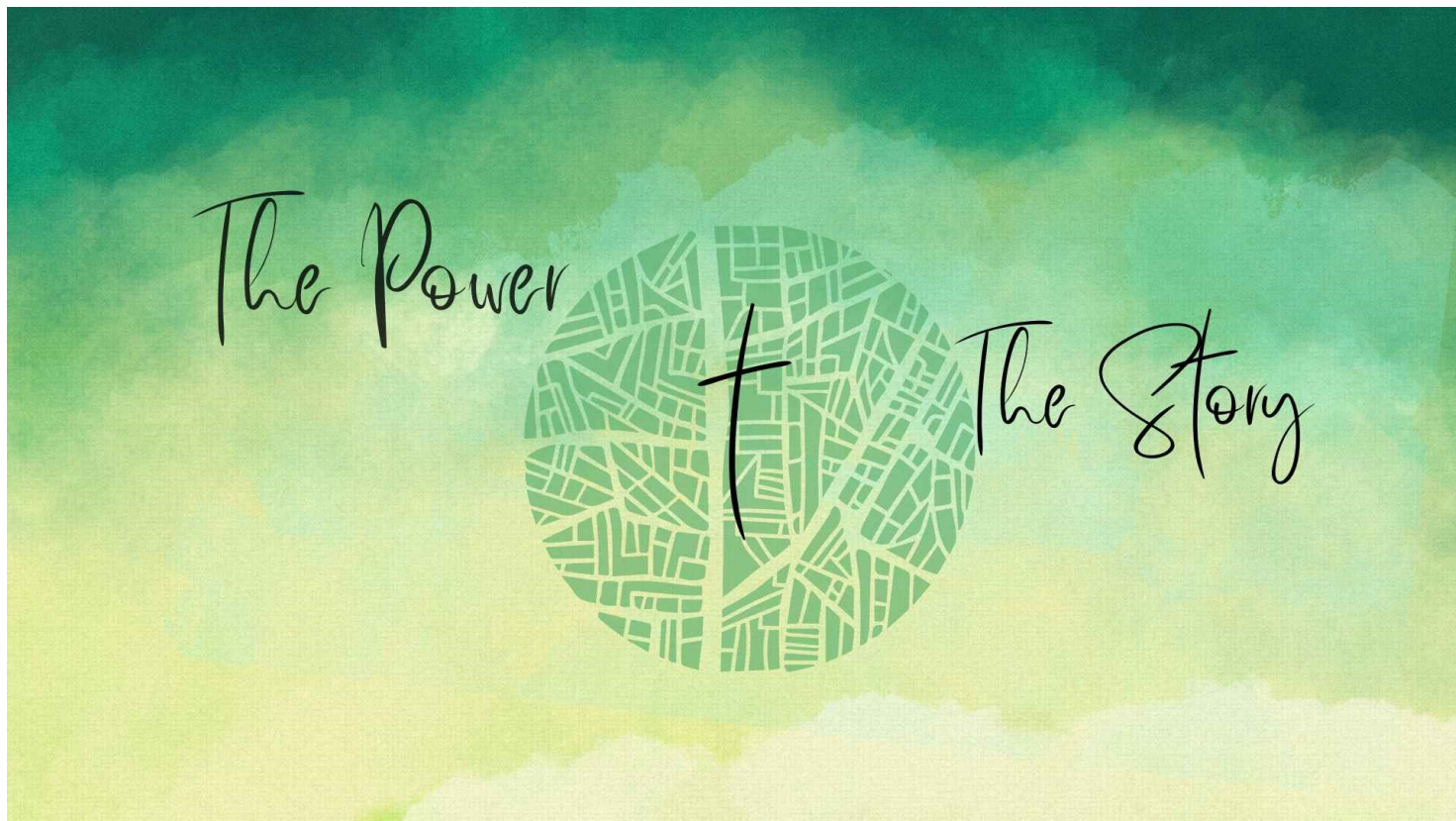


THE POWER & THE STORY
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4, 2024
10:30 a.m.



Vision

Transforming lives through God's grace.

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Lead Minister

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

Matt Kallio

Music Coordinator

Values

Belonging, Community, Compassion, Engagement, and Service

Please find Online Worship at:

www.gracechurchcalgary.com



Grace Presbyterian Church

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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 on *Hyfrydol***

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Shirley Philips

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Goanar

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

Chris Joiner

Gathered together we bless the Lord with heart and soul and voice.

God has called all of us to lead a life where humility, gentleness, patience, and care are made known.

We cannot do this alone. We are meant to gather together to remember God sends out the Spirit to renew, restore, and upbuild.

The Spirit grounds our lives in peace and invites us to remember we are children of God given grace and love to share.

Friends let us join in the good song of praise all of creation is singing to God and speak the truth in love.

May we be joined together as a whole body and be transformed to know and walk the good path Jesus is calling us to.

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we bless the Lord with heart and soul and voice.

Hymn **371 Love divine, all loves excelling**

Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God who delivers and redeems, we share from our hearts that:

We have not lived into the promise of new life you offer.

We have been neglectful of the poor and downtrodden, seeing them as other, and not loved by you.

We have looked for ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the sick, afflicted, addicted, and hungry around us and in the world.

Forgive us when we think and feel our faith is only about us and does not invite us into communion and community with the people and places we want to move quickly past.

Forgive us when we do not live for you by taking the risk of sharing what we have in love and care.

Help us to lead a life worthy of the calling that you are calling us into, a life that is lived in the promise of your love for the whole world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Time with Young Christians

Jake Van Pernis

Prayer for Understanding

Okwai Obang

Scripture Readings Psalm 51: 10-17 (Responsive)
Ephesians 4: 1-16

Sermon

The Power & The Story

Hymn 477 Your hand, O God, has guided

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

Kerri Kroeker

Offertory Jesus, I Am Resting

Words, Jean S. Pigott

Music, James Mountain

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Ian and Colleen Charter, voice

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 411 Stand up and bless the Lord

Benediction

Sending Hymn 780 Amen

Postlude Fantasia in g minor

Johann Pachelbel

Thank you to Colleen and Ian Charter for their contributions to Grace's music this morning.

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 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.

August 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

August 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Sympathies

The condolences of Grace Presbyterian Church are shared with the family and friends of Ross Marsh who died on Wednesday, July 24. Details regarding the funeral service are not yet known. Please hold Ross' family and friends in your prayers.

The condolences of Grace Presbyterian Church are shared with the family and friends of Doris Frizzell who died on Tuesday, July 30. Details regarding the funeral service are not yet known. Please hold Doris' family and friends in your prayers.

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.

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 order of worship to take part in learning about scripture, activities, and arts and crafts led by Heather-Rose Locken and Mariko Johnson with help from Nya and Doch.

[Grace Updates](#)

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Grace Gives Thanks

The Gratitude and Giving Committee's mandate is to help Grace Presbyterian nurture, celebrate and pursue Christ-centred stewardship, focusing on relationship development and encouraging a culture of gratitude and generosity in contributions of time, talent and treasure. Jim Campbell, Alan Facey (Support Services Director), Barbara Henson (Convener), The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner, Andrew Manuel (Communications Specialist), Cindy Stephenson (Coordinator of Volunteers), and Len Wolstenholme (Session Liaison) currently serve on this committee. We give thanks to God for their gifts of expertise and commitment to this faithful work.

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 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/

Church School Leaders and Helpers

The fall season of Grace's Church School will soon be here. The Spiritual Growth Committee has chosen a great curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, and there will be opportunities over the next few weeks to learn more about it. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help support the faith formation of our children and youth.

To learn more about this or other opportunities to serve God's mission through Grace Presbyterian Church, please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at volunteers@gracecalgary.org.

Welcome to the Diing Family

Grace is delighted to welcome and support Nyariak and her two boys as they settle into Calgary. The family needs some gently used furniture, kitchen wares and small appliances. Volunteers will also be needed to help with moving these items to the Diing's new home. Marlene Doherty is coordinating donations and delivery so please see Marlene after worship if you think you might be able to help with either. Please do not bring items to Grace unless you have checked with Marlene first! There will also be some expenses for new items such as linens. Grace has a budget for some of these items, but if you would like to make a special contribution to help purchase these items please mark this on one of the offering envelopes in the pews or in the memo line of the cheque. Thank you for your generosity!

Mission Moment



Every July, youth from Asia, Europe, and North America spread out across the island of Taiwan. All are part of the “I Love Taiwan” mission. In 2023, supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Justin and Neo Wu (St. Giles, Ottawa) participated in the program. Alongside youth from The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, they led summer programs for children. Working ecumenically in a cross-cultural and multi-religious context, youth experienced God’s grace and love, learned to live out their faith, and were challenged to devote their lives to God through participation in mission.

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