

# Fall at Grace

**FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 10:30 AM**

**WORSHIP ONLINE:**

[gracechurchcalgary.com](http://gracechurchcalgary.com)

**Vison**

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



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

### Prelude **Prelude in G major, Op. 37**

Felix Mendelssohn

### Welcome and Announcements

**Janet Hyde**

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Giyth**

### 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**

The God of life gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

**God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.**

We will put our trust in God's goodness.

**May God's goodness endure forever! Let us worship God.**

### Hymn **321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

### Prayer of Adoration

### Rite of Reconciliation

#### Invitation

## Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,  
you are ever mindful of those on the margins.  
We confess we fail to keep our eyes open for those same people.  
We have been silent when we should have  
spoken up in the face of injustice.  
Our generosity to others does not match what you offer us.  
Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first.  
Renew our commitment to show others  
the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ.

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

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

## Anthem When in our music God is glorified

C.V. Stanford/arr: Harriet Ziegenhals

## Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

Commissioning of Grace Kids and Youth Leaders

## Prayer for Understanding

Alexis

## Scripture Readings

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-30

## Sermon Playing Favourites

## Hymn 585 Christ, you call us all to service

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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

Ray Kellough

## Offertory Lobe den Herren, den machtigen Konig der Ehren

Praise the Lord, the mighty King of Glory

Johann Walther

## 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 732 O day of peace that dimly shines

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## Benediction

## Sending Hymn 780 Amen

## Postlude Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today in gratitude to God, by Audrey and Dan Van Leeuwen as they celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Rob Maciak, percussion, and Mark Scholz, trumpet, for their contributions to Grace's music this morning.

## Music Notes:

September is an exciting time of year where fresh energy seems to abound. Studies begin, music groups reassemble, rehearsals start and choirs join us in worship to praise God. Today's anthem, "*When in our music God is glorified*" based on the tune *Engelberg* by English organist/composer Charles Villers Stanford seemed appropriate as we welcome back Grace choirs and instruments for the season.

The prelude this morning is a perennial favorite by German composer Felix Mendelssohn. It offers a serene and reflective musical journey, setting a contemplative tone for the beginning of worship.

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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.

September 15    Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost    The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner  
Psalm 19; Mark 8:27-38  
Things Divine and Human

September 22    Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost    The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Psalm 1

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

Grace continues to explore the theme of The Garden of God in September by spending time looking at the book of James, which invites followers of Christ to grow in faith and produce the "fruits" of faith - love, justice, peace, and kindness - using simple and powerful language.

This invitation calls us into a vibrant and joyful life; what Jesus called, "abundant life." Join Grace over the next four Sundays as we explore what growth in abundant life can look like in ourselves and in our church.

### **Fall Kick-Off Sunday**

Be a part of Grace's Fall Kick-Off Sunday September 8 as together we start Autumn with inspiring and joy-filled worship and celebrate the start of Grace's Church School for kids age 4 through Grade 6. Let's make this a memorable start to Fall at Grace and invite family and friends to Grace for Fall Kick-Off!

### **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. Looking forward to a great year of Grace's Church School! Register here: <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/families/>



## Grace Updates



### **Condolences**

The condolences of Grace Presbyterian Church are shared with the family and friends of Robert “Rob” Purdy who died on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Please remember them in your prayers.. A Celebration of Rob’s Life will be held at Grace on Monday, September 30, at 11:00 a.m., with the reception at Grace immediately following the service.

### **Grace Gives Thanks**

Grace gives thanks at the beginning of this new year of ministry for Grace Kids and Youth for faith-filled and energetic volunteers:

Nursery: Sarah Changach, Atong Deng, Maryam Ghaedscharafi, Kate Van Pernis and Rose Wolstenholme

Church School: Doch, Nya, Jennifer Frank, Richard Kim, Sujung Ko, Aknelia Krana, Angel Lee, Michael McLenaghan, Anne Mohtadi (also providing overall coordination), Chisom Okongwu, Ephraim Porter, Kim Reid-Smith, Brenda Robertson, Cindy Stephenson, Flora Stephenson, and Henrietta Van Huigenbos

Youth (Jr and Sr High): Darryl Burns, Joanne Kellough, Ephraim Porter, Irene Robinson, and Andy Ross

The gifts of time and talent given by these volunteers allows Grace to support families with children to have a covenant community and nurture understandings of God teaching through love.

### **Postponement of ELL Fall Sessions**

Grace’s Engagement and Service Committee has made the decision to postpone the Fall Sessions of Grace’s English Language Learner (“ELL”) program. This decision comes as Grace’s Engagement and Service Committee undertakes a thorough evaluative process of the ELL program to ensure it meets the highest standards and effectively serves our community’s needs.

Your understanding and patience are appreciated as the evaluation of Grace’s ELL program proceeds. Please know updates regarding Grace’s ELL program and the evaluation of this program will be shared in due course.

### **Name Tags**

So far, 144 people have requested a permanent Grace name tag. Join in!

The Spiritual Growth Committee will be ordering name tags soon. Please sign up by Sunday September 8 on a sheet at the welcome tables to have your name tag made.

## **Volunteer Opportunities** [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/)

### **Indigenous Friendship Day**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is co-hosting activities to celebrate and experience Indigenous culture on Saturday, September 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Learn more and volunteer at <https://www.standrewscalgary.ca/ifd>

To learn about 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).

### **Music at Grace**

Rehearsals for the groups that make up Grace's Music Ministry are beginning.

Grace's rehearsal times are :

Grace's Chancel Choir: Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., no prior experience needed.

Grace's Camerata Instrumental Group: Sunday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 15. Intermediate skill with woodwind, string or brass requested.

Grace Notes Children's Choir : Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 , beginning Sept. 15. No prior music experience needed.

Grace Handbell Choir will resume in October. No prior music experience needed.

Anyone interested in joining one or more of Grace's Music Ministry groups should connect with Matt Kallio or contact Grace's Office (403 244-5861).

### **Grace Events**

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### **Lectionary Bible Study**

Grace's weekly Lectionary Bible Study will start on Wednesday September 11, in the Family Room from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. It will run for six weeks, led by lay ministers. The study explores a variety of Bible translations of Lectionary readings and welcomes diverse perspectives to enrich discussions in a respectful atmosphere. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Please Register: Engaging with Vulnerable Persons**

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

## GRACE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

### Session Elders

Nancy Connors  
Mark Durieux  
Clark Hanna  
Janet Hyde  
Mary Jardine  
Joanne Kellough  
Anne Mohtadi  
Jiebiene Nyajwok  
Okwayi Obang  
Shirley Philips (Clerk)  
Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet  
Cindy Stephenson  
Matthew Vyse  
Len Wolstenholme

### Service Elders

Jim Campbell  
Fran Cormack  
Bill Cruickshanks  
Marlene Doherty  
Bob Ermter  
Carol Evans  
Margot Kellough  
Richard Kim  
Bonnie Noyce Faust  
Iain Robertson  
Les Wilson

### Deacons

Nancy Connors - *Hospital and Health Care*  
Elizabeth Cressman - *Bereavement Care*  
Margot Kellough - *Homebound Care*

### Staff

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner - *Lead Minister*  
The Rev. Jake Van Pernis - *Associate Minister*  
Matt Kallio - *Music Director*  
Alan Facey - *Support Services Director*  
Cindy Stephenson - *Coordinator of Volunteers*  
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