 2024

Please register at [www.GraceChurchCalgary.com](http://www.GraceChurchCalgary.com).

All sessions available in-person and online.




**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

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