



Season of Epiphany

JUBILEE: YEAR OF FAVOUR

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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 in G major - Lento** C.V. Stanford
 Sonata for flute and violin in F major Op. 2 #4 G.F. Handel
 (Larghetto - Allegro)

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 **Nancy Connors**
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 the Christ Candle **Julian**

Introit **Christ be our Light** ^{OL} B. Farrell
Please stand in body or spirit.
Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Call to Worship **Adauny Jieldit**

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."
May the word of good news be fulfilled in our hearing.
Jesus proclaims the year of God's favour.
May we know the joy of jubilee!

Hymn **712 Arise, your light is come**^{OL}

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated following the hymn

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,
you anointed Jesus to inaugurate your realm
of peace and justice for the poor, the captives,
the sick, and the oppressed.
We confess we find it hard to follow his way in the world.
We become captivated by self-interest and power,
turning a blind eye to the plight of your children near and far,
becoming more and more focused on our own needs.
Forgive us, compassionate God.
We cannot on our own follow in the radical way of Jesus.
We rely on your grace.
Grant us grace, we pray,
and a renewed commitment to your good news of jubilee,
for the sake of Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem **You are the light**

Tom Fettke

You are the light we see. You are the truth we know.
You are the life we live. You are the hope. You are the joy.
You are the song we sing.

Living God, Loving God, we glorify Your Name.
High and Living God,
Loving God we glorify Your Name.

High and holy one come down, We lift our hearts in praise.
Prince of Peace, Immanuel, Jesus Lord of love.
Within our hearts, your light. Within our minds, your truth.
Within our lives, your love. Living Your hope, spreading Your joy.
Singing Your beautiful song. Singing Your beautiful song.

Time With Young Christians

Chris Joiner

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

Prayer for Understanding

Colleen Charter

Scripture Readings 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4: 14-21

New Testament, pg.153

New Testament, pg. 53

Sermon *Jubilee: Year of Favour*

Please stand in body or spirit for the hymn

Hymn 634 Will you come and follow me

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.**

Commissioning for Gambella Mission

Invitation to Share Our Offerings

Giyth

Offertory Epistle Sonata in Eb major KV 65- Andantino

W.A. Mozart

Response Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow^{OL}

Brian Wren

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 530 I come with joy^{OL}

Blue Hymnal

Benediction

Sending Hymn Christ be our light^{OL}

B. Farrell

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Trumpet Tune

Paul Fey

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 guest musicians, Katarina Wollmann, violin and Paul Xu, flute for their contributions today.

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Notes

Life and Work at Grace Church

Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays, 10:30 a.m. in-person and online; fellowship follows in 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.

Season of Epiphany—January 19—March 2

Jubilee: Gospel Love & Justice

The Hebrew Law provided for a year of Jubilee every 50 years. In this year all debts were to be forgiven and all prisoners set free. It was to stand as a sign of God's steadfast love and grace and a mark of God's intention that the world be free. As far as we know, Israel never initiated a Jubilee Year, but it stood in the Law as a longing and a promise. Jesus declared in Luke that the year of the Lord's favour—the Jubilee—was found in him. Through this season we will explore passages in Corinthians and Luke that lift up the shape of Jubilee—God's love and justice, God's liberation of all creation in Jesus Christ. As Grace celebrates 120 years of ministry this year, let us pray that God will make this a Jubilee for us and for our community.

February 2	I Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30 "Jubilee: Love Hurts"	The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
February 9	I Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Jubilee: Fear to Following	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Grace Gives Thanks

Grace gives thanks for the generosity of Nick Lamb who shared his time and skills to engrave nametags for the congregation.

Music Notes

Composer and organist Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's *Prelude in G major* opens service today. Stanford (1852-1924) was a music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Stanford composed a substantial number of concert works, including seven symphonies. His best-remembered pieces are choral works and organ pieces for church performance. Stanford is most famous for the oratorio "*The Crucifixion*".

The *Trumpet Tune* by German organist and composer Paul Fey (b. 1996) closes service today. Fey is a prolific and youthful composer who writes accessible, tuneful and practical pieces for liturgical use. Fey is one of the organists at the Thomas Kirche (St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, Germany), the former post of J.S. Bach.

Choir Section Lead Position Openings:

Grace's Chancel Choir currently has two positions open for **alto and bass section leads** and is welcoming initial candidates from the Grace community. Grace's Chancel choir has utilized section leads

for many years as informal ambassadors to Grace's Chancel choir, welcoming new members and helping them feel supported. Time obligations are regular weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 pm and attendance at Sunday services at 10:30 am.

Qualifications for Section Leads:

- Has the ability to read music and learn their part independently
- Support section by leading with confident singing
- Be willing to competently sing solos on occasion
- Lead a sectional practice on occasion

Some vocal training and basic piano skills are useful.

Applications are being taken now. Please email Matt Kallio, music director at MattK@gracecalgary.org



Section Leaders Needed

We are seeking Alto and Bass Section Leads to join our Chancel Choir

*Small monthly honorarium provided

Grace Notes Children's Choir

Grace Notes Children's Choir meets every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in Grace's Dining Hall in the basement.

Volunteer Opportunities

Engagement and Service Committee Members

The Engagement and Service Committee oversees community service and social justice partnerships and programs such as operating the Satellite Food Bank, supporting our neighbours at Connaught School and a refugee family, and encouraging environmental stewardship. The committee typically meets in the evening of the fourth Monday of the month and two additional members are needed.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party Volunteers

Ten volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the Shrove Tuesday (March 4) meal in the late afternoon/early evening. An additional four volunteers to organize and run the activities/games are also needed

Please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at volunteers@gracecalgary.org to learn more about these or other volunteer opportunities.

Grace Updates

Gambella Mission Project

In the Fall of 2023, after 20 years of living as refugees in Calgary, Reverend Olul Owiti, minister to Grace's Anyuak Community, and his wife Achwor Ojulu returned to Ethiopia's Gambella State with the help of Grace Presbyterian Church to lead training workshops for ministers and spouses at the invitation of the East Gambella Synod of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus.

This trip led to a recognition that there is a significant need for capacity-building within the East Gambella Synod, its 8 presbyteries, congregations, and leaders due to many previous Anyuak church leaders having fled Gambella or in some cases killed by divisive violence. However, a new and committed group of leaders has emerged, needing ministerial and leadership training.

The Engagement & Service Committee has approved funds for Reverend Olul and Achwor to return to Gambella from January 27 to March 29, 2025, to again provide minister and leader training by conducting two workshops during a five day training from February 2-7, hosting small group and individual meetings with ministers, travelling through Gambella state to visit churches as well as lead worship, address staff and students at the Mekane Yesus Seminary, as well as meet with government officials.

Rev. Olul will also be speaking with leaders of the East Gambella Synod to develop a 3–5-year plan to support the churches in its 8 presbyteries, develop partnerships, and expand collaboration with partners.

During the time Rev. Olul and Achwor are in Gambella, Grace will receive updates and will be sharing information from these updates through the bulletin. These updates will include prayer requests and information about trainings and meetings.

Please pray for the Spirit’s travelling mercies and inspiration as Rev. Olul and Achwor travel to Gambella.

Grace Events

Grace at a Glance

- January 29 Lectionary Bible Study
- February 2 Bible and Doughnuts Youth Bible Study
- February 8 Wild Grace at Confederation Park
- February 13 *Practicing* Book Study
- February 15 Open Mic Night
- February 22 Grace Quilters
 Congregational Conversation: Strategic Plan Process
- February 23 Evening Grace
- March 1 Church School Leader & Teacher Training
- March 2 Holy Communion Sunday
- March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
- March 5 Ash Wednesday/Season of Lent Begins

In association with the Chair of Christian Thought Lecture—The U35 Big Mingle

Main Calgary Public Library, Friday February 7, 5:30—6:40 p.m.

To register for the event on Evenbrite please click on link: <https://bit.ly/BigMingle>

2025 Book Study - *Practicing: Changing Yourself to Change The World*

Grace is offering a year-long book study on *Practicing:*

Changing Yourself to Change the World by Kathy Escobar, beginning in January and going until December 2025, meeting once a month, with a break in July.

Rev. Jake will help to lead the study along with book study members.

The invitation of this study is to deepen your understanding of the ten transformational practices outlined by Escobar, as well as to have the opportunity to engage in and share about practicing these ten practices with an engaged community of fellow readers sharing support and encouragement.

Sign up online by February 13 to be a part of this transformational study in 2025.

<https://bit.ly/PracticingBookStudy>

Save the Date: Preaching Grace 2025 - April 25 - 27

Topic: *Cultivating Hope: Food, Farming, and the Life of Faith*

Speaker: Dr. Norman Wirzba

Raised in southern Alberta, Norman Wirzba is currently the Gilbert T. Rowe Distinguished Professor of Theology and the Director of Research in the Office of Climate and Sustainability at Duke University in North Carolina. He is the author of multiple books, including *Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis*, *Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land*, *This Sacred Life: Humanity's Place in a Wounded World*, and *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*. When not teaching, writing, or speaking, he likes to bake cakes for family and friends and play the guitar.

Preaching Grace Schedule:

Friday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. *Forget Optimism - Choose Hope: Choosing a Life Worth Living*: public lecture in partnership with the Chair of Christian Thought at the University of Calgary

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. *Food and Faith*: interactive workshop for faith leaders, laypeople and pastors

Saturday, April 26: 1:00 p.m. *Promoting Food Security and Justice*: panel discussions/workshop with farming/food sector leaders and community advocates

Sunday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. Worship at Grace

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Help shape the future of
Grace Presbyterian Church



Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
Presbyter for Mission and Vision



Shape the Future of Grace

Join the strategic planning process



Upcoming Sessions

1 Feb. 22, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM



Overview of the process and reflection on what we most appreciate about Grace



2 March 22, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Imagining future possibilities at Grace



3 April 12, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Deciding what goals we should focus on moving forward



4 May 31, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Developing action plans to achieve these goals.

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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*
Cindy Stephenson – *Spiritual Growth (Interim)*
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