



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. Chris Joiner

Lead Minister

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Associate Minister

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Interim Minister

Matt Kallio

Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:

www.gracechurchcalgary.com



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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	Prelude in E flat	H. Coleman
	Prelude on <i>Franconia</i>	J. Oldham

Welcome and Announcements	Chris Joiner
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Lighting of the Christ Candle	Goaner
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Introit	Come, Holy Spirit, Come	E. Thiman
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Call to Worship

Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

We will wait upon the Lord.

Hope in the Lord!

For with God there is steadfast love;

With God there is great power to redeem.

So we offer prayers and praise to God in whom we trust.

Hymn	661 We give thee but thine own	†
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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Ritual of Farewell

This portion of the service will be led by Chris, with a response from Geoffrey, followed by this Congregational response:

Geoffrey, we thank you for your ministry among us. You have been a bearer of Christ's loving care. We are grateful for your spiritual guidance and give thanks to God for the gifts you have given us. We release you from all the responsibilities of Interim Minister.

Invitation to Share Our Offerings

Robin Telfer

Offertory Improvisation on *Shalom chaverim*

Response to Sharing Our Offerings Hymn 79

**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 731 *Shalom chaverim* vv 1 and 2

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Benediction

Sending Hymn 620 *Go now in peace* v 1

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**Go now in peace; though friends must part,
your presence lives in every heart.
Your gifts to us no words can tell:
go now in peace, in Christ go well.**

Postlude *Toccata on Ein Feste Burg*

G. Young

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the glory of God, by the Hunchak family, in loving memory of Mike Hunchak, and Grace and Jim Buchanan.

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Music Notes

The prelude and postlude are based on hymn tunes. The prelude *Franconia* is by Johann Balthasar König and was adapted by William Havergal. It first appeared in König's *Harmonischer Liederschatz* chorale book published in 1738. The most common text for the hymn is "Blest Are the Pure in Heart" by John Keble.

The postlude is the well-know Martin Luther tune "Ein Feste Burg" (A mighty fortress is our God). American organist and composer Gordon Young has written a thrilling toccata that complements this strong music perfectly.

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 30	9:00 a.m. Chapel Service	The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary	The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
July 7		The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Ministry updates

June 30 is the final day of the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins' contract as Interim Minister at Grace. Grace is thankful for the contributions that Geoffrey has made. We will celebrate Geoffrey during Grace's fellowship time following worship.

With the departure of Rev. Geoffrey, please contact your Elder or a Minister with any pastoral care need. Please be assured that if you call the church on a weekend, your call will be forwarded to a Minister.

Schedule of Days Off For Grace's Ministers

The schedule for Grace's ministers' days off during the week when they will be away from Grace and the work of Grace is:

Rev. Chris Joiner will be off on Thursdays and Saturdays

Rev. Jake Van Pernis will be off on Fridays and Saturdays

Grace Communications

Say *Hello* to Grace's new Communications Specialist, Andrew Manuel.

Andrew is a seasoned marketing and communications professional with extensive experience in Christian non-profit organizations. His career is driven by a passion for using his skills to advance the mission and vision of Christian ministries.

Originally from the Maritimes, Andrew has proudly called Calgary home for the past 20 years. Beyond his professional endeavours in marketing and communications, he finds joy in exploring the world through travel, capturing moments with his photography skills, and exploring the oceans' depths through scuba diving.

Grace Kids and Youth

Congratulations High School Graduates!

Grace wishes Evan and Nya God's blessings upon their graduations. Evan and Nya will remain in Grace's prayers as they both make decisions and future plans.

July 7 Summer Church School begins for PreK-Grade 6!

Heather-Rose Locken, Mariko Johnson, Doch, and Nya will lead lessons, activities, and arts and crafts to help children continue to connect with God's love and learn what it means to be followers of Jesus.

Grace's Nursery Care

Grace's Nursery Care provider Jiebieni Nyajwok is away from Grace through July 7 travelling to visit family and friends.

Grace does 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 playpen for parents of babies and toddlers to use as well.

[Grace Updates](#)

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Grace Gives Thanks

The choirs at Grace Presbyterian Church help Grace praise God with inspiring music. Grace is grateful for the time and talent given to glorify God in voice, ringing handbells and playing various instruments. Grace's worship services have been enriched by the music of the Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Camerata Group and Grace Notes Childrens' Choir. Grace gives thanks for the music leadership of its choirs and musicians and prays the choirs will enjoy a break in July and August.

Ad Hoc Music Ministry Search Committee

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church has named an Ad Hoc Music Ministry Search Committee to begin the search for two positions: Music Director and Organist. The two positions and model were proposed by the Spiritual Growth Committee and approved by Grace's Session to follow an earlier Session decision that the position of Music Director and the needs of Grace's Music Ministry would be explored when a new Lead Minister was in place. Matt Kallio, who has been serving as Grace's Music Coordinator, is aware of this search and has provided input into the position descriptions. Matt's current contract concludes at the end of January 2025, and Grace is grateful for his leadership. Matt is also eligible to apply for either position if he is interested. The position descriptions and submission details are on Grace's website and social media sites. In addition, both churches and arts groups in the community are being contacted. Please refer any contacts you may have to Grace's website.

Volunteer Opportunities

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

Deacon of Welcome and Hospitality

The Deacon of Welcome and Hospitality is a new volunteer role meant to help strengthen Grace's ministry of welcome, support Grace's team of welcomers, and ensure connections with newcomers. This Deacon would be required to be present for most Sunday worship services, and will work collaboratively with Grace's ministers, staff, and volunteers to help identify ways for Grace to model Christian hospitality.

Engagement & Service Committee

The Engagement & Service Committee welcomes additional members to bring vision and skills to the variety of community service and social justice partnerships and programs the Engagement & Service Committee oversees. Current Engagement and Services initiatives include operating the Satellite Food Bank, supporting newcomers through the English Language Learners program, co-sponsoring a refugee family, and encouraging environmental stewardship. This Committee typically meets by Zoom on the evening of the 4th Monday each month.

To learn more about these or other opportunities to serve, please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at volunteers@gracecalgary.org.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Wild Grace: Summer Gathering

Wednesday, July 3 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., Confederation Park

(Meet in St. Giles Parking Lot, 1102 23 Ave NW)

Wild Grace is an invitation to gather and be present with the divine grace that flows wild and free in the world!

Here are the details about Wild Grace:

Wild Grace is a time of reflection and connection at Confederation Park

(“Experience nature in the city” <https://www.calgary.ca/parks/confederation-park.html#NaturalPlayground>)

Wednesday, July 3 from 6:30 -7:15 p.m.

Meet in the St. Giles Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, 1102 23 Ave. NW.

All are welcome!

The purpose of Wild Grace is to connect with the land and with one another by enjoying and being present with the “wild” world. This gathering will offer a time of learning, a time of contemplation and reflection, and a time of fellowship.

Summer Reading—Growing in Faith

What have you read recently that grabbed your attention, strengthened your spiritual life, or challenged you?

Suggestions for summer reading are available in a printed list and available to be picked up on the welcome tables at the North and South entrances to Grace’s Sanctuary or by contacting the church office at (403) 244-5861 or office@gracecalgary.org.

Happy Reading! Grace’s Spiritual Growth Committee



Mission Moment

Presbyterians Sharing



After participating in the New Beginnings program that guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, St. James (North Yarmouth, ON) began a ministry to help address the social isolation of seniors and older adults, both within the congregation and the surrounding community. St. James adapted its service to become an interactive, conference-call worship model that allows people at home or in care facilities to participate more fully through prayer, reading scripture or singing. Community programming for seniors is also centred around encouraging greater social inclusion, through delivering hot meals and care packages, a weekly home visit program with the minister and elders, and even chartering a bus to sing carols and bring Christmas cheer to doorsteps during Advent. St. James receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.

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