

# Fall at Grace

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 6, 2024 10:30 AM**

**WORSHIP ONLINE:**

[gracechurchcalgary.com](http://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



**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 **Sonata in G major for two flutes**

Jin Lee, Paul Xu  
Johannes Vogel

*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

**Nancy Connors**

*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

**Hanling**

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

## Introit **This is the Day / Psallite Deo**

*Taizé*

## Call to Worship

**Jake Van Pernis**

The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

**We have come from east and west, from north and south,  
to sit together at the Lord's table.**

Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

**Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

## Hymn **534 All who hunger, gather gladly** <sup>CCLI</sup>

*The Book of Praise* (Blue Hymnal)

## Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

*Please be seated*

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

Ever present God,  
when you invite us to your table,  
you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts.  
You ask us to come in peace,  
seeking reconciliation with you and with one another.  
We confess that the Church has not always sought reconciliation  
within or beyond its walls.  
We have struggled to stand with those who suffer,  
preferring distance and cursing to nearness and blessing.  
Only your grace can give us the peace and courage we seek.  
Free us from the burdens we carry, so that we may be  
a source of peace and healing in this troubled world,  
in the name of Christ who is our peace.

### Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

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

### Anthem *As We Gather at the Table*

Winnagene Hatch

### Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

*Grace kids are invited to return to sit with their families for the remainder of worship*

### Prayer for Understanding

Robin Telfer

### Scripture Readings

**Psalm 26** (Responsive, Sing Refrain I)

*The Book of Psalms (red)*

**Job 1:1, 2:1-10**

Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 416

### Sermon *Consider Job*

## Hymn 605 Strength to the troubled heart, we come

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

## Invitation to Share Our Offerings

Ryan Kellough

Please be seated

## Offertory "Elegy" from triptyque for flute and organ

Gordon Young

*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.**

## Invitation to the Table

Sabino Diok

Please be seated

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

**Sanctus** (organ will play through tune once, then sung by all, please remain seated)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

...we recall the mystery of our faith:

**Memorial Acclamation** (sung by all, please remain seated)

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

...and now we pray the words which Jesus gave all his followers:

## 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the People

Please wait for all to be served before eating and drinking.

All of the bread being served is gluten free.

**Communion Music** Let us Break Bread

Spiritual arranged by Harry Hill

**Prayer**

**Olul Ojulu**

**Hymn 557 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast** <sup>CCLI</sup>

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

## Benediction

**Sending Hymn 780 Amen**

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

*Please be seated*

**Postlude Epilogue**

Norman Gilbert

*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.*

Thank you to our musicians Jin Lee and Paul Xu for their contribution to Grace's music today.

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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.

### **October Worship at Grace: *Faith in Twilight***

In October Grace is going to transition to exploring the Book of Job. Job was a righteous person who nevertheless underwent significant suffering. Through his story, the Hebrew people wrestled with what it means that the righteous suffer.

It was a challenge to a theology that equated faith with health and prosperity, and it remains a challenge to that theology today too. May the Spirit guide our time with Job's story so we too can learn what it means to walk with faith in twilight.

October 6	Evening Grace Taizé at the Table - Communion 7:00 p.m. in Grace Chapel (access through North Chapel Door)	
October 13	Harvest Sunday Psalm 22: 1-11 Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 Sermon: Patient Complaint	The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
October 20	Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c Job 38: 1-7 Sermon: Who Do You Think You Are?	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

### **Celebrating Doris Frizzell's Life**

The family of Doris Frizzell invites Grace to join in celebrating Doris' life on Sunday, October 27 following worship during fellowship time. All are welcome to attend.

### **Grace Kids and Youth**

#### **Thanksgiving Big Room Church School**

On Sunday, October 13 Grace's Church School will be a "Big Room Church School" meaning the kids from age 4 to Grade 6 will be sharing in learning and activities together. Looking forward to Big Room Church School.



## **Living Our Faith: A Course for Students in Grades 9-12 at Grace**

The next session of Living Our Faith will be held on Sunday, October 20 from 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m. The theme for this session is "Tell me all your thoughts on God." This session will explore what is meant in the reformed tradition by the word God and where the word "God" comes from. The session will also invite conversation about the Trinity and Triune God, as well as God's kingdom / kin-dom, God's reign, and being a part of God's creation. This session will be led by Rev. Chris and Rev. Jake. Youth considering affirming their faith at Grace need to be present for this session and the subsequent sessions on November 17, January 19, February 8, March 16, April 13, and May 25.

## **Jr. High Youth Help With Trunk N Treat**

Grace's Junior High Youth (Grades 7-9) are invited to help with Trunk N Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Youth will be invited to help hand out candy, with set-up, sharing welcome from Grace to the community, and with take-down and clean-up. A pizza dinner for the youth will be provided. Youth are encouraged to let Rev. Jake know if they planning on helping with Trunk N Treat.

## **Sr. High Game Night**

Grace's Senior High Youth (Grades 10-12) are invited to a game night of board games and fellowship at Grace on Sunday, October 27 from 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

## **Music Notes**

On World Communion Sunday, Grace's choir will share a familiar favourite piece while communion is being served, the spiritual "Let Us Break Bread Together". This spiritual has its roots in coastal South Carolina, and more generally, along a stretch of the U.S. east coast known as the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, named after its dialect. Originally the song was sung by slaves using the underground railroad, and has since made its way into many hymnals as a communion song.

Grace also welcomes flautists Jin Lee and Paul Xu. They will be playing two movements from classical era German composer Johann Vogel's Sonata for two flutes in addition to American organist and composer Gordon Young's Elegy from his triptych for flute and organ.

## [Grace Updates](#)

### **Grace Gives Thanks**

Preaching Grace 2025 promises to be another inspiring and relevant weekend (April 25-27), with Dr. Norman Wirzba helping us explore the theme of "Cultivating Hope: Food, Farming, and the Life of Faith". Grace gives thanks for the organizing team: Rev. Chris Joiner, Joanne Kellough, Andrew Manuel, Anne Mohtadi, Margaret Montgomery, Dr. Carolyn Muessig (Chair of Christian Thought at the University of Calgary), Phil Ponting, Cindy Stephenson, and for the donation that supports this ongoing program.



### **Cake Bake Order Forms**

Order forms for Cake Bake are available at the North and South entrance doors. Please complete and return order forms to a box at an entrance table by Wednesday, October 16. Thank you for supporting Cake Bake.

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

### **Food Bank Pantry Shopper**

In addition to the food items provided by the Calgary Food Bank, Grace offers some items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.) to guests. A shopper is needed to pick up supplies every week or two so Grace has an inventory available. The shopper can shop as their schedule allows, and they will be fully reimbursed by Grace.

### **Decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday**

Volunteers are needed to purchase and arrange seasonal produce and related decorations around Grace's sanctuary in preparation for Thanksgiving next **Sunday, October 13.**

### **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.

### **Nursery Helper**

Grace offers the hospitality of a nursery staffed each week with a supervisor and volunteers, allowing parents to attend worship knowing their young children (18 months to 3 years old) are in a safe and caring environment. One more volunteer to be present one Sunday per month is needed.



## Grace Events

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### **Congregational Lunch: *Every Perfect Gift***

**October 6, following worship**

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



### **Grace Bethany**

All women of Grace are invited to Grace Bethany on Tuesday, October 8 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in Grace's Family Room to hear guest speaker, Barbara Young. Barbara is the World District Community Service chairperson for Rotary International. Barbara will share about her experiences with Rotary's involvement in literacy, schools and life improvements for women in Guatemala.

Get to know other women of Grace during this relaxed time of study, fun and fellowship.

### **Honouring and Remembering Pregnancy and Infant Loss**

Grace will have a service of reflection and hope on Tuesday, October 15 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Grace's Chapel to both honour and remember Pregnancy and Infant Loss. All are welcome to attend.

### **Lectionary Bible Study**

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

### **A Conversation About Food On World Food Day**

Grace is hosting a conversation and evening of learning on food and the work of the Calgary Food Bank is doing to both address food security and poverty throughout the city on Wednesday, October 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Grace's Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

### ***extravORGANza Concert***

Come join us at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to hear the mighty roar of Grace's organ! We welcome guest musician Ethan Hill, music director and organist of Knox United Church and our own music director, Matthew Kallio as they perform great works for this, the king of instruments! Mark your calendars - further details to come.

Tickets: \$22.50 (pre-sale on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) ) or \$30 (at the door)

## **Save the date - Lunch n Learn**

Grace's Pastoral Care & Connection Committee will be offering a Lunch n Learn, "Growing with Resilience: Uncovering the Possibilities", on Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and with lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

## **Grace at a Glance - October:**

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

## **Community Events**

### **2024 University of Calgary Chair of Christian Thought Lebel Lecture in Christian Ethics – Reconciliation and Repair: Treaty, Covenant, Relationship and Bond, led by Rev. Tony Snow**

Sign up now to attend the Lebel Lecture in Christian Ethics on Friday, October 11 from 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m. hosted by the Chair of Christian Thought at the University of Calgary and the Calgary Public Library at the Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall at the Calgary Central Library. Rev. Snow, a member of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation, and the regional Indigenous Minister for the Chinook Winds Region of the United Church in Canada will speak on Christian Communities engaging in the work of reconciliation and repairing relationships exploring often neglected and buried histories that are considered shameful, and how retelling these histories necessitates coming to terms with past and present and how this has shaped and enabled the lived history of today. Rev. Snow will explore how scripture and history give a context as well as how the work of relational reconciliation invites social models that need commitment and engagement that attends to the work within the Christian Community and beyond.

**Grace Presbyterian Church's Trunk N Treat and Open Mic Night**  
**Saturday, October 26** in Grace's South Parking Lot and Sanctuary.

Join us for a fun-filled evening of community and creativity!

**Trunk N 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](mailto:cindys@gracecalgary.org) or by contacting Grace's Office at [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) or (403)-244-5861.

**Open Mic Night**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 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 Kallio at [mattk@gracecalgary.org](mailto:mattk@gracecalgary.org) or on-line at: <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/open-mic>

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

## GRACE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

### Session Elders

Nancy Connors  
Mark Durieux  
Clark Hanna  
Janet Hyde  
Mary Jardine  
Joanne Kellough  
Anne Mohtadi  
Jiebieni 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*  
Rob McDonald - *Accountant*  
Dana Seiffert - *Admin Support*  
Brenda Robertson - *Admin Support*  
Andrew Manuel - *Communications Specialist*  
Craig Murphy - *Facilities*  
Ngath Diok - *Facilities*  
Teri Telfer - *Facilities*  
Nathan Kelly - *Facilities*  
Pavel Thomson - *Facilities*  
Jim Hatridge - *Facilities*