

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 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:



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 Fantasia super: Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott BWV 651

Come Holy Spirit, Lord God

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Jake Van Pernis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ainsley

Introit As the Wind Song

Trad. Chinese Folk Song

Grace Notes Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and inspire our worship with your truth.

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with your love.

Strengthen us, Holy Spirit,
and move us to act with your power.

Breathe in us, Holy Spirit,
and receive our prayers and praise.

Hymn 380 Spirit, come, dispel our sadness

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**God of mystery and mercy,
we confess we have not always paid attention
to the urging of your Spirit to follow your will and your way.
Too often we claim to belong to Jesus,
yet we ignore his teaching.
You created us to love one another,
but we resist loving those who differ from us.
Stir our hearts with your Holy Spirit.
Transform who we are,
and show us what we can become,
through Christ's redeeming love.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem Every time I feel the Spirit Trad. Spiritual/arr: Jack Schrader

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Understanding

Jean Clelland

Scriptures Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b (sing Refrain I)
Acts 2:1-21

Sermon I will pour out my Spirit

Geoffrey Simmins

Hymn 284 Revive your work, O Lord

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Prayers of the People

Each section of today's prayers will conclude with a shared response cued by:
Wind of the Spirit, blow through us
and renew our faith and hope.

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

Irene Robinson

Offertory Come, Holy Spirit

John Peterson
arr: P. Mickelson and Don Wyrzten

Response to the Offering Hymn 79

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer for Our Offering

Hymn

384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

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Benediction

**Pentecost Processional 639 We are marching in the light of God/
Siyahamba**

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Please note: this features movement and singing. People are invited to participate as they feel comfortable and able. Instructions will be provided.

Thank you to pianist Helena Barker for contributing to Grace's music ministry in today's service and to Trisha McKinnen, Director of Grace Notes, for her help in leadership and in launching and guiding Grace's Children's Choir.

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Music Notes

The music at Grace on Pentecost is filled with themes of spirit, wind and fire. The prelude by J.S. Bach is a popular choice for Pentecost. Bach uses Martin Luther's "Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God", placing the chorale tune in the pedals, and then uses the manual or upper notes to weave notes together to sound like rushing wind.

The anthem is the rollicking spiritual "Every Time I Feel the Spirit". This sacred music favourite dates to before the American Civil War and has been recorded countless times by many artists. The arrangement today is by American composer, conductor and organist Jack Schrader.



Refugee Family Arriving

The Engagement and Service Committee is excited to announce the arrival of a refugee family from Sudan on June 11, 2024 being supported by Grace and a family from Grace. After waiting five years, their journey to a new life in Calgary is finally becoming reality. As the family embarks on this significant transition, please pray for safe travels and for welcome, peace, and comfort to be extended in many ways as they adjust to life in Calgary.

Because Grace is a co-sponsor of this family, there will be a need for volunteers to assist them in settling down, from helping them navigate our city, to guiding them through various processes. Volunteer support will make a significant difference in this time of transition and newness.

Please consider volunteering and by doing so, extending a warm welcome and a supportive environment for this family as they arrive and settle in Calgary.

Interested in volunteering to help this family be welcomed and settle in Calgary? Please contact Grace's Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson, at volunteers@gracecalgary.org to lend your skills to this ministry of hospitality.

We Give Thanks

The Spiritual Growth Committee works with the Ministers and Music Coordinator to explore options for music ministry and liturgy for corporate worship that appeal to a broad range of age groups. This Committee continues to develop and implement strong programs for faith formation of adults, children, youth and families. We give thanks to God for the lay leadership of Jennifer Frank, Carol Latter and Lorna McNeill (Co-Conveners), Nancy Connors and Anne Mohtadi (Session Co-Liaisons), Ephraim Porter, Kim Reid-Smith, and Jennifer Williams.

Volunteer Opportunities

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

Welcomers

Welcomers arrive by 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and greet worshippers with intentional hospitality. They help newcomers know that they are welcome. They may also assist in the unlikely event of an emergency. On June 9, after fellowship time, there will be a lunch and brief training time for both current and new welcomers. Please let Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, volunteers@gracecalgary.org, know if you are interested in this ministry of hospitality.

Session Highlights

At its regular meeting on May 13, the Session:

- opened with prayer and a reading of 2 Chronicles 5, reflecting on the glory of God filling our worship spaces
- welcomed the three new elders serving on the Session
- approved the practice of locking the west and east doors at 10:45 a.m., the north door at 11:00 a.m., and the south door after worship on Sundays, to increase safety. Signage will be enhanced, directing worshippers arriving later, to the south door
- agreed to have 2 weekday events and a worship service in June to acknowledge the renewal of the Chapel as a space for worship, mission, and ministry, to the glory of God
- celebrated the news of the planned arrival of the refugee family originally sponsored in 2019. Funding was approved and volunteers will support the settlement of the family
- approved position descriptions for the Music Director and the Organist, and the mandate for the search committee to be initiated by June 1
- approved a revised position description for the Support Services Director and provided guidance on the goals for the next 6 months
- gave thanks that all members and adherents are now assigned an elder and committed to the work to ensure this is sustained
- expressed its gratitude for the deep commitment of Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet in her service as Representative Elder to Presbytery. Appointed Mary Jardine as the Alternate Elder from Grace
- was reminded of the leadership retreat on June 14/15
- encouraged the various committees in their transitioning with new leadership
- was pleased with the gifts from Grace to The Rev. Chandra Mannix in recognition of her ordination
- closed with prayer, giving thanks for the presentations on the pastoral aspects of Medical Assistance in Dying that was provided to all the elders

Name Tags

The Spiritual Growth Committee is inviting people to wear name tags at Grace's worship services. Adhesive-style tags can be found on the welcome tables at the entrances to Grace's sanctuary. The goal of the name tags is to help people get to know one another by name and as a form of welcome. If you prefer to use a different style of tag, please feel free to design your own and bring it with you.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Bible Study: God's Grace in Scripture

Wednesday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 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 in prayer. It runs through June 19. No registration is needed; all are welcome to join.

Parent, Teacher and Student Church School Meeting

The Spiritual Growth Committee is delighted to announce a special *Parent, Teacher, Student Meeting* to explore possibilities for Grace's Church School. This is a fantastic opportunity for all actively involved in Church School to come together as a community and discuss how to enhance this important part of Grace's life.

Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, May 26
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch provided.
- **Location:** Grace's Gym

The Spiritual Growth Committee encourages all parents, teachers, and students to attend this meeting. Your input is valuable, and the Spiritual Growth Committee believes that your ideas and suggestions can greatly benefit Grace's Church School.

Please register at www.gracechurchcalgary.com or contact Grace's office at office@gracecalgary.org or (403) 244-5861. Looking forward to the sharing of ideas and gathering as people who are interested in enhancing Grace's Church School program.

Membership Classes at Grace Presbyterian Church

Grace will be hosting membership classes for anyone interested in becoming a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. These classes are a wonderful opportunity for those interested in deepening their faith and about life together at Grace.

Details:

- **Dates:** Sunday, June 2 and Sunday, June 9
- **Time:** Sunday, June 2 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. (light breakfast fare provided)
Sunday, June 9 from approximately 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (lunch provided).

Location: June 2 Grace's Chapel, June 9 Grace's Boardroom.

These classes will provide insights into Grace's vision, mission, and values, the ministries of Grace, and the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The classes are also a great way to connect with fellow believers and learn about ways to become more engaged at Grace.

Please register online at www.gracechurchcalgary.com or contact Grace's office at office@gracecalgary.org or (403) 244-5861. Grace looks forward to welcoming new members on Sunday, June 16!

Mission Moment

Presbyterians Sharing

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support international partners through leadership development grants. In 2023, the National Council for Higher Education recommended that the position of Assistant Librarian at Zomba Theological University in Malawi should require at least a bachelor's degree. So, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, Vice Chancellor, requested support from the PCC for Assistant Librarian Jane Mwalabu Makupete to upgrade her Diploma in Library Information to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Records Management. Jane was ecstatic and very grateful when she heard of the PCC's support.



Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. It is a way we express our faith in action together. Please visit www.presbyterian.ca/sharing to learn more about these programs of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, such as the one that supported Jane in Malawi.

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