

Fall at Grace

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 10:30 AM

WORSHIP ONLINE:

gracechurchcalgary.com

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



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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 **Chorale Partita on *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan***

(Whatever God does is well done)

Johann Pachelbel

Worship begins with the Prelude. We invite you to centre yourself as you listen and acknowledge the Spirit gathering you into this community of worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Jardine

Welcome to all who are guests with us. If comfortable doing so, please let us know you are here by filling out the card located in the pew and placing it in the offering plate when passed.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ainsley

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir
The Choir will sing one stanza in Latin.*

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

From sunrise to sunset,
let us praise God's holy name.
Draw near to the God of life.
We will worship God, now and always.

Hymn **738 God the omnipotent**

The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)

Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Please be seated

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation,
you created the world around us and filled it with wonder,
yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities.
Our ears can be deaf to cries of need.
Our minds ignore opinions which differ from our own.
Cleanse us from envy and selfish ambition.
Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness,
and miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.
Set us on the path that leads to life,
to the glory of Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem Psalm 1

Mark Hayes

Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

Children age 4 through Grade 6 are invited to Church School following this time.

Prayer for Understanding

Michael McLenaghan

Scripture Readings

Psalm 1 (Responsive, Sing Refrain II)

The Book of Psalms (red)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 203

Sermon Good Fruit

Hymn 296 The clay-stained hands of love^{OL}

The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)

Please stand in body or spirit with the choir

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Please be seated

**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

Dorothy Love

Offertory **Liebster Jesu wir sind hier**

J.S. Bach

(Dearest Jesus, we are here)

Please stand in body or spirit with the choir

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 **712 Arise, your light is come**^{OL}

The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)

Benediction

Sending Hymn **780 Amen**

The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)

Please be seated

Postlude **Canzona**

Johann Casper Kerll

The end of the Postlude marks the end of our service. We invite you to join in a time of fellowship in the Family Room, located across the hall from the Sanctuary.

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Grace Gives Thanks



Photo Directory Team

Grace gives thanks for the leadership and time of Cathy Caldwell, Nancy Connors, Carol Evans, Susan Mendonça, Anne Stephenson (team lead), and Broda Stuart who helped put together and proof 2023 photo directory. Their efforts have helped build a resource of connection at Grace.

Grace Fall Newsletter is Now Available!

We are excited to announce that the Grace Fall Newsletter has been printed and is now available. You can pick up a copy at the church or read it online at gracecalgary.com/newsletter.

This quarterly newsletter offers in-depth stories, updates, and reflections that will keep you connected to the life and mission of Grace Presbyterian Church. Be sure to stay informed about what's happening in our community.

Grace 2023 Photo Directories

Grace's 2023 Photo Directories are available for pick up in the hallway alcove outside the front of Grace's Sanctuary following worship on Sunday, September 22. Directories are available for individuals/families who had photos taken by the photographer or who submitted photos, and members who recently joined Grace. Additional copies will be distributed as supplies allow.

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

Engagement & Service Committee Members

The Engagement and Service Committee oversees Grace's community and social justice partnerships and programs: operating the Satellite Food Bank, supporting newcomers to Canada, helping neighbours in need and encouraging environmental stewardship through various initiatives. The committee typically meets in the evening on the fourth Monday of the month via Zoom. Two more members to help guide this important missional work are needed.

Grace Notes Children's Choir Rehearsal Volunteers

The Children's Choir is restarting its rehearsals on Sundays, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at Grace. At least one additional adult is needed each week to be present and ensure a safe and supportive environment is provided. This role can be shared on a rotating basis.

To learn more about opportunities to volunteer at Grace please contact the Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson, at volunteers@gracecalgary.org.

Cake Bake 2024: Volunteer Request

Friday, Oct. 18 to Friday, Oct. 25

Grace's Cake Bake is celebrating 62 amazing years, thanks to your support and volunteer efforts. The schedule for Cake Bake is a little different this year and here is the schedule:

Friday, Oct. 18: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Delivery Day

Saturday, Oct. 19: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Preparation Day

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 22: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Production Days

Tuesday to Thursday, Oct. 22, 23, 24: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Baking Cakes

Tuesday to Friday, Oct. 22, 23, 24, 25: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Wrapping Cakes

Friday, Oct. 25: 9:00 am: Cleanup

If you are interested in volunteering please speak with Barbara Henson who helps coordinate Grace's Cake Bake volunteers or contact Grace's Office at

office@gracecalgary.org or (403)-244-5861.



Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/

Lectionary Bible Study

Grace's weekly Lectionary Bible Study continues on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Family Room. It will run until October 16. All are welcome to attend.

Tending the Wild Garden - A Bible Study

Dates: September 29 - December 8 or October 2 - December 11

Times: Weekly on Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:00 a.m., or Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Grace's Chapel.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." – Galatians 5:22-23a

What does a life filled with the Spirit of Christ look like in the world? Paul describes it as a life that bears fruit, a life that reflects Christ's image, a life that is blessed and transformed, and a life that is a blessing to others.

Join Rev. Chris in a study of the fruits of the Spirit, using a new book by Presbyterian minister Eugenia Gamble, "Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit." Each chapter explores one of the fruits Paul writes about in Galatians. There are also six daily devotions as part of each chapter, containing scripture, reflections, and spiritual practices. Books will be provided.

Please sign up on-line gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/groups/ or through Grace's

Office at office@gracecalgary.org or (403) 244-5861.

Resonant Reflections: Concert of music for Cello and Piano

Sunday September 29, Grace Sanctuary, 2:00 p.m.

Experience an exquisite afternoon of music featuring Liz Tremblay on cello and Matthew Kallio on piano. Dive into the depths of classical music and let every note resonate with your soul.

Tickets: \$22.50 (pre-sale on Eventbrite) or \$30 (at the door)

Don't miss out - get your tickets now!

Grace at a Glance - October:

- October 6 World Communion Sunday and Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- October 6 Evening Grace -Taizé at the Table
- October 13 Thanksgiving / Harvest Sunday
- October 15 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Evening Service
- October 16 World Food Day Speaker
- October 19 Wild Grace at Confederation Park
- October 20 Worship at Grace, Living Our Faith Course (Session 2)
- October 26 Trunk N Treat and Open Mic Night
- October 27 Reformation Sunday, Sr. High Game Night

Congregational Lunch: *Every Perfect Gift*

October 6, following worship

Grace congregation and volunteers are invited to a luncheon after worship on October 6 at Grace, to celebrate the service of over 200 individuals.

Grace Presbyterian Church's Trunk and Treat & Open Mic Night

Saturday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Grace's South Parking Lot & Sanctuary.

Join us for a fun-filled evening of community and creativity at Grace's Trunk and Treat and Open Mic Night!

Trunk and Treat 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Candy Donations Needed: We are requesting donations of candy to ensure a sweet experience for all the kids. Please drop off your candy donations in the designated bins located in Grace's Family Room.

Volunteers to Host a Trunk: We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out treats. Sign up with Grace's Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson at cindys@gracecalgary.org or by contacting Grace's Office at office@gracecalgary.org or (403)-244-5861.

Open Mic Night: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Showcase Your Talent: Whether you sing, play an instrument, recite poetry, or have another talent to share, we want to see it! Sign up to perform at the open mic by contacting Matt Kalio at mattk@gracecalgary.org or by contacting Grace's Office at office@gracecalgary.org or (403)-244-5861.

Let's come together for an evening of fellowship, fun, and fantastic performances. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Community Events

Indigenous Friendship Day

Indigenous Friendship Day will be held on Saturday, September 28, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW, Calgary.

Activities will include: listening stations to hear traditional indigenous stories, craft centers, an opportunity to erect a Ti Pi, playing traditional Indigenous games, vendors and a taster of traditional indigenous food. The day will end with several dance performances and an opportunity to join in a Circle Dance. Indigenous Friendship Day will be an intergenerational and cross-cultural educational event.

All are welcome to join in this day of learning about traditional Indigenous cultures, in a very fun way!

Want to Volunteer for Indigenous Friendship Day?

A lot of help is needed before/during/after the event to make it all happen. You can register to volunteer, through the following link:

<https://www.standrewscalgary.ca/ifd>

Workshop with the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls, Moderator of The General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada



How might biblical stories in which



is inspired for God's people
lay a foundation for our own stories of
hope and possibility?

Biblical Foundations for Narratives of Hope is a participatory workshop designed for both clergy and lay leaders, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, on Monday, September 30, led by the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls, that considers tales of hope from the Bible and then explore ways to find parallels in these ancient tales of hope for congregations today. The workshop is from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and lunch is included. Please register for the workshop by Monday, September 23 via email: office@standrewscalgary.ca or by calling: 403.255.0001

GRACE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Session Elders

Nancy Connors
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