

# Fall at Grace

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 20, 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 Otipemisiwak Metis Government of the Metis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6.

## Prelude **Prelude and Fugue in c minor**

Jan Zach (1713-1773)

*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 Lil Rozsa de Coquet**

*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

**Devin**

*Please stand in body or spirit with the choir*

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

*Taizé*

## Call to Worship

**Jake Van Pernis**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, for the Lord our God is very great.

**God is clothed with honour and majesty,  
wrapped in brightness like a garment.**

God stretches out the heavens like a tent, riding on wings of the wind.

**God has made each unique creature.**

**With all of them, we come to praise the Lord.**

## Hymn **410 Joyful, joyful we adore you**

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

## Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

*Please be seated*

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you are the Creator of all,  
we are the work of your hands.  
Forgive us for all the times we have forgotten  
that we are creatures, and not Creator.  
Forgive our lack of humility in the face of suffering,  
our platitudes and easy answers,  
our speaking rather than listening,  
our certitude rather than faith.  
Grant us your mercy, O Lord,  
for you alone hold the key to forgiveness and healing.  
Set us free, for the sake of your glory.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

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

**Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus**

Derek Hayes

**Time with Young Christians**

**Chris Joiner**

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

## Sacrament of Baptism

**David Otuer Opiew**

**Tekajwok David Otuer**, daughter of David Otuer Opiew & Akello Olul Ojulu

**Deborah Mear Ochala and Sarah Mear Ochala,**

daughters of Mear Ochalla Aballa & Beno Ujulu Ukelo

## The Apostle's Creed 539

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## Prayer for Understanding

Darryl Burns

## Scripture Readings

**Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35<sup>c</sup>** (Responsive, Sing Refrain I) *The Book of Psalms*

**Job 38: 1-7**

Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 434

## Sermon *Who Do You Think You Are?*

## Hymn **679 God, when I stand** <sup>OL</sup>

*Please stand in body or spirit*

*The Book of Praise* (Blue Hymnal)

## 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

Nyagoyni

Please be seated

## **Offertory Chorale Prelude: “Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem wort”**

*(Keep us, Lord, at your word)*

Johann Walther (1650-1704)

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## **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 70 All things I see**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

## **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn 780 Amen**

*Please be seated*

*The Book of Praise (Blue Hymnal)*

## **Postlude Toccata in C major**

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*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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## 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.

October 27	Reformation Sunday Psalm 34: 1-8 Job 42: 1-6 Sermon: To Seek and to Find	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
November 3	Psalm 146 Mark 12: 28-34 Sermon: Not Far	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. A celebration of Audrey's life will take place on November 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mahogany Beach House, 24 Masters Park S.E., Calgary (POSTAL CODE). The celebration will be a tea party and show of Audrey's artwork.

### **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.com](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com) or send your resume to:

[humanresources@gracecalgary.org](mailto:humanresources@gracecalgary.org)



## **Music Notes**

The prelude for worship is by the Czech composer Jan Zach. Zach was born in Bohemia and in 1724 he moved to Prague to work as violinist. There he studied organ and his career as organist started at the Church of St. Martín. By 1737 Zach was also playing the organ at the Monastic Church of the Merciful Brethren and the Minorite Chapel of St. Ann.

Zach's work reflects the transition from the Baroque music style to the emerging Classical music era ideals, with influences of Italian composers.

The opening hymn takes its melody from the famous choral section of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony number 9 in d minor. Beethoven's final symphony was an innovation especially in that it included a section sung by the choir. The original words reflected Beethoven's belief in the kinship of humanity.

## **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 this 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 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 gives thanks for the service of Irene Robinson, Joanne and Ryan Kellough as they prepare the communion bread and juice for Grace's celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sundays of March, June, October and December.

### **Photo directories**

Please pick up your copy of the photo directory in the Family Room after worship on Sunday, October 20. If you are unable to do so this Sunday, please contact the office at [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) by the end of October to arrange to receive your copy.

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

### **Office Help on Wednesdays**

An additional volunteer is requested to help one Wednesday per month, from about 10 am to around 2:30 pm, to allow the Admin staff to attend the staff meeting and make further progress on various projects. The volunteer would help answer the phones/doors and other similar tasks.

### **Ceramic Cups for Fellowship Time**

As part of Grace's efforts to move to a more ecologically sustainable footprint Grace uses ceramic cups instead of disposable paper cups during the Fellowship Time after service. Additional volunteers are needed to take a turn once every month to gather dirty cups, run them through the dishwasher and put them away.

### **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).



## Session Highlights

At its meeting on October 15, the Session:

- worshipped together, reflecting on Mark 10:17-22 and the text's meaning to us as leaders at Grace and as individuals
- gave thanks for the study on John 20 and 21, led by the Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls on September 30, as The Presbyterian Church in Canada considers narratives of Hope and Possibility for the denomination
- welcomed the Treasurer, who presented the current year financial trends, and the preliminary budget for 2025. September year-to-date finances are better than at the same point last year. The budget will be finalized and recommended to the congregation for approval in late November/early December
- received a presentation from the Convener of the Land and Facilities Committee on current activities and future plans. Potential projects are being scoped and will be prioritized based on 1. Life and Safety (including accessibility), 2. Maintenance, and 3. Improvements. The congregation will be invited to support these projects when better defined
- discussed suggestions for use of the proceeds of the sale of Grace House. These will be considered as the strategic plan is refreshed in the coming months
- approved the Investment Policy proposed by the Financial Management Committee
- appointed Shirley Philips as Land and Facilities Committee Liaison, as Janet Hyde has taken a leave of absence
- named Jennifer Williams as Deacon of Welcome and Hospitality, to provide leadership in further strengthening Grace's intentional welcome and integration of newcomers
- accepted the transfer of membership to Grace of Dr. Terence and Susan White. The Roll now stands at 350 professing members, and there are 162 adherents
- approved the baptisms of David Ojulu, Tekajwok Ojulu, Deborah Meer Ochala and Sarah Meer Ochala
- received reports on the many programs and initiatives overseen by the Committees
- closed with prayer and a benediction

## Grace Events

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

- 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

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

- November 2 Growing with Resilience: Uncovering the Possibilities
- November 10 Remembrance Day Memorial Concert
- November 12 Grace Bethany

### ***extravORGANza* Concert— Sunday October 20**

Hear the mighty roar of the organ at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday October 20 at 2:00 p.m. as Grace welcomes guest Ethan Hill, Music Director and Organist at Knox United Church and Matthew Kallio, Grace’s Music Director, as they share great works for 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 by contacting Matt Kallio at [mattk@gracecalgary.org](mailto:mattk@gracecalgary.org) or at <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/open-mic/>

**Saturday, November 2, 9:30 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: [PCC's 150 Anniversary Book](#)

## Grace Leadership and Staff

### Session Elders

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Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet  
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Margot Kellough  
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### Staff

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner - *Lead Minister*  
The Rev. Jake Van Pernis - *Associate Minister*  
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Alan Facey - *Support Services Director*  
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### Deacons

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

### Committee Conveners

David Caldwell – *Financial Management*  
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Laurie Livingstone – *Governance*  
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