



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
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 **Trio Sonata in g minor** - Larghetto George Frederic Handel

Welcome and Announcements **The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins**

Lighting of the Christ Candle **Giyth**

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

Call to Worship

Come, all who seek to know God.

We come, for we want to see Jesus.

Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

We come, for God is in our midst this day.

We are God's people, so let us praise God's holy name.

**We will worship God with heart, mind, strength, and soul,
and declare God's goodness to us.**

Please continue to Lent 5 insert responsive reading

Hymn **414 God, reveal your presence** †

Prayer of Adoration **The Rev. Wendy Adams**

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Hymn **201 We come to ask your forgiveness** *

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem Will You Go To Calvary?

Patrick M. Liebergen

Time with Young Christians

The Rev. Wendy Adams

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Prayer for Understanding

Alexis

Scriptures Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12 (responsive, sing refrain I)

John 12:20-33

Sermon A seed or a bushel?

Hymn 472 We are God's people

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A Ritual of Farewell and Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

Wendy, you have been among the people of Grace through a period of transition while Jake has been on Parental Leave. You have been a faithful servant to the congregation, bringing God's word and sacraments, tending to the pastoral care needs, offering your gifts through teaching and providing oversight to the ministry of children and youth. We thank you for your ministry with Geoffrey and for the team ministry that God has created for the people of Grace. We give thanks to God for your pastoral leadership over the past 10 months. We pray God's abundant blessings on you as you go forth from here.

The Rev. Wendy Adams

I thank the people of Grace Presbyterian Church for the love, kindness and support shown to me during my ministry among you. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been received, and for the many things I have learned in your midst.

Congregation:

Wendy, we thank you for your ministry among us. You have influenced our faith and our faithfulness. We give thanks to God for the gifts you have given us, and we release you from all the responsibilities of Interim Minister.

Wendy:

I offer my encouragement for Jake and Geoffrey as their ministry unfolds in new ways among you. I release you, the people of Grace, from reliance on me as your minister.

Interim Moderator:

Jake, we welcome you back. We trust that your time away from the work of ministry has been a time of growth and enrichment as a father and with your family. You are returning to a new position as Associate Minister of this congregation, a role that provides new possibilities for ministry and a fresh start. Wendy and Geoffrey have worked together effectively as a team and now you and Geoffrey will be the ministry team for a time.

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis:

I am glad to be back among the people of Grace, and I look forward to living into my new role as Associate Minister. While the scope of my position is broader than engagement and service, and some things have changed during my time away, the promises of my call to Grace remain the same, "...to give myself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of Christ's reconciling mission in the world".

I thank Wendy for her ministry here during my time away, and I am glad to work with Geoffrey in a collaborative team ministry for the next few months.

Congregation:

Jake, we welcome you back as our minister. We need your gifts and leadership to help us be faithful to Christ as a congregation. We look forward to the new possibilities of spiritual growth for children and youth, young adults and older adults that you will bring us in worship, programs, and projects within and beyond the church.

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins:

I give thanks to God for the shared ministry with Wendy as we served the people at Grace together. Together – we have led worship in word and sacrament, we have shared in the pastoral care of the congregation, as well as in planning and oversight of many areas of life at Grace. God has blessed what we have offered.

I am ready to share in ministry with Jake, the called minister of Grace. I look forward to my continued ministry with and for the congregation – now in team ministry with Jake. May God bless our ministry together for the good of this church.

Symbols of Coming and Going

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 Soliloquy Healey Willan

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 Barbara Henson

Hymn 590 We have this ministry *

Benediction

Choral Amen 780 Amen

Postlude Fugue in c minor Jan Zach

Thank you to Grace Camarata for complementing our music ministry this morning.

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Music Notes:

We have gorgeous music being shared today for our final Sunday in Lent. We also welcome Grace Presbyterian's Camarata group who join us in music making this morning.

Jan Zach is a name that I had not previously encountered and I was pleasantly surprised by the quality and beauty of his writing. His c minor fugue being performed as today's postlude is quite fine in its craftsmanship. Zach was a leading figure in the Czech organ school straddling both the baroque and classical eras in music history. An accomplished organist, composer and violinist, he held a post at the monastic church of the Merciful Brethren and the Minorite chapel of St Ann. Zach evidently had a complex and eccentric personality, which led to numerous conflicts that plagued him in later life. He was suspended from his organist position in 1750 and finally dismissed in 1756. From that point on, it appears that Zach never again had steady employment. He traveled through Europe and supported himself financially by performing and selling copies of his works as well as teaching.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Pilot Project: GRACE NOTES Children's Choir

Sundays at 1:00 pm; February 18-April 17 in the dining room.

God's Grace in Scripture

God's Grace in Scripture in-Person Bible Study—Wednesdays 9:30 am to 10:30 am, March 6 to April 10

Easter Flowers will beautify the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 24, and will then be delivered to those of the Grace family who are unable to come out to enjoy them in person. Rather than sponsoring each plant individually this Easter, the Pastoral Care Committee has purchased the plants and is requesting contributions to the endeavour in general. To do so, please direct 'x' portion of your giving to "Easter Flowers". Thank you for your kind gesture.

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 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

Sympathies

Our condolences go out to the family of Sherry Buckle who died Tuesday, March 12, 2024. We offer them comfort and peace. A funeral at Grace will be planned and details of that service will be shared once finalized.

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Thank You

Today, we express our gratitude for Elizabeth Cressman's gracious and skilled leadership of the Lenten study on the book *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. Thank you, Elizabeth!

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 are being specially remembered in our prayers. Please help deliver these beautiful plants and 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.

Committee Members

Ministries at Grace are carried out through the Committees of Session, and through Ad Hoc Committees that carry out emergent or project work. They develop annual plans that outline mission work and measure the impact within the congregation and the community. Membership for these Committees is drawn from the congregation at large. The current Committees are Engagement and Service; Financial Management; Governance; Gratitude and Giving; Land and Facilities; Pastoral Care and Connection; and Spiritual Growth. Please consider if you might be called to serve the body of Christ by giving your time and talents on a Committee.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



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. The model is now activated with Jake's return and the position descriptions for Lead Minister and Associate Minister are included as an insert to this bulletin.