

**THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MISSION AWARENESS SUNDAY**

APRIL 28, 2024  
10:30 a.m.



**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. 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 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 **The Solid Rock**

William Bradbury/arr: Larry Shackley  
Rob Maciak, percussion

### Welcome and Announcements

**Jake Van Pernis**

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Giyth**

### Introit **Surrexit Dominus Vere**

Jacques Berthier, Communauté Taizé

### Call to Worship

Like spring breaking through winter's power,  
**God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.**  
Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,  
**God's Word upholds the church in strength.**  
Let us worship God who makes all things new.  
**We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.**

### Hymn **440 For all the love**

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### Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

God of Love,

we fail to love one another fully.

Forgive us for ignoring to love and worship you,

for ignoring the needs of others,

and not following your ways.

Forgive us for seeking praise from others,

yet failing to encourage them when they do something kind or noteworthy.

Forgive who we have been, O God,

and root our lives more deeply in your love.

Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

### The Peace

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

And also with you.

**Anthem**      **Glory, Hallelujah**

Mark Burrows

## Time with Young Christians

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Grant Stephenson**

**Scriptures**      **1 John 4:7-21**

**John 15:1-11**

**Chandra Mannix**

**Sermon**      **The Vine and the Branches**

**Hymn**      **704 Teach me, God, to wonder**

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## 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

**Jim Campbell**

### Offertory Intermezzo in G major

Healey Willan

### Response to the Offering Hymn 260 v4

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**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 491 God bless your church with strength

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### Benediction

### Sung Hymn 770 Amen

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### Postlude Toccata in e minor

J. Pachelbel

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## Life and Work at Grace Church

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



### **Worship Services**

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

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chandra Mannix

Chandra Mannix grew up at Grace Presbyterian Church in Calgary, and served as the Deacon for Community Care at Grace until 2023. She has her MDiv from Ambrose University, a Master's Certificate in Psychotherapy and Spirituality from St. Stephen's College in Edmonton, and a Master's Certificate in Presbyterian Studies from Vancouver School of Theology. Chandra is involved in The Manitou Project, an Alberta Indigenous reconciliation project, where she is continuing to learn the wisdom of the Elders and Spiritual Leaders of the First Peoples of Canada.

Chandra has preached for the call at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, where she will be ordained and inducted in May. She also serves as the English minister at Calgary Korean Presbyterian Church. Chandra is the mother of a large family, and has just become a grandmother.

May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris

Grace Handbell Choir, Camarata Group  
Congregational Meeting

May 12

Christian Family Sunday/Ascension  
Ordination of Elders

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis

### **Funeral Service**

A funeral service for Gail McFayden will be held in Grace's Sanctuary Tuesday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Calgary Golf and Country Club, (5900 Elbow Drive SW) from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## Music Notes

This morning's prelude is based on the hymn tune "The Solid Rock" by William Bradbury (1816-1868). Born at York, Maine, Bradbury was raised on his father's farm, with rainy days spent in a shoe shop. He loved music and spent spare hours practicing any music he could find. He became organist of Bowdoin Street Church in Boston and composed favorites such as "Jesus Loves Me" and "He Leadeth Me".

Our postlude is one of Pachelbel's wonderful toccatas. Toccata comes from the Italian word "toccare" (meaning to touch). The toccata started to become prevalent in the late Renaissance period and crystallized into a music form in the Baroque period. Since it was originally an improvised piece used to test out an unfamiliar instrument, it typically contains technically challenging passagework such as quick scale, chords, or arpeggios meant to put the instrument through its paces.

## Grace Notes Children's Choir

The Grace Notes Children's Choir will be singing on May 19. If your child/children wish to participate in the Grace Notes Children's Choir, please email Matthew Kallio, Music Coordinator at [mattk@gracecalgary.org](mailto:mattk@gracecalgary.org).

This choir is **completely free to join and includes voice training, music theory and, of course, singing!** Our instructors are Trisha McKinney, early childhood specialist and voice teacher and Matthew Kallio, music coordinator, Grace Presbyterian Church. Rehearsals are at 1:00 p.m. in the Sunday school area (dining hall downstairs) at the church.

**Grace Updates** [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/)



## Communications Role Transition

The Communications Specialist's role has been posted at:

[www.Gracechurchcalgary.com/news/](http://www.Gracechurchcalgary.com/news/). The congregation is invited to review job postings and apply, or to share with people/networks.

## **Volunteer Thank You!**

We give thanks for the many volunteers who share in the leadership of our worship: lighting the Christ candle, praying, reading scripture, and presenting our offerings. This participation in worship reminds us of the priesthood of all believers, where “each of us may proclaim the excellence of God, who called us out of darkness into God’s marvelous light”.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/](http://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 immediately for the April 29-June 15 session*. 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 develop 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.

Please let Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org), know if you are able to help with any of the many opportunities to serve.

## Grace Events

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



### **City of Calgary Bee Pollinator Booth Visits Grace**

City of Calgary representatives will have a Bee Pollinator Booth set up in the South



Parking Lot on Sunday, April 28. Come out and learn about the vital role bees play in our environment and how we can help. The Bee Pollinator Booth visit is supported by the Engagement and Service Committee.

### **Bible Study: God's Grace in Scripture**

**Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in Grace's Lounge**

This Bible Study is open and participant led. It is centered in fellowship, reading scripture together, having discussions, and being in prayer together. It begins on May 1 and runs through June 19. No registration is needed and all are welcome to join.



## Re-member: A Confirmation Course

Five Sessions May 5 (9:00-10:00 a.m.), May 12 (9:00-10:00 a.m.), May 19 (11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.), June 2 (9:00-10:00 a.m.) and June 9 (11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.), led by Jake Van Pernis.

Grace will be offering Re-member: A Confirmation Course (Five Sessions) this May and June for youth 14-18 years of age. Confirmation is a significant step in the faith journey for young members of our community. Re-member offers an exploration of Presbyterian understandings and beliefs about the triune God, the Bible, faith, church, life and mission, a growing spiritual life, and life together. This Confirmation course is meant to be a time for growth, reflection, and a deeper understanding of one's baptismal vows. Please note it is important to be a part of all five sessions.

Sign-up for Re-Member: A Confirmation Course by contacting Grace's Office at [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) or 403-244-5861.

**Grace's Annual General Meeting Sunday, May 5, after worship in the Sanctuary**

# Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 5, 2024



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All members and adherents are invited to attend Grace's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 5 after worship in the sanctuary. The meeting will include the election of Elders and Trustees, a Session Update, as well as 2023 Financials.

There is no need to RSVP. Documents will be posted at <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/event/annual-general-meeting/>

**Conversations Matter, Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Family Room**

Register by Monday, April 29, at [www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/](http://www.GraceChurchCalgary.com/events/)



## **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



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. RSVP by Monday, April 29.

### **Perspectives Book Study: *The Lemon Tree***

Sunday mornings, May 19, May 26, June 9, and June 16 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in Grace's Chapel, led by Jake Van Pernis.

Register by contacting the office at [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) or 403-244-5861.

*The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan is a poignant exploration of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of two families connected by a single home and a lemon tree planted in its backyard. The book delves into the complex emotions and historical events that intertwine the lives of a Palestinian man, Bashir Khairi, and an Israeli woman, Dalia Eshkenazi, offering readers a deeply human perspective on the enduring conflict. It's an insightful resource for those looking to understand the nuances of Middle Eastern history, the personal stories that reflect larger communal narratives, and read about reconciliation efforts.

Pick-up your copy of *The Lemon Tree* from your favourite bookstore, used bookstore, or online retailer now to read how the stories of Dalia and Bashir, and the lemon tree are woven together and join in meaningful conversations in the Perspectives Book Study.

**Prebyterian World Service and Development  
Mission Moment  
Presbyterian Sharing**

The Reformed Parish in Csap/Chop, a congregation of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, has been providing temporary shelter and food for people displaced by the war. Their social kitchen program includes hot food delivery to elderly congregation members who live alone and are unable to cook for themselves. With limited resources, Bishop Zan-Fabian reached out to the PCC for financial support to continue this ministry of care. The PCC provided a grant from Presbyterian Sharing, fulfilling the law of Christ to bear one another's burdens.

This Mission Moment highlights one of the many ministries across Canada and around the world supported by Presbyterian Sharing, a national church fund.

To learn more about Presbyterian Sharing and the many ways we express our faith in action together, please visit [www://presbyterian.ca/sharing/](http://www://presbyterian.ca/sharing/)



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