

CLOTHED IN POWER
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 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



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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 Andante

Here in this Place

C. Hubert, H. Parry

Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome and Announcements

Len Wolstenholme

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lina

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

Let us praise God's holy name -

the LORD causes our praise to continually be lifted.

Let us praise God's holy name -

our spirits boast in the LORD.

Let us praise God's holy name -

the LORD fills us with gladness.

Let us praise God's holy name -

because the LORD hears us.

Let us praise God's holy name -

seek and know the saving power of the LORD.

Let us praise God's holy name -

taste and see that the LORD is good.

Let us praise God's holy name -

the LORD redeems and does not condemn.

Together we praise God's holy name!

Hymn 491 God bless your church with strength

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we face many choices each day
and we confess we often choose with no thought of you.
Forgive the choices we've made that hurt others,
those that ignored our own wellbeing,
and those that betrayed your love.
Guide us in all our choices,
simple or complicated,
so we express our faithfulness to you day by day.

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

Blessing of the Backpacks and Work Bags

Prayer for Understanding

Okwayi Obang

Scripture Readings Psalm 34: 1-14 (Responsive)
Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon Clothed in Power

Hymn 632 Help us accept each other

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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

Barbara Henson

Offertory **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee** arr. Eleanor Whitsett

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 **461** **Be thou my vision**

Benediction

Sending Hymn **780** **Amen**

Postlude **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** arr. Joel Raney

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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/
- ◇ 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.

September 1	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
September 8	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Fall Kick-Off Sunday	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

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 Sunday

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, and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Bring family and friends and help make this a memorable start to Fall at Grace!

Grace Kids and Youth

Grace's Church School Registration Now Open!

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

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

The Blessing of the Backpack and Work Bag tags presented as part of the blessing extended for the upcoming year were skillfully put together by Carol Evans, Anne Mohtadi, Lorna McNeill, Terry McNeill, and Brenda Robertson. Grace gives thanks for their gifts of time and talent.



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.

Nursery Helpers

Grace offers the hospitality of a nursery staffed each week with supervisor and volunteers, allowing parents to worship knowing their young children (18 months to 3 years old) are in a safe and caring environment. Two more volunteers are needed to be present from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., one Sunday per month.

Church School Leaders and Helpers

The Fall season of Grace's Church School is approaching quickly. Volunteers are needed to be Church School Leaders and Helpers to make sure a rotation can be scheduled. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help support the faith formation of the kids and youth of Grace.

Office Help Wednesdays

Grace's Office Staff need volunteer help on Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The volunteers would answer phones, doors and have other tasks. Please consider whether you might be able to assist.

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 to 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.

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

Grace Events

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Save the Date: Engaging with Vulnerable Persons

Grace will host Engaging with Vulnerable Persons, an insightful and helpful presentation led by Alpha House, on September 16, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Cindy Stephenson cindys@gracecalgary.org to register or for more information.

Mission Moment

In Malawi, the Mabiri Community Day Secondary School's Sexual Reproductive Health Club is a component of the Every Girl Empowered Project, which is supported by PWS&D. One of the issues discussed by club members is school dropout rates among their peers. One of the reasons for this is the inability to pay school fees. Determined to make a difference, club members identified a peer, Wezzie, aged 16, struggling financially. To help her, they organized an open house event, inviting supporters to hear Wezzie's story and learn about the importance of financial support for marginalized pupils. Through their advocacy efforts, the club secured pledges to cover Wezzie's school fees, enabling her to take and pass her examinations successfully. The club was pleased knowing they successfully advocated to help improve Wezzie's future.



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