

THE HOSPITALITY OF FAITH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 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 Preamble in C major Op. 31
Cantique Religieuse

Louis Vierne
Theodore Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Geoffrey Simmins

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jonathan and Andrew

Introit Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Eric Thiman

Call to Worship

We worship the living God –
the one who calls us into community to share grace and love.

We praise God whose love is strong –
we celebrate the one who invites us into the world to be neighbours and work for peace.

We lift up God's gracious movement in our lives and life together –
we recall with joy the one who calls us to hear the good news and share hope.

We place our trust in God –
and rejoice in the knowledge we are God's people!

Hymn 433 All creatures of our God and King

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of purpose and possibility,

You call to us to follow after you and be sharers of your good news.

You know us and the gifts and skills you have shared with us but we doubt this and think we are not enough or don't have enough so our faith feels small and you feel distant.

We tend to play it safe and not risk comfort and what is known for possibility and the call of your love.

We are sorry for the hurt, disharmony, and untruths our self-focus causes and for ignoring your call into an expansive life.

Through your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your teachings, and help us to follow you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Baptism Hymn 519 Jesus, friend so kind and gentle

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Sacrament of Baptism

Jake Van Pernis

Victor Maden Jensen

The Apostle's Creed 539

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.

Hymn of Blessing 619 The Lord bless you/Aaronic Blessing

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Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:17-22

Reflection The Hospitality of Faith

Hymn 399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Jean Morris

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 Come to the Water

John Foley / arr: Jack Schrader

Invitation to Our Offerings

David Turner

Offertory O Lord, Give thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis

Response to Sharing Our Offerings Hymn 79 Praise God

from whom all blessings flow

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 Offerings

Hymn 635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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Benediction

Sending Hymn 620 Go now in peace (verse 1)

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Postlude Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

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Music Notes

The preludes are drawn from the music of two important figures in the French Romantic organ school, Theodore Dubois (1837-1924) and Louis Vierne (1870-1937). Dubois studied at the Paris Conservatoire and won the highest prize a composer could receive at the time, the *Prix de Rome*. While his music was seen as tasteful, tuneful and well-written, it was not groundbreaking. Still, his organ works are played regularly, especially his famous *Toccata*.

In contrast, the music of Louis Vierne was more influential. Like most fin de siècle French organ composers, his music is clean, elegant and highly idiomatic to his instrument. His output is also greater and of finer quality, which includes 6 organ symphonies and the *24 pièces en style libre*. In addition to his creative output, Vierne also taught many students at the Paris Conservatoire, which included two of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, Nadia Boulanger and Marcel Dupré.

Life and Work at Grace Church

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/
- ◇ 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.

June 16 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
Indigenous Peoples Sunday
Reception of New Members

June 23 Fifth Sunday of Pentecost The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
7:00 p.m. Induction Service Presbytery of Calgary-Mcleod
The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Grace's Nursery Care

Grace's Nursery Care provider Jiebieni Nyajwok will be away from Grace from June 9 to July 7 travelling to visit family and friends.

Grace will not have a staffed nursery for babies and toddlers while Jiebieni is away; however, Grace's nursery space will be available for use by families with a child or children under the age of 3 accompanied by a parent or guardian who both stays with, and watches over their child/children. Grace's nursery space has a half door and is located on the right-hand side of the hallway leading to Grace's Chapel. Please also note there is a space at the back of Grace's sanctuary with a rocking chair and a pack-and-play for parents of babies and toddlers to use as well.

Save the Date:

Grace is looking forward to the arrival of The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner, and his wife, Kim, to Calgary. They are anticipated to arrive soon and will need some time to move in and settle. One of the first and most significant opportunities to gather and celebrate will be the Induction Service, which will install Rev. Chris as Grace's new Lead Minister. Please mark June 23, 7:00 p.m. on your calendar for this important service, followed by fellowship. You will have received a letter this week with related information.

[Grace Updates](#)

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Refugee Family Arriving

The Engagement and Service Committee is excited to announce the arrival of the Ding family, refugees from Sudan, on June 11, 2024 being supported by Grace and a family from Grace. After waiting five years, the family's 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 as they adjust to life in Calgary. Furthermore, Grace, as a co-sponsor of this family, will need to provide volunteers to assist them in settling down, from helping them navigate Calgary, 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 Land and Facilities Committee is responsible for well-maintained, safe facilities with suitable amenities for proposed uses, as well as recommendation of any facilities modification or development projects that further our missional focus. Current projects include additional signage, repairs to the front (east) steps, the development of options for more accessible washrooms, the sale of Grace House, and an assessment of the Ashley Project. Janet Hyde (Session Liaison), Richard Kim, Bonnie Noyce Faust, Bill Stemp, Robin Telfer (Convener), Les Wilson, and Richard Wilson volunteer alongside Alan Facey (Support Services Director) – we give thanks to God for their dedication and skills.

Volunteer Opportunities

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

Welcomers

Welcomers arrive by 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and warmly greet worshippers with intentional hospitality. They help newcomers know that they are welcome at Grace. They may also assist in the unlikely event of an emergency. It would be helpful to have another five individuals to share in this ministry of hospitality. Please let Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, volunteers@gracecalgary.org, know if you are interested.

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.

Membership Class at Grace Presbyterian Church

Grace will be hosting a membership class for anyone interested in becoming a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. This class is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Grace, its vision, mission, and values, its ministries, and the beliefs of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Date: Sunday, June 9

Time: from approximately 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (lunch provided).

Location: Grace's Boardroom.

The class is 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!

Training for Welcomers

On Sunday, June 9, after Grace's fellowship time, there will be a brief training time (lunch provided) for both current and new welcomers. Please let Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, volunteers@gracecalgary.org, know if you plan to attend.

Grace Bethany

All women are invited to attend the Grace Bethany gathering on Tuesday, June 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Family Room, to hear guest speaker, Dr. Allison Ruth Aldous. Dr. Aldous will highlight the work she does in the Amazon with Indigenous communities on fisheries management, freshwater stewardship, conservation, and addressing illegal mining. This will be an informative afternoon of education, fun and fellowship.

Leadership Retreat June 14 and 15

All Elders, Deacons and Committee Conveners are invited to Grace's Leadership Retreat on the evening of Friday, June 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, June 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel, for times of conversation, reflection, celebration, encouragement, and clarification of priorities.

Retreat leadership will be provided by The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods. Rev. Woods will be helping Grace's leaders explore priorities that are present in Grace's life together as well as past priorities and accomplishments that can be built off of moving forward. Elders, Deacons and Committee Conveners are asked to RSVP to Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, volunteers@gracecalgary.org, for planning purposes. Please pray for the Spirit's leading and movement at this leadership retreat.

Reformed and Always Reforming: Celebrating the Renewal of Grace's Chapel



Grace will be celebrating the renewal of Grace's Chapel as a space for worship, mission, and ministry, to the glory of God the week of June 24-30 with events and worship.

Going To The Chapel will be on Monday June 24, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. and Wednesday June 26 from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. These gatherings will provide opportunity to learn about the history, symbols, as well as the current and future uses of Grace's Chapel to glorify God through worship, teaching, fellowship, and mission. A time of fellowship with snacks and beverages will be shared at the conclusion of each of the *Going To The Chapel* events.

A worship service will be held in Grace's Chapel on Sunday, June 30 from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. The theme of this worship service will be giving thanksgiving to God for Grace's Chapel space and celebrating its renewal as a congregation that is reformed and always reforming. Prayers will be shared for both the current and future uses this space.

All are invited to attend these planned events and worship to help collectively celebrate the renewal of Grace's Chapel space.

Mission Moment

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)

Gaza Response

Persistent Israeli airstrikes over Gaza have demolished buildings, left tens of thousands of casualties and given rise to a staggering number of displaced individuals.

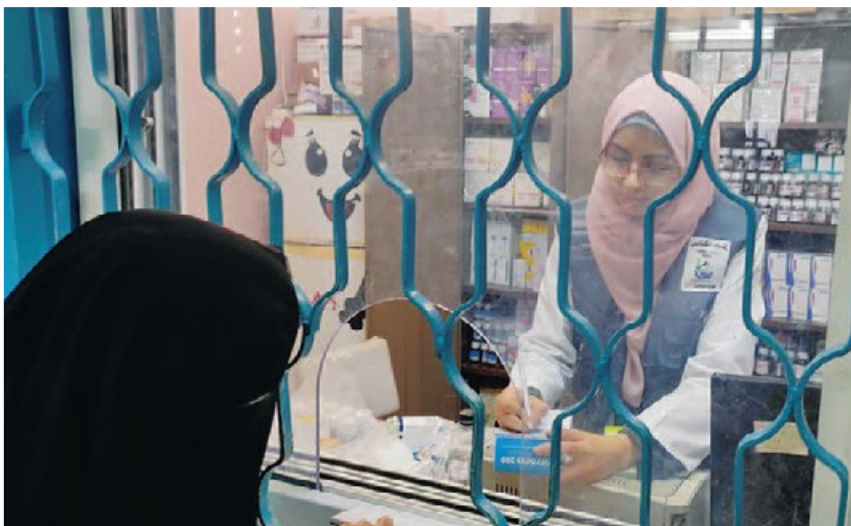
In the midst of so much loss, through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D is supporting the

Middle East Council of Churches' Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR). DSPR continues to stand witness to the devastation and mourn the destruction. Tragically, one dedicated DSPR staff member and her family were also lost to the violence.

Yet, despite the challenges, the dedicated staff members of DSPR continue to respond to the urgent needs of the people in Gaza.

DSPR staff work with forcibly displaced people to reduce the distress of injury, death and lasting trauma by providing psychosocial interventions. Additionally, staff members deliver psychological first-aid training, equipping individuals with essential tools to provide assistance and alleviate panic during emergencies.

While the glimmer of hope provided by DSPR in Gaza is significant, and our support has already made much possible, the need for support remains critical. The ongoing war continues to inflict extensive damage to human life, infrastructure and homes, depriving communities of essentials such as water, medical supplies and food.



[Update: Gaza Response - Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)

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