

# Fall at Grace

**HARVEST SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 13, 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**   **Prelude and Fugue in D major**   Johannes Krieger (1651-1735)

*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**

**Marlene Doherty**

*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**

**Grace**

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

## **Introit**   **In the Lord I'll be ever Thankful**

*Taizé*

## **Call to Worship**

**Jake Van Pernis**

God meets us with gifts of love,  
**God meets us in relationships that cause joy and gratitude.**  
God blesses us with skills and opportunities to serve,  
**all we need for faithful living.**  
God protects us in times of danger,  
**and guards us from the time of trial.**  
We gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.  
**Praise be to God for all good things, now and always!**

## **Hymn**   **803 Come, ye thankful people, come**   *The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## Rite of Reconciliation

*Please be seated*

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

Living and loving God,  
even in these challenging times,  
we know we enjoy an abundance many cannot imagine.  
Yet we confess we do not always recognize these blessings.  
We worry about the future,  
and whether our families can flourish.  
Forgive our fears of going without,  
and show us how to share the goodness that is already ours.

### Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

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

**Anthem** **Come Ye Thankful People Come**      Tune: St. George's Windsor  
arr: Benjamin Harlan and Gary Hallquist

### Time with Young Christians

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

### Prayer for Understanding

**Andy Ross**

### Scripture Readings

**Psalm 22: 1-11** (Responsive, Sing Refrain I)      *The Book of Psalms (red)*  
**Job 23: 1-9; 16-17**      Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 434

**Sermon** *Patient Complaint*

**Hymn** **457 Now thank we all our God**      *The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*  
*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

## 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

**Estel Latchman**

Please be seated

## Offertory **Nun Danket Alle Gott**

Georg Kauffmann (1679-1735)

*(Now Thank We All Our God)*

*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 802 For the fruits of all creation** <sup>CCLI</sup>

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

## Benediction

### **Sending Hymn 780 Amen**

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

*Please be seated*

### **Postlude Postlude on Nun Danket Alle Gott**

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

*(Now Thank We All Our God)*

*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 Rob Maciak, timpani, for his contribution to Grace's music in 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.

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

Grace in October is 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 many beliefs 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.

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| October 20 | Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35 <sup>c</sup><br>Job 38: 1-7<br>Sermon: Who Do You Think You Are? | The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner |
| October 27 | Psalm 34: 1-8<br>Job 42: 1-6<br>Sermon: To Seek and to Find                             | 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.

### **Condolences**

Grace extends sympathy to the family and friends of Audrey Young who died on Tuesday, October 8. Information regarding a service will be communicated as it becomes available.

### **Part-time Positions at Grace**

Grace is currently recruiting for two part-time positions: A Youth Leader and an Events Coordinator. For details please go to our website: [www.gracechurchcalgary.org](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.org) or send your resume to [humanresources@gracecalgary.org](mailto:humanresources@gracecalgary.org)

## **Music Notes**

Prelude and Fugue in D major – Johann Krieger

Johann Kreiger was one of the most important keyboard composers of his day, highly esteemed by others. A prolific composer of music, he published several dozen of his works, and others survive in manuscript. The two published collections, *Sechs musicalische Partien* (1697) and *Anmuthige Clavier-Übung* (1698), contain harpsichord suites, organ toccatas, fugues, and ricercars, among other works.

Krieger's contemporaries praised his contrapuntal skill, evident in his fugues and ricercars. Contemporaries were particularly impressed with Krieger's double fugues, remarking no one surpassed Krieger in this form, other than George Friedric Handel. Handel himself admired and studied Krieger's work.

## **Grace Kids & Youth**

### **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. Can you help set-up, share a warm Grace welcome, hand out candy, and help with take-down and clean-up? A pizza dinner for the youth will be provided. Let Rev. Jake know if you are planning to help 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. to 7:00 p.m. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

## Grace Updates



### **Grace Gives Thanks**

Grace give thanks for the graciousness of Carol Evans, Barbara Henson, Brenda Robertson, Dana Seiffert, Barb Todd and Broda Stuart who stepped in and offered hospitality at last week's lunch. Thank you!

### **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.

### **A note of thanks for support from Cake Bake**

Dear Grace Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for supporting Calgary's students. As requested, your gift has been directed to the Connaught School Flow Through Fund, designated for a robotics purchase in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math ("STEM"). On behalf of Calgary's students, their families, the Board of Governors, and the staff of Education Matters, thank you again for helping to enrich and enhance public education and paving the way for student success!

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

### **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.

To learn more about opportunities to volunteer at Grace please contact the Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson, at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org).



## **Grace Events**

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

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

- October 15 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Evening Service
- October 16 World Food Day Speaker—Grace Clausen, Calgary Food Bank
- 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

### **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.

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

Grace is hosting a conversation and evening of learning on food and the work of what 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.

### **Wild Grace: Autumn Gathering**

**Saturday, October 19 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Confederation Park**

(Meet in St. Giles Parking Lot, 1102 23 Ave. NW)

Wild Grace is an invitation to gather and be present with the divine grace that flows wild and free in the world. The purpose of Wild Grace is to connect with the land and with one another by enjoying and being present with the “wild” world through learning, contemplation and reflection, and fellowship. All are welcome to attend!



## **extravORGANza Concert**

Hear the mighty roar of the organ at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday October 20 at 2:00 p.m. as Grace welcomes guest musician Ethan Hill, music director and organist at Knox United Church and musician Matthew Kallio, Grace's music director, as they share great works for the organ known as the king of instruments.

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

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

Join in a fun-filled evening of community and creativity!

### **Trunk N Treat**

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Candy Donations Needed:** Grace is 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:** Grace needs 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, sign up for Open Mic! Sign up to perform at the open mic by contacting Matt Kallio at [mattk@gracecalgary.org](mailto:mattk@gracecalgary.org) or 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!

**Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch N Learn: Growing with Resilience: Uncovering the Possibilities**

Join this transformative workshop where you get to dive into what resilience truly means for you. Discover your strengths, recognize what you're already doing well, and gain fresh insights into areas of growth. As a part of the workshop explore how harnessing your current abilities and adding new tools to your skill set can open up a world of possibilities.

This workshop is led by Kerri Kroeker, a Certified Leadership, Performance, and Life Coach with over 20 years of experience as a Spiritual Health Practitioner. Kerri holds a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in community counseling and brings a unique blend of wisdom, creativity, and compassion to her work. An artist and dog lover, Kerri's approach is warm, insightful, and deeply rooted in helping others thrive.

Register by Monday, October 28 at <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/event/growing-with-resilience-uncovering-the-possibilities/>

**Help PCC Celebrate 150 Years !**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) is compiling a special 150th Anniversary book, and they need stories! Share memories and experiences from across the years that highlight where the PCC has been, where it currently is, and where the denomination is going. Whether it's a memorable choir practice, a church potluck, or your hopes for the future, your voice matters!

Submit your stories to Ian McKechnie, Project Coordinator, at:

[pcc150book@gmail.com](mailto:pcc150book@gmail.com)

Visit the news section of our website or click the following link for more details: <https://bit.ly/PCC150>

## **Reflection and Prayer:**

### **Marking a Year of Conflict Since October 7, 2023**

The ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine took an increased turn on October 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked populations in Israel, killing, injuring and kidnapping Israelis. Israel retaliated, which led to the deaths of tens of thousands of people in Gaza. Many more were wounded. Millions of people have been displaced, with more than 60 percent of Gaza now in ruins. The violence in Israel and Palestine has spread to Lebanon, where thousands of people have been injured and hundreds killed after Israeli airstrikes in Beirut and numerous other parts of the country.

#### ***Prayer***

Almighty God, we pray for a just peace in the lands where your son lived, preached, taught, healed and experienced firsthand the violence of an occupying power. Remembering his call to be peacemakers, we bring before you the plight of those who experience war, bombings, terror and conflict and who must flee for their lives. We pray for the injured, the families of those who have been killed, whose children remain buried under piles of rubble and all who have lost their homes or been displaced.

Caring God, be with those suffering across the Middle East. Bring healing to those who are physically wounded, emotionally traumatized, or mourning the dead. We pray for those who are anxious and have lost the few comforts and peace of mind and body they had. We pray for those who work tirelessly to help those who live the most precarious lives. We especially pray for the staff of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees of the Middle East Council of Churches, one of our ministry partners that includes the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon.

Loving God, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, called us to follow him and work to establish your politics and principles in the world you love and to work together for justice and peace. Give us the strength and courage to be faithful to his calling and engage in that task. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen

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