

PEACE, NEAR AND FAR
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 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. Chris Joiner
Lead Minister

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
Associate 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 **Sonata for flute and continuo in C major**

HWV 365—Larghetto, flautist: Paul Xu

G.F. Handel

Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradbury
Arr: Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Jake Van Pernis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ainsley and Hanling

Introit **Come and fill** (sing 3x's)

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

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Call to Worship

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

we are members of the household of God.

Surely, the LORD, our shepherd is in this place!

This is the household of God.

Praise the God of peace!

The name of God be praised.

Hymn **528 Jesus calls us here to meet him**

SS

Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God our shepherd and strength,
we hear your call to reconciliation and peace,
knowing that you have made us members of your household.
We confess that we are quick to divide and slow to make peace.
We find it easier to condemn than to love those who are different from us.
Yet you are merciful.
Even now you are building us into a dwelling in spite of our sin.
Forgive us.
Join us together with all your people into a dwelling place for you,
all to your glory.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem The Lord is my Shepherd

Henry Smart

Duet: Mariko Johnson and Heather-Rose Locken

Flautist: Paul Xu

Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

Prayer for Understanding

Estella Petzold

Scripture Readings Psalm 23 (King James Version)
Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon Peace, Near and Far

Hymn 11 The Lord's my shepherd

PD

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 Share Our Offerings

CK Okongwu

Offertory Chorale Prelude on
"Christus der ist mein leben"

G.F. Telemann

Response to Sharing Our Offerings Hymn 79

PD

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 477 Your hand, O God, has guided

PD

Benediction

Amen 780 Amen

PD

Postlude Toccata in C major

J. Pachelbel

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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 Grace's Family room across the hall from the Sanctuary
- ◇ 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.

July 28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

August 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Mystery and Majesty: The Doxology of Ephesians

This summer join Grace Presbyterian Church as we walk through Ephesians, a poetic expression of praise and wonder at the blessings of God and the summons of God to lives shaped by thanksgiving. Each Sunday from now through August 25 will be centered on a portion of Ephesians, listening for the ways God is calling to us through the words of Paul. It is a letter that celebrates the individual Christian's relationship to God through Christ and to our neighbours. It is also a letter for Grace Presbyterian Church as much as it was for the church long ago. Ephesians invites us to consider the mystery and majesty of God's will and way for Christian believers, the church, and the world.

Vision, Mission, and Values

The front of the Sunday bulletin always places before us the Vision, Mission and Values of Grace Presbyterian Church. These were discerned after a time of prayer, discussion, and listening for the Holy Spirit. Even though these have been committed to paper, they are living words, working in and among and through us by Christ to form us into people that reflect the power and promise of the vision of transformation, the mission of growth, love and social change, and the values of belonging, community, compassion, engagement and service. As a member or adherent at Grace, you are invited to take time regularly to prayerfully consider how you can join in this Vision and Mission and the Values, all to the glory of God.

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.

Minister Away

Jake will be on vacation from Monday July 22 through Sunday July 28.

Grace Kids and Youth

Summer Church School for Pre-K through Grade 6!

Summer Church School is an opportunity for children to connect with God's love and learn what it means to be followers of Jesus. Through July and August during Sunday worship at Grace, all children who are Pre-K up to Grade 6 are invited to go downstairs following the *Time With Young Christians* in Grace's worship to take part in learning about scripture, activities, and arts and crafts. Summer Church School is led by Heather-Rose Locken and Mariko Johnson with help from Nya and Doch.

July 21 Senior High Youth Lunch

Grace's Senior High Youth (students going into Grade 10 – Grade 12) are invited to meet Rev. Jake on the north side of Grace's sanctuary following worship on Sunday, July 21 to go grab lunch from a place on 17th Avenue and have some good conversation together. The Senior High Youth Lunch will be from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the cost of lunch will be covered.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Grace Gives Thanks

Forty volunteers lend their time and energy on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the Satellite Food Bank at Grace. The volunteers receive and unload the food deliveries from the Calgary Food Bank and sort it for families and individuals. The volunteers help welcome 30 guests each week with kindness and encouragement, remembering Christ's words "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat". Grace is thankful for the volunteers' gifts of time, energy and caring.

Name Tags

Grace's Spiritual Growth Committee is excited to announce it is launching a project to provide permanent name tags for all members and adherents of Grace Presbyterian Church. The project will begin in mid-July and run through summer with sign-up sheets for name tags at the welcome tables at Grace's North and South entrances. Please be sure to sign up if you would like a name tag. Thanks!

Volunteer Opportunities

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

Human Resources Committee

The Session has agreed to re-establish a Human Resources Committee, with an updated mandate of: Ensuring the implementation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's safety policies and Grace's human resource policies as they relate to employees, staff, and contractors, and ensuring the alignment of policies with applicable legislation. Upon request, the Human Resources Committee will provide advice to the Session, Ministers, and/or the Support Services Director. The expectation is that the Human Resources Committee will meet quarterly, and will work with an HR consulting firm. Three members from the congregation with an interest in human resources are needed to serve on this committee.

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 is 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 the life of Grace Presbyterian Church, please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at volunteers@gracecalgary.org.

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