

# SONGS OF PRAISE

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 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](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com)



**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
*Transforming lives through God's grace*

## 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, Bears paw and Goodstoney Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta Districts 5 and 6.

**Prelude Schmücke dich, O Liebe Seele - BWV654**

J.S. Bach

(Deck thyself, thy soul, with Gladness)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Janet Hyde**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Pauline**

**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**

**Jake Van Pernis**

Praise God! Give thanks to God from your heart!

**Great are the works of our God and we delight in them.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

**We honour God's name. May God's praise endure forever.**

**Hymn 412 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song**

**OL**

### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **Rite of Reconciliation**

#### **Invitation**

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy,  
you call us to wisdom and Spirit-filled living.  
We confess that our lives are often marked by  
the foolishness that turns us away from you.  
We are motivated by our own concerns,  
and in our selfishness forget your grace.  
By your grace, forgive us,  
and give us hearts of thanksgiving,  
that we may sing of your freedom.  
Bless what we can become through your faithfulness to us,  
for the sake of Christ.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **The Peace**

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

## **Time with Young Christians**

**Chris Joiner**

## **Prayer for Understanding**

**Yonas Olul**

**Scripture Readings** Psalm 111 (Responsive)  
Ephesians 5:15-20

## **Sermon**

**Songs of Praise**

**Hymn** 764 There's a spirit in the air

**OL**

## **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

**Kim Reid-Smith**

**Offertory**    **Lead, Kindly Light**  
tune - Lux Benigna

arr. Richard Lloyd

## 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 422 Sing a new song unto the Lord**

**OL**

## Benediction

**Sending Hymn 780 Amen**

**Postlude Fantasie in C Major - BWV 570**

J.S.Bach

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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
- ◇ Worship can be watched anytime at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://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 25      Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost      The Rev. Jake Van Pernis  
Blessing of the Backpacks and Workbags

September 1      Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost      The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

### **Blessing of Backpacks and Workbags**

Grace Church will share a Blessing of Backpacks and Workbags, during worship service on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

The Blessing of Backpacks and Workbags is a wonderful opportunity for students and professionals alike to bring their backpacks or workbags and receive a blessing for the upcoming academic and work year. It is a moment to acknowledge the importance of our daily vocations and ask for God's guidance in our endeavors.

Whether you're heading back to school, continuing your work, or embarking on a new journey, everyone, young and old, is invited to participate. Come and receive a blessing for the year ahead.

### **September Worship at Grace: *The Garden of God***

In September Grace's worship will explore the Garden of God as it is witnessed in the lectionary readings. Four of the five Sundays in the month will be focused on the book of James. James proclaims that followers of Christ are called to grow in faith and produce the "fruits" of faith - love, justice, peace, and kindness - using simple and powerful language.

The invitation to growth is an invitation to a vibrant and joyful life; what Jesus called "abundant life." Join Grace in September as we explore what growth in abundant life can look like in ourselves and in our church.

## **Fall Kick-Off**

Come be a part of Grace's Fall Kick-Off Sunday, on Sunday, September 8, 2024 where together we will start the Fall with inspiring and joy-filled worship, celebrate the start of Grace's Church School for kids age 4 - Grade 6, enjoy a time of fellowship together, and share opportunities about how to connect with and volunteer at Grace. Bring family and friends and help make this a memorable start to fall at Grace!

## **Music at Grace**

Rehearsals for the groups that make up Grace's Music Ministry will begin again in September. Grace's Music Ministry groups include Grace's Chancel Choir, Grace's Camarata Instrumental Group, Grace Notes Children's Choir, and Grace's Handbell Choir. Grace's Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Grace Notes Children's Choir are open to anyone who has an interest in joining, no prior music experience is needed. Grace's Camarata Instrumental Group is looking for people who play woodwind, string, or brass instruments and it is requested that those interested have an intermediate skill level of playing ability.

Rehearsal times are set for the following two groups:

Grace's Chancel Choir: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Grace's Camarata Instrumental Group: Sunday afternoons beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The rehearsal times for the Grace Notes Children's Choir and the Grace Handbell Choir are yet to be determined.

Anyone interested in joining one or more of Grace's Music Ministry groups should connect with Matt Kallio or contact Grace's Office.

## **Grace Kids and Youth**

### **Grace's Church School Registration Now Open!**

Grace is excited to announce that registration for Grace's Church School for kids age 4 - Grade 6 is now available online to join in a year of learning, growth, and community on Sunday mornings during Grace's worship service.

Register here: <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/families/>

Looking forward to a great year of Grace's Church School!

## **Church School Leader Training**

Church School Leaders, Teachers, Rovers, and Volunteers are invited to a special training session on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Grace's Dining Hall. This training is an opportunity to come together, get to know one another, and strengthen a collective understanding of the roles and responsibilities within Grace's Church School. Your presence and participation are highly encouraged.

## **Grace Updates**



### **Grace Gives Thanks**

Fifteen volunteers take turns being Welcomers who greet worshipers each Sunday morning and assist with any questions. These Welcomers help to demonstrate hospitality at Grace on Sundays. Grace gives thanks for the graciousness and dedication of these volunteers.

### **Name Tags**

Remember to sign up to get a permanent name tag by Sunday September 8, 2024 as the Spiritual Growth Committee will be ordering name tags in mid September. Sign-up sheets for name tags are at the welcome tables at Grace's North and South entrances.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/)

### **Office Help**

Grace's Office Staff need volunteers on Mondays between 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to answer the phones and the door while they are in a meeting. Ideally there will be enough volunteers to take turns on one Monday per month.

### **Church School Leaders and Helpers**

The fall season of Grace's Church School is quickly approaching. Volunteers willing to be Church School Leaders and Helpers are needed to make sure a rotational model for Leaders and Helpers can be set up. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help support the faith formation of the kids and youth of Grace.

## Helping the Diing Family

Thank you for your generosity in helping the Diing Family settle in Calgary! Through your support the majority of the items the family needed to get settled into their new home have been donated and delivered. Your monetary gifts have allowed new bedding and linens to be purchased, along with other necessary items.

There are still a few items the family needs. Please see Marlene Doherty who is coordinating donations and delivery to learn about what is still needed and check with Marlene before bringing items to Grace.

Thank you for the wonderful help and support you are providing to the Diing Family!

To learn more about the opportunities to serve God's mission through Grace Presbyterian Church, please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org).

## Grace Events

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## Save the Date: Engaging with Vulnerable Persons

Engaging with Vulnerable Persons is an insightful and helpful presentation by Alpha House on September 16, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Grace. Please contact Cindy Stephenson [cindys@gracecalgary.org](mailto:cindys@gracecalgary.org) to register or for more information.

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