



Season of Epiphany

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025 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 & Fugue in d minor BWV 554**

J.S. Bach

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

Clark Hanna

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

Alexander

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

Alexis

Loving One, we find shelter in you.

Wrap us in your grace so our living reflects your reign.

Be our rock and our solid ground.

Loving One, you are our hope and our trust.

Let us sing out our praise of God's steadfast love and jubilee.

We offer God all glory and honour this day and always!

Prayer of Adoration

Jake Van Pernis

Hymn 315 A mighty fortress is our God

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated following the hymn

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

God, whose name is love,
we confess our faults and failings,
knowing you know us through and through.
You tell us love is patient and kind,
and you know when our patience and kindness fall short.
You tell us love is never rude or selfish,
and you see the times we insist on our own way.
Forgive us for the excuses we make when our love falters.
Strengthen us by your Spirit so our love is genuine and
reliable.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem The Spirit of the Lord

Philip Stopford

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath
anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach
deliverance to the captives and recov'ring of sight to
the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called
trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that
He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth

her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the nations. The spirit of the Lord.

Time With Young Christians

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

Prayer for Understanding

Kerri Kroeker

Scripture Readings 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

New Testament, pg.153

New Testament, pg. 53

Sermon *Jubilee: Love Hurts*

Please stand in body or spirit for the hymn

Hymn 637 Take my life, and let it be consecrated

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 of Alessa Polito

Invitation to Share Our Offerings

Estel Latchman

Offertory Voluntary in G major—Allegro

Maurice Greene

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 **Though I May Speak** ^{OL}

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all
inspire, and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass
and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made
whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship,
and are freed.**

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Music: Tune: O Waly Waly, English traditional; arrangement, Noel Tredinnick (1949-) ^{OL}

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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 **Postlude on Ein Fest Burg (A Mighty Fortress)**

Gordon Young

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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Music Notes

“The Spirit of the Lord” by English composer Philip Stopford invites meditation. This anthem has a haunting opening for its setting of Isaiah 61 and captures the mystery in the text. This piece was commissioned for the Enthronement of the Archbishop of Philadelphia and displays the unique compositional craft of Stopford. Stopford is best known for his choral works, many of which have become popular around the globe. He began his musical career as a chorister at Westminster Abbey from 1986 to 1990, during which time he also took up the piano, organ and violin. He was awarded a music scholarship to Bedford School and he attended from 1990 to 1995. Later Stopford studied music at the University of Oxford, where he also served as organ scholar at Keble College from 1996 to 1999.

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 at Grace including operating the Calgary Food Bank Satellite Site, supporting our neighbours at Connaught School, working with 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

2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts have been emailed this week to members and adherents of Grace who have an email address on file. Members and adherents without an email address on file will receive their tax receipt in the mail. If you contributed to Grace through Canada Helps, please sign in to your Canada Helps account to obtain your tax receipt. Please contact accounting@gracecalgary.org should you have any questions.

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, having been killed by divisive violence. There is new and committed group of leaders emerging, 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, and 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

- 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 16 Big Room Church School
- February 22 Congregational Conversation: Strategic Plan Process
- February 23 Evening Grace
- March 1 Grace Quilters
Church School Leader & Teacher Training
- March 2 Holy Communion Sunday
- March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
- March 5 Ash Wednesday/Season of Lent Begins
- March 11 Grace Bethany
- March 16 Living Our Faith Course

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 Eventbrite please click on link: <https://bit.ly/BigMingle>

Wild Grace: Winter Gathering

Saturday February 8, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Confederation Park

(Meet in St. Giles Parking Lot, 1102 23 Ave. N.W.)

Wild Grace is an invitation to gather and be present with the divine grace that flows wild and free in the world. The purpose of Wild Grace is to connect with the land and with one another by enjoying and being present with the “wild” world through learning, contemplation and reflection, and fellowship. All are welcome to attend!

Open Mic Night at Grace Presbyterian Church

Date: Saturday, February 15

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Enjoy a free, family-friendly evening of talent and entertainment.

Whether you wish to perform or enjoy the show, this event promises an inspiring and engaging atmosphere. While admission is free, we ask attendees to bring a canned food item to donate to the

Calgary Food Bank, which will help extend care to those in need.

If you want to perform, please sign up online: <https://bit.ly/OpenMicTalentShow>

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.



Save the Date: Grace Presbyterian Church's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

Come to Grace's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a flap-tastic evening filled with:

A Delicious Pancake Breakfast Dinner

Pancake Flipping Fun

Fellowship and Fun for All Ages

Mark your calendars and bring your appetite for a night of tasty treats and great company. Can't wait to see you there!

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

Cultivating Hope: Food, Farming and the Life of Faith with Dr. Norman Wirzba

www.normanwirzba.com

Come and learn more about the intersections of food, creation care, ethics, justice, faith and hope.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Help shape the future of
Grace Presbyterian Church

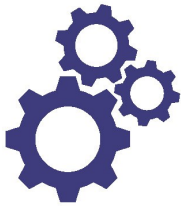


Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
Presbyter for Mission and Vision



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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Grace Leadership and Staff

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Nancy Connors
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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*
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Margot Kellough – *Pastoral Care & Connection*
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Cindy Stephenson – *Spiritual Growth (Interim)*
Robin Telfer – *Land & Facilities*
Clark Hanna – *Minister Resource & Presbytery Relations*