

# Fall at Grace

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 27, 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 **Chorale Partita on *Ach, was soll ich Sunder machen?***

*(What shall I, a sinner, do?)*

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

**Cindy Stephenson**

*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

**Dorothy**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

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

*Taizé*

### Call to Worship

**Jake Van Pernis**

O magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt God's name forever.**  
O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.**

### Hymn **678 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art**

Blue Hymnal

### Prayer of Adoration

## Rite of Reconciliation

*Please be seated*

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,  
it is easy for us to forget that you can do all things,  
that your purposes are holy and righteous altogether.  
We get lost in our own plans and schemes,  
walking through mazes of our own making,  
and lose sight of your gracious path.  
The world groans under the weight of our designs.  
Warfare, greed, hatred, and violence in many forms  
speak of our turning from you.  
Forgive us, Holy One, for we repent of our many sins.  
Restore our trust in you,  
and set us on the path that leads to life,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

### Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

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

### Anthem Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Robert Lau

### Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

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

### Prayer for Understanding

David Caldwell

### Scripture Readings

**Psalm 34: 1-8** (Responsive, Sing Refrain III)

*The Book of Psalms*

**Job 42: 1-6**

Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 451

### Sermon *To Seek and to Find*

### Hymn **641 One more step along the world I go** <sup>CCU</sup>

Blue Hymnal

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## 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

Giyth

Please be seated

## Offertory Canzona in G Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 315 A mighty fortress is our God

Blue Hymnal

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn 780 Amen

Blue Hymnal

*Please be seated*

## Postlude Fantasia on Ein Fest Burg

Michael Praetorius

*(A mighty Fortress is 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.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God, and in loving memory of John and Jessie Pirie by the Pirie family.

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## Life and Work at Grace Church

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



### **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.

### **November Worship at Grace: *With Glad and Generous Hearts***

In the final month of the season after Pentecost the Lectionary turns us toward Mark and John and their stories of Jesus inviting us to lives marked by generosity and service. Theologian Karl Barth said, "Gratitude follows grace as thunder follows lightning." As we close out the Christian year and reflect on all the signs of grace that have attended our days, we are moved to generous living. Gratitude and generosity have the capacity to transform us and our world. Transformation is a sure sign of the presence of Christ and the realm of Christ, the hope of the world.

November 3	Psalm 146 Mark 12: 28-34 Sermon: <i>Not Far</i>	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
November 10	Mark 12: 38-44 Sermon: <i>Out of Poverty</i>	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

### **Remembering Audrey Young**

A celebration of Audrey's life will take place on Saturday November 9, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Mahogany Beach House, 24 Masters Park S.E., Calgary. The celebration will be a tea party and show of Audrey's artwork.

## **Music Notes**

On this Reformation Sunday, the music selections are from two composers.

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) is well known in the world of music as an important figure in the Baroque period. Many do not know that he was also a prodigious composer of church music. The prelude is his choral partita on "Ach, was soll ich Sunder machen?" (What shall I, a sinner, do?) The chorale partita takes a well-known hymn of the time and presents variations based on that tune.

The postlude is a fantasia written by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) based on the quintessential Martin Luther tune "Ein Fest Burg" (A Mighty Fortress). A fantasia is an improvisatory keyboard work. In the piece, Praetorius cleverly weaves the hymn tune throughout the work, creating a powerful and satisfying setting of this beloved tune.

## **Grace Kids & Youth**

### **One Pager**

A new communication called "One Pager" has been implemented for Grace Kids and Youth. It is a twice-a-month email update of what is happening in Grace's Kids and Youth programs in a page (or maybe two).

### **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 - 7:00 p.m. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

### **Bible and Donuts: A Youth Bible Study**

Calling all of Grace's Jr. and Sr. High youth! Join Bible and Donuts on Sunday, November 3 from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in Grace's Board Room. There will be donuts and other breakfast treats and the study will focus on Mark 12: 28-34 and exploring what these verses are saying from past and present perspectives. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship and insightful discussion. Don't miss out on this fun and enriching time! See you there!

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

The next sessions of Living Our Faith will be held Sundays, November 17, January 19, February 8, March 16, April 13, and May 25.

## Grace Updates



### **Grace Gives Thanks**

Grace gives thanks for the gift of time that Ben Stephenson shares, shopping for additional toiletry and cleaning items that Grace can provide to Satellite Food Bank guests on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Volunteer Opportunities [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 10:00 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m., to allow the Office 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 we use ceramic cups instead of disposable paper cups during Fellowship Time after service. Additional volunteers are needed to take a turn once a 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 is needed to be present one Sunday per month.

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 - November:**

- November 2 Growing with Resilience: Uncovering the Possibilities  
End of Daylight Saving - set clocks back
- November 3 Donuts and Bible: A Youth Bible Study
- November 10 Honouring Remembrance Day  
New Member Class  
Remembrance Day Concert
- November 12 Grace Bethany
- November 16 Church School Leader Gathering
- November 17-24 Restorative Justice Week
- November 17 New Member Class  
Living Our Faith Course
- November 23 Jr. High Game Night
- November 24 Reign of Christ Sunday  
Welcoming New Members  
Sr. High Lunch  
Grace Quilters Annual Sale  
Order Poinsettias in Memory/in Honour of

**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/>



## **Lectionary Bible Study**

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study will resume November 6. The study is from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in Grace's Family Room. The study focusses on scripture readings that will be used in the upcoming Sunday worship service and is accompanied by great discussions over a cup of coffee. All are welcome.

## **Invitation to New Member Classes at Grace Presbyterian Church**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Grace Presbyterian Church? You are warmly welcome to join our New Member Classes on Sunday, November 10 and Sunday, November 17.

The New Member Classes will be held in Grace's Board Room from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., with a lunch provided. The purpose of these classes are to:

- Explore what it means to be a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.
- Provide an overview of the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
- Hear about Grace's ministry and life together from some of Grace's Elders.
- Meet others who are interested in joining Grace.

Grace is looking forward to welcoming new members on Sunday, November 24!

Register for the New Members Classes on-line at:

<https://gracechurchcalgary.com/event/new-member-class/>

You can also register by contacting Grace's office at: [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org) or by phone: (403) 244-5861.

## Grace in Community

### 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](#)

## Mission Moment



In Guatemala, gender-based violence has been and continues to be one of the most obvious forms of gender inequality. To address this, PWS&D is supporting a project that speaks to the problem of violence against women. Adolescents and young women participate in workshops where they learn about their rights and build their self-esteem and dignity. In addition, the project raises awareness among young men through workshops where they learn about machismo, identify what violence against women looks like and promote commitments to eliminate it.

[Presbyterians Sharing](#) is the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. [Presbyterian World Service & Development \(PWS&D\)](#) is the PCC's development and relief agency.

Mission Moments are highlights of the mission and ministry that we are doing together in Canada and around the world through [Presbyterians Sharing](#) and [Presbyterian World Service & Development](#).

## 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 Ernter  
Carol Evans  
Margot Kellough  
Richard Kim  
Bonnie Noyce Faust  
Iain Robertson  
Les Wilson

### 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*

### Deacons

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

### Committee Conveners

David Caldwell – Financial Management  
Barbara Henson – Gratitude & Giving  
Darlene & Mike Jones – Engagement & Service  
Margot Kellough – Pastoral Care & Connection  
Laurie Livingstone – Governance  
Lorna McNeill – Spiritual Growth  
Robin Telfer – Land & Facilities  
Clark Hanna – Minister Resource &  
Presbytery Relations