



Visit of Nicodemus to Christ, 1880, by John La Farge

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:



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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 **Prelude in e minor**
 Quiet Praise

John S. Dixon
Dan R. Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Julian

Introit **Jesus, Remember Me**

Jacques Berthier, Communauté Taizé

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God gathers people from the east and the west, from north and south.

We will thank God for such all-embracing love.

Let us praise God for all God's wonderful works.

We will worship God and tell of God's deeds with songs of praise.

Please go to Lent 4 insert responsive reading

Hymn **314 God is love: come heaven, adoring**

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We confess that we often take your acceptance of us for granted.

We are careless in our relationships,
focused on our own needs and desires.

The news distracts us,
and we put opinion above your expectations of us.

Forgive us.

Renew our understanding of your purposes and our place within them,
so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem	Ah, Holy Jesus	J. Cruger/arr: John Ferguson
Time with Young Christians		The Rev. Wendy Adams
Prayer for Understanding		Mary Jardine
Scriptures	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (responsive, sing refrain I) John 3:14-21	
Sermon	God's love for the world	The Rev. Sabino Diok
Hymn	758 Christ's is the world	*

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

Doxology 457 Now thank we all our God v 1 †

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Prayer for Our Offering **Ray Kellough**

Hymn 706 Come, let us sing †

Benediction

Choral Amen 780 Amen

Postlude Finale in G major **Eric Thiman**

Thank you to our Grace Handbell Choir for adding to our music ministry this morning.

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Music Notes:

Good morning, Grace Presbyterian! Today we have our Grace Handbell Choir joining us in some beautiful Lenten music. Welcome handbells!

We are using the Lenten tune “Herzliebster Jesu” in two of our pieces today. Often translated into English as "Ah, Holy Jesus" or sometimes as "O Dearest Jesus", “Herzliebster Jesu” is a Lutheran Passion Hymn in German, written in 1630 by Johann Heermann, in 15 stanzas of 4 lines, first published in *Devoti Musica Cordis* in Breslau. As the original headline reveals, it is based on Augustine of Hippo; this means the seventh chapter of the so-called "Meditationes Divi Augustini", presently ascribed to John of Fécamp.

Our anthem today has an interesting compositional choice, an organ pedal drone ostinato, written to simulate the plodding steps that Jesus took on his way to crucifixion. See if you can hear it— it creates a powerful musical effect.

Pilot Project: GRACE NOTES Children’s Choir

Sign up at www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/



**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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Life and Work at Grace Church

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/



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.
- ◇ Grace Notes Children's Choir 1:00 pm in the Dining Hall.
- ◇ The Anyuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 pm in the Chapel.



March 17

5th Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Wendy Adams

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis, Associate Minister, returns Sunday, March 17

I am looking forward to reconnecting with all of you as I return to Grace from parental leave on Sunday, March 17. It has been a true blessing to spend this time with my daughter Madeline and partner Kate. Thank you! I am excited to learn about how your faith has deepened over the time of my leave and to hear about how the Spirit has been at work in and through Grace. See you on Sunday, March 17.

Rev. Jake Van Pernis

March 24

Palm Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

March 29

Good Friday

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
and The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

March 31

Easter Sunday

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Please find opportunities for Holy Week at www.GraceChurchCalgary.com

[Thank You](#)

The Ad Hoc Land, Facilities, and Asset Committee recently completed its mandate to develop a comprehensive land and building strategy with recommendations for Session. We give thanks for the time and talent shared by Shirley Philips, Bill Stemp, Karen Kim, Richard Wilson, Rob McDonald, Alan Facey and Jean Morris to accomplish this work.

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

Easter Flower Deliverers

The Pastoral Care & Connection Committee is continuing its practice of providing flowers during Holy Week for those who are homebound or otherwise are being especially remembered in our prayers. Please help deliver these beautiful plants and show our caring.

English Language Learner Program Teachers

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

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



The Call to the Rev. Dr. Christopher Joiner

The Call to the Rev. Dr. Christopher Joiner was approved as a true Gospel Call by the Presbytery of Calgary Macleod on Tuesday, March 5. The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will soon be discerning with Dr. Joiner about the Call to Grace.

Grace's New Minister Model

In 2023, Grace Presbyterian Church leadership, along with input from the Rev. Jake Van Pernis during his parental leave, revised the minister model. The model was circulated and the congregation was invited to provide feedback. The resulting model was then approved by Session and the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod in the Fall of 2023. As the model will soon be activated upon Jake's return, the position descriptions for the Lead Minister and Associate Minister have been included as an insert to the bulletin.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Grace Bethany

All women of Grace are invited to join the ladies of Grace Bethany on Tuesday March 12 from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Family Room. We welcome a special guest speaker: Judy Aldous. Judy is a journalist, currently the host of the “Alberta at Noon” call in show for CBC radio. She has also worked as host of Arctic am in Inuvik, NWT, and as a journalist for CBC Yellowknife and the Globe and Mail. Looking forward to seeing you.

God’s Grace in Scripture

Drop in any week.



Farewell / Welcome back, March 17

*JOIN FELLOWSHIP IN THE FAMILY ROOM
AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17*

- FAREWELL TO REV. WENDY ADAMS,
INTERIM MINISTER
- WELCOME BACK TO REV. JAKE VAN PERNIS,
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

