

NAMED

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

APRIL 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Vision

Transforming lives through God's grace.

The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris
Interim Moderator

Mission

Inspired by the Holy Spirit,
we grow disciples of Jesus Christ
to love our neighbours and
effect social change.

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
Associate Minister

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
Interim Minister

Values

Belonging, Community, Compassion,
Engagement, and Service

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 live, work, play, and worship on the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai Nations) the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta Districts 5 and 6.

Prelude All'Elevazione in C major

D. Zipoli

Welcome and Announcements

Geoffrey Simmins

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lina

Introit Surrexit Dominus Vere

Jacques Berthier, Communauté Taizé

Call to Worship

We gather in a spirit of awe and joy,
celebrating that Jesus is risen and stands among us.

The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

Hymn 438 When morning gilds the skies

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer

in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power
to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.

Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain,
whether we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves.

Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us.

Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Baptismal Hymn 521 Child of blessing, child of promise

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Jean Morris

Kavya Motana

Theodore Kail Ross

Madeline Louise Van Pernis

The Apostle's Creed 539

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayer for Understanding

Scriptures 1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-48

Sermon Named

Hymn 648 I'm gonna live so God can use me †

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Jake Van Pernis

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.

Anthem Love is Little Trad.Shaker/arr: Mark Schweizer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Adagio from 60 Devotional Pieces Paul Benoit

Response to the Offering Hymn 260 v4 *

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Prayer for Our Offering

Hymn 258 Thine be the glory †

Benediction

Sung Hymn 770 Amen †

Postlude Divertissement (Gigue) Gordon Young

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Life and Work at Grace Church

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Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays, 10:30 a.m. in-person and online; fellowship follows in the Family Room
- ◇ Worship can be watched anytime at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/
- ◇ The South Sudanese community will meet in Grace's Sanctuary today at 12:30 p.m.
- ◇ The Anyuak community will meet in Grace's Sanctuary today at 3:00 p.m.

April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Care of Creation Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chandra Mannix

Grace Notes Children's Choir

The Grace Notes Children's Choir will be gathering to practice and learn music working towards sharing during worship on Sunday May 19. Practices will be on Sundays starting today at 1:00 p.m. in Grace's Dining Room.

Music Notes

Today's anthem arranged by Mark Schweitzer is a beautifully tender take on an old Shaker tune from Kentucky. The words "Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirits grow. Grow in peace, grow in light; love will do the thing that's right" are particularly poignant for the celebration of baptism.

"All'Elevazione" translated means "to the elevation," which probably meant this piece was to be used as a liturgical piece for communion when the bread and wine are presented. Zipoli, who composed this piece was a Jesuit missionary, who studied in Rome before travelling to, and working in South America. His choral works and organ works were widely and regularly performed in his day, but have fallen into obscurity today. His works are well-written and attractive additions to an organ repertoire.

[Grace Updates](#)

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Thank You Volunteers!

April 14-20 is National Volunteer Week celebrating volunteers across Canada with the theme ***Every Moment Matters***. It highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when our world needs support more than ever. The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to our communities. *Here at Grace, over 200 individuals are generously volunteering their time and talents, contributing over 1,600,000 moments (27,300 hours) last year to the ministries that help us transform lives through God's grace.* We give thanks to God for our volunteers.

Communication Transition

Amy Dunn Moscoso, the Grace Communications Specialist, is moving to a new communications opportunity in an organization that combats preventable blindness in the world. Amy came to Grace in the fall of 2018 and has worked with leaders, volunteers, ministers, and staff to connect with the congregation and the community. We wish Amy well in her future endeavors.

The communications role has been posted at: www.Gracechurchcalgary.com/news/. The congregation is invited to review jobs and apply or to share with your networks.

Volunteer Opportunities www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

English Language Learner Program Teachers

The ELL program is growing in response to the increasing need for conversational English skills in our community and *two additional teachers are required for May and June this year*. Currently classes are held Monday at Grace from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Training and teaching resources are provided.

Committee Members

Ministries at Grace are carried out through committees. Committees put together plans to help guide 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 Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Creation Stewardship

The Engagement and Service Committee is launching an April Creation Stewardship Campaign. This work supports satellite food bank clients who often arrive at Grace without reusable bags. Therefore, Grace has reusable canvas bags for sale to help care for creation and our neighbours.

In April bags will be available for purchase after worship in Grace's Alcove.

There are three options for purchasing bags:

1. Buy a bag for personal use.
2. Buy a bag for personal use and gift a bag to a food bank client.
3. Sponsor bags that will be gifted to food bank clients.

RESET Book Drive

Support women in RESET (Rapid Exit from Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking) by donating your used books. Drop off books April 12-21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Crossroads Market, 1235 Ave SE Calgary, AB. Crossroads Market is the only drop-off location.

Walking the Silent Road: Exploring the Traditions of Christian Contemplation and Meditation

led by the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins, Interim Minister

Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the Grace Chapel
April 14, April 21, April 28, and May 5 - RSVP online



Walking the Silent Road:

Exploring the Traditions of Christian Contemplation and Meditation

Sunday mornings, April 14, April 21, April 28, and May 5, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Grace's Chapel. Led by Geoffrey Simmins.

Register at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/.

Christians meditate. Is that news to you? It is to many people. Yes, some Christians meditate. And so can you. You are invited to learn about the Christian contemplative tradition in a four-part series on Christian Contemplation and Meditation. The study will consist of four sessions each approximately an hour in length. Pastries and beverage service are planned to be a part of each session.

Participants will gain an overview of the main traditions of Christian meditation, using the teaching and practices established by the Benedictine monk John Main as our principal reference. We will explore Centering Prayer and other contemplative teachings and practices.

Each session will include a time for practicing meditation and for discussion afterwards. At the end of the study, participants will have learned about how, when, and why Christians meditate —and will be equipped to put meditation into their own spiritual journey.



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Elder Training

Spiritual Leadership
Led by Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Sunday, April 21 Noon - 1:30 pm
*Includes Lunch
RSVP by Tuesday, April 16 at
www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/



Elder Training

Pastoral Care and Oversight
Led by the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

Governance
Led by Shirley Philips and Mary Rozsa de Coquet

Sunday, April 28 Noon - 1:30 pm
*Includes Lunch
RSVP by Tuesday, April 23 at
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Conversations Matter A lunch and learn on planning for future health-care decisions

Thursday, May 2, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room



Conversations Matter: Learn how to talk about what matters regarding future health-care preferences for you or your family members. This presentation is:

- Open to all ages
- Focused on how to have important health-care conversations

Led by Robin Tomlinson, RN (Registered Nurse), BN (Bachelor of Nursing) and the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Presbyterian World Service and Development Mission Moment



In Malawi, Madalisto Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could not longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.

Mission Moments highlight the ministry the Presbyterian Church in Canada is doing through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D). For over 75 years, PWS&D has been working with partners overseas and with Canadians across the country to make positive changes in the world. To learn more about the many programs and partnerships such as the one supporting Madalisto in Malawi, please visit <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>