

Fall at Grace

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 3, 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 Otipemisiwak Metis Government of the Metis Nation within Alberta Districts 5 and 6.

Prelude **Andante con moto from quartet #14** Franz Schubert
Death and the Maiden D.810 Arr: C. Morris

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

Shirley Philips

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

Andrew and Jonathan

Please stand in body or spirit

Introit **Psallite Deo / This is the Day**^{OL} Taizé

Psallite Deo, psallite!

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Worship

Eve

Bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise will always be on our lips.

For the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**We will love the Lord with heart, mind, strength and soul,
and praise God now and always.**

Hymn **290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise** Blue Hymnal

Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Please be seated

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up people
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are often indifferent to your will.
You call us to love you with all we have,
and to love our neighbour as ourselves.
We confess we are slow to love,
at times idle, at other times afraid.
We show a closed, grasping fist to the world,
and not an open hand of generosity.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem Funeral Ikos

John Tavener

Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

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

Prayer for Understanding

Susan Mbuthia

Scripture Readings

Mark 12: 28-34

Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 42

Sermon *Not Far*

Hymn **625 Seek ye first** CCLI

Blue Hymnal

Please stand in body or spirit

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

Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet

Offertory Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Grace Handbell Choir

William Bradbury
Arr: Susan Geschke

Response to Sharing Our Offerings Hymn 79

Please stand in body or spirit

**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 717 We cannot own the sunlit sky^{OL}

Blue Hymnal

Benediction

Sending Hymn 780 Amen

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated

Postlude In Green Pastures

Harold Darke

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.

We thank the Grace Handbell Choir for their contribution to this morning's worship service.

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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/
- ◇ 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 invited into 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 10	Mark 12: 38-44 Sermon: <i>Out of Poverty</i>	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
November 17	Mark 13: 1-8 Sermon: <i>Advent Prelude</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

Being close to All Saints Day, the musical selections are contemplative pieces chosen to fit that theme. For the Anthem Grace's Chancel Choir is singing John Tavener's *Funeral Ikos*.

This piece was written in 1981. An Ikos is a short segment of the Kontakion, an ancient, chanted text in the eastern Christian tradition. The words of this particular Ikos work well for All Saints Day sharing sentiments of the presence of God in the midst of grief and the promise of God's goodness and grace.

Grace Kids & Youth

Living Our Faith: A Course for Youth in Grades 9 –12

All Grace Youth in Grades 9 –12 are invited to the next session of Living Our Faith on Sunday, November 17 from 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m. The topic of this session is Jesus: Carpenter, Teacher, Friend, Saviour. Be a part of the conversation and the sharing of what it means to live our faith today. Lunch will be provided.

Jr. High Game Night

Grace's Junior High Youth (Grades 7-9) are invited to Grace's Dining Room on Saturday, November 23 from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. to play board games, eat pizza and snacks, and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Sr. High Youth Lunch

Grace's Senior High Youth (Grades 10-12) will be going out to lunch on Sunday, November 24 following worship. Sr. High Youth Lunch is a time to enjoy good conversation and good food from a place on around Grace, with Grace buying lunch. Lunch and fellowship go until 1:00 p.m.

Grace Updates



Celebrating Cake Bake 2024

Grace applauds Cake Bake 2024 being a terrific success thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of fifty-two volunteers who shared in everything from planning to baking to wrapping from October 18-24. The fellowship of this sixty-two-year Grace tradition is something special. All proceeds are used to support community outreach programs. Pre-ordered cakes will be available for pick up after the church service in the Family Room.

Celebrating Grace's Trunk N Treat and Open Mic!

It is a joy to share the wonderful success of Grace's *Trunk N Treat* and *Open Mic* held on Saturday, October 26th!

At *Trunk N Treat*, Grace volunteers joyfully distributed thousands of pieces of candy to a lot of children from the surrounding community. It was heartwarming to see so many smiling faces and festive costumes! So many kids came through that a few volunteers had to run out and buy more candy.

Later in the evening, *Open Mic* showcased a talented lineup of individuals who shared their gifts in song, poetry, art, and dance. The performances were truly inspiring and brought lots of enjoyment to the crowd of about 70 people.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated and helped make these events welcoming and warm, and to everyone who donated candy for this event! Your support and enthusiasm bring meaning and life to these events!

Grace Gives Thanks

Grace gives thanks for the generosity of those who donated thousands of pieces of candy and for the sharing of creative time and talent to decorate their vehicles to make Trunk N Treat 2024 such a successful community outreach event.

Calls for Applicants to the 2024 Rose Baltrusaitis Music Scholarship

Grace Presbyterian Church is now accepting applicants for the annual Rose Baltrusaitis Scholarship. We are looking for applicants in four categories:

- Choral Scholar (Soprano or Alto voice)
- Choral Scholar (Tenor or Bass voice)
- Handbell Scholar
- Instrumental Scholar (woodwinds, brass or strings)

The scholarship value is \$1000.00 per successful candidate and is open to music students studying in all fields. Applicants from ages 13-25 are welcome to apply with a short paragraph detailing why they wish to apply as well as a brief summary of their musical education so far. Successful applicants will be expected to regularly participate in Grace Presbyterian's music ministries (chancel choir, handbell choir and instrumental group).

Applications will be accepted through the month of November at:

<https://bit.ly/MusicScholarship2024>

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

Human Resources Committee Members

The Session has decided to re-establish a Human Resources Committee, with a mandate of providing advice and support to the Session, Ministers and Support Services Director and ensuring that practices at Grace remain aligned with applicable legislation and policies. The Committee is expected to meet infrequently and on an as needed basis with access to professional consultants.

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.

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

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Grace at a Glance

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| November 10 | Honouring Remembrance Day
New Member Class
Remembrance Day Concert |
| November 11 | Grace closed |
| 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 |
| December 1 | Advent Begins - Communion Sunday,
Congregational Lunch & Meeting |
| December 14 | All Youth Christmas Party |
| December 15 | All is Calm, All is Bright Concert |
| December 22 | Evening Grace - Blue Christmas Service |

Lectionary Bible Study

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study resumes November 6. 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, 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 or by phone: (403) 244-5861.

Church School Teacher and Leader Training Gathering

Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Church School Teachers and Leaders are invited to the upcoming Church School Teacher and Leader Training Gathering in Grace's Dining Room on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The agenda for this event is:

Fellowship and Check-In: Start your morning with a light breakfast and a chance to connect with fellow teachers and leaders.

Curriculum Review: We'll be reviewing the Feasting on the Word Curriculum to ensure everyone is well-prepared and confident in their teaching roles.

Upcoming Preview: Get a sneak peek at what's coming up for Grace's Church School and how we can continue to grow and support our community.

Look forward to seeing you there and working together to make Grace's Church School the best it can be!

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. Submissions are being accepted through December 2024. Visit the news section of our website or click the following link for more details: [PCC's 150 Anniversary Book](#)

Mission Moment

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission by proclaiming love, hope and grace through the words we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together we provide funding for ministries, help congregations navigate challenging times, equip leaders to serve the church around the world, speak for those who have been silenced and marginalized, fight racism and discrimination, provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to walk together on a journey of healing and reconciliation and build a church where all are welcome. Together we are stewards of gifts from God, and through the power of God, we are accomplishing far more than we could ever imagine.



[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

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Deacons

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

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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*