

Fall At Grace

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 10:30 AM

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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 Prelude du cinquième ton

Guillaume Gabriel Nivers

Fugue sur la Basse voix humaine Grande Jeu

Welcome and Announcements

Len Wolstenholme

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

Goanar

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

Alexis

Shout out to the nations, "The Eternal Reigns!"

Let joy be the earth's rhythm as the sea and all its creatures roar.

Let the fields grow in triumph and grand jubilee!

Let all the trees of the forest dig in and reach high with songs of joy before the Eternal!

The Eternal is coming to judge the earth -

God anchors the world and will not shake loose.

God will judge creation with equity.

Let the heavens resound in gladness!

Let us worship God with praise and honour -

We offer God our gratitude for all that God has done!

Hymn 274 Crown him with many crowns

Blue Hymnal

Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Jake Van Pernis

Please be seated

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,
we often pray the familiar words, “your kingdom come
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”,
but we confess we’re not really clear on what that means.

We have questions:

Will you come to bring a deep and lasting peace
and justice to the world?

Will this peace match what we desire?

Will you offer a new beginning?

Will this beginning ask us to give of what we have and hold dear?

Speak to us in these questions and forgive us when we mix up
our own desires with your purposes for your people.

Teach us how to live out your truth and live in your ways.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem At the name of Jesus

R.V. Williams

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the Angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed:

Name him, brothers, name him, with love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his Angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Time with Young Christians

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

Prayer for Understanding

Abuk

Scripture Reading John 18: 33-35

Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 99

Sermon *Asking The Right Questions*

Hymn 776 Jesus, life of all the world ^{OL}

Blue Hymnal

Please stand in body or spirit

Reception of a New Member: A Public Profession of Faith

Jennifer Williams

The Apostles' 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 ever after. Amen.

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

Barb Voynovich

Offertory Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
(blessed Jesus, at thy word)

Johann Walther

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 275 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Blue Hymnal

Benediction

Sending Hymn 780 Amen

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated

Postlude Canzona in C major

Johann Casper Kerll

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.

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

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.

Advent Worship *Songs of Advent: Prophecy and Praise*

During the season of Advent Grace's worship will draw 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.

December 1	Advent 1, Communion Sunday Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Luke 21: 25-36 Sermon: <i>A Song of Watching and Waiting</i>	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
December 8	Advent 2 Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79 Sermon: <i>A Song of Redemption</i>	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Congregational Meeting and Lunch

Sunday December 1, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Grace's Gym

A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, December 1 from 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. The purposes of this meeting are to provide an update from Session on strategic priorities for 2025 and longer-term strategic planning, and to consider Grace's 2025 budget. Meeting materials will be posted on Grace's website here: <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/event/congregational-meeting-dec-1/> Paper materials are available on the welcome tables at the North and South doors by Grace's Sanctuary.

If you are unable to attend, you may send comments or questions to the Clerk of Session (clerk@gracecalgary.org) no later than Wednesday, November 27 at 12:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship and participate in this congregational meeting discerning God's leading of Grace's ministries.

Grace Updates

Grace Gives Thanks

Grace gives thanks for the leadership of Kerri Kroeker of the recent Lunch N Learn event *Growing with Resilience: Uncovering the Possibilities*. The twenty participants found the workshop inspiring and helpful.

Music Notes

The anthem uses a familiar tune, *KINGS WESTON*, composed by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958). As the editor of *The English Hymnal* (1906), he set the words of *At The Name of Jesus* to *LAUS TIBI CHRISTE*, a German processional tune, which dates to as early as 1533. Apparently unsatisfied with this setting, Vaughan Williams composed his own tune, *KINGS WESTON*, for *Songs of Praise* (1925), a collection he co-edited. The tune is named after Kings Weston, a historic estate on the Avon River in Bristol, England, where the composer was a frequent guest. With its distinctive rhythmic structures and a soaring climax in the final two lines it creates a musically powerful impact.

East Doors Winter Schedule

The arrival of winter weather means the East Doors are now closed for use until further notice to safeguard Grace's congregation and visitors from slips or falls on Grace's front stairs. Signage is placed at ground level sharing this closure.

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 to date. 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>

Name Tags

The volunteer manufacturing the nametags has completed about one quarter of the congregational nametags. The remaining nametags will be completed and distributed in December.

Grace Kids & Youth

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Church School Leader

One additional leader is needed for one Sunday a month to help lead in Grace's Church School during the January through June season. The volunteer would help to share the teaching schedule. An excellent curriculum and training sessions are provided throughout the year.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent

Two more volunteers are needed to help hang garlands and decorate the trees in Grace's Sanctuary starting at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Communion Elements Preparation

Three volunteers are needed to help with the preparation of the communion elements (gluten-free bread and juice) on the mornings of the first Sundays in March, June, October and December. Training is provided.

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 24	Core Choir Concert
December 1	Advent 1 - Communion; Congregational Lunch and Meeting
December 15	Grace Kids and Youth Christmas Party <i>All is Calm, All is Bright</i> Concert
December 22	All ages in Worship, Evening Grace - Blue Christmas Service
December 24	4:00 p.m. All Ages Worship 7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship 10:00 p.m. Communion; Candlelight Service
December 25	Christmas Day—Grace closed
December 26	Boxing Day—Grace closed
December 29	All ages in Worship

Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Bible Study meets on Wednesday, November 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Information on when the Lectionary Bible Study will resume in 2025 will be available at a later date.

RESET Society Gift Bags

Each year Grace volunteers prepare gift bags for women following the RESET (Rapid Exit from Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking) program. Donations of new items suitable for women's self-care gift bags can be placed in the bin at the entrance to Grace's Family Room including hair care, skin care, hand and foot care, nail care, bath and shower products. Grace will be making 30+ gift bags. Thank you for your help!





Order forms are now available to dedicate poinsettia plants in memory of, or in honour of someone special. Most of the poinsettias will be sent to congregants who are unable to participate in Grace life in person, or to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Remaining poinsettias will decorate Grace's sanctuary. Find an order form on the welcome tables and return it to that same location. Orders need to be placed by Monday, November 25. For more information use the QR code above or contact Grace's Office at (403) 244-5861 or office@gracecalgary.org

Grace Annual All is Calm, All is Bright Concert

Featuring over 100 talented singers from eight local Calgary choirs, accompanied by brass, organ, and percussion, this unforgettable evening will fill your heart with the joyful sounds of Advent and Christmas hymns and songs.

This annual benefit Christmas concert is designed to support charities that help those in need. This year, 100% of ticket proceeds will support Alpha House Calgary, which provides care for those affected by alcohol and substance dependencies.

Date: December 15th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are required—don't miss this evening of music and giving! If ticket price is a barrier to attending, please email Andrew at communications@gracecalgary.org.

Reserve your ticket today: <https://bit.ly/ChoralChristmasConcert>.



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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Iain Robertson
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Staff

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner - *Lead Minister*
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Deacons

Nancy Connors - *Hospital and Health Care*
Elizabeth Cressman - *Bereavement Care*
Margot Kellough - *Homebound Care*
Jennifer Williams - *Welcome and Hospitality*

Committee Conveners

David Turner – Financial Management
Barbara Henson – Gratitude & Giving
Darlene & Mike Jones – Engagement & Service
Margot Kellough – Pastoral Care & Connection
Laurie Livingstone – Governance
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