

Fall at Grace

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 10:30 AM

WORSHIP ONLINE:

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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 **O Rest in the Lord**

F. Mendelssohn/arr: Julian Elloway

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 Jardine

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

Pauline

Please stand in body or spirit

Act of Remembrance

Laying of the Wreath

David Love and Ainsley

Anthem

Please be seated

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae, poet
Stephen Rew, music

Prayer of Adoration, Remembrance, and Confession

Jake Van Pernis

The Last Post

Please Stand

Paul Scholz, trumpet

Minute of Silence

Reveille

Hymn # 800 O Canada

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Time with Young Christians

Chris Joiner

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

Prayer for Understanding

Margot Kellough

Scripture Reading

Mark 12: 38-44

Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 43

Sermon *Out of Poverty*

Hymn 325 Eternal Father, strong to save

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

Len Wolstenholme

Offertory **Dona Nobis Pacem**

Taize

Give us peace

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 **448 O God beyond all praising**

Blue Hymnal

Benediction

Sending Hymn **780 Amen**

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated

Postlude **Nimrod from Enigma Variation Op.36**

Edward Elgar

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.

Grace thanks Paul Scholz for his contribution to music during worship today.

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Life and Work at Grace Church



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. 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 17	Mark 13: 1-8	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
	Sermon: <i>Advent Prelude</i>	
November 24	John 18: 33-38	The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
	Sermon: <i>Asking the Right Questions</i>	

Advent Worship at Grace

Looking ahead to December and the season of Advent, Grace's worship will turn attention to the *Songs of Advent: Prophecy and Praise* as we prepare our hearts and minds for God's coming to us in Jesus' birth. Over the four Sundays in Advent the following themes will be explored: A Song of Watching and Waiting, A Song of Redemption, A Song of Saving, A Song of the Soul.

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 around Grace, with Grace buying lunch. Lunch and fellowship go until 1:00 p.m.

Music Notes

Sunday November 10, Grace Presbyterian Church is hosting *Remembrance and Peace: Poetry and Music for the Fallen* at 7:00 p.m. The poetry and music of the concert draw attention to the themes of conflict, war, and the hope for peace. The concert features Grace Presbyterian's Chancel Choir, mezzo soprano Jeannine Williams, cellist Liz Tremblay, percussionist Rob Maciak, and trumpeter Paul Scholtz. The concert promises to be inspiring and contemplative. Freewill offering will be taken at the door.



Grace Updates



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>

Grace Gives Thanks

Grace gives thanks for the service of Neil Seereeram who has spent Saturdays over the last month helping rake leaves around the property. Such gifts of time and talent are appreciated.

Volunteer Opportunities

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent

Volunteers are needed to help hang garland and decorate the trees in Grace's Sanctuary on Friday, November 29 in preparation for Advent.

Delivering Poinsettias

Volunteers are needed to deliver poinsettias on Sunday, December 8 to congregants who are unable to attend Grace in person or who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Human Resources Committee Members

Volunteers are needed for Grace's Human Resources Committee to provide advice and support to the Session, Ministers and Support Services Director and ensure that practices at Grace remain aligned with applicable Human Resources legislation and policies. This committee is expected to meet 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



Grace at a Glance

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	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
December 1	Advent Begins - Communion Sunday, Congregational Lunch & Meeting
December 14	All Grace Youth Christmas Party
December 15	All is Calm, All is Bright Concert
December 22	Evening Grace - Blue Christmas Service
December 24	4:00 p.m. All Ages Worship 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Bible Study meets on Wednesdays through November from 9:30 a.m. to 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.

Grace Bethany Women's Fellowship

All women are invited to attend the Grace Bethany Women's Fellowship on Tuesday, November 12 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Come and share refreshments, fellowship and fun.

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!

Congregational Meeting Materials

Please be advised that materials for the upcoming Congregational Meeting at Grace scheduled for Sunday, December 1 will be available online and in printed form on starting Sunday, November 17 for pre-reading and meeting preparation.

Poinsettias Orders

Order forms are now available to send a poinsettia to a Grace congregant who is unable to be a part of Grace's life together in person or to remember someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Find an order form on the welcome tables and return it to that same location. Orders need to be placed by Monday, November 25. Contact Grace's Office for more information at (403) 244-5861 or email office@gracecalgary.org



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

Najua Osman recalls not being prepared to leave her home in Al Gezira, Sudan. However, as the war intensified, she had no choice but to seek refuge in South Sudan. Najua fled with her two children and was pregnant when she arrived in Renk. She delivered her twin babies safely but lacked basic items such as food, soap and mosquito nets. Because she didn't have enough to eat, she couldn't produce enough breastmilk to feed her twins. As Najua felt hopeless and depressed, she was approached by PWS&D's local partner, who registered her for a project where she received cash assistance. "The money helped me to buy food, which improved the production of breastmilk; I also bought mosquito nets and soap," she said.



[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 Ermter
Carol Evans
Margot Kellough
Richard Kim
Bonnie Noyce Faust
Iain Robertson
Les Wilson

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner - *Lead Minister*
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Alan Facey - *Support Services Director*
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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*