



# Season of Epiphany

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### WORSHIP ONLINE:

[gracechurchcalgary.com](http://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



**Grace Presbyterian Church**

*Transforming lives through God's grace*

# 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 Epiphany pieces for viola and organ** arr: Lyn Joyner

**1 - Puer Nobis**

**IV - Star in the East**

**Epistle Sonata in F major K145**

W.A. Mozart

*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

**Cindy Stephenson**

*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

**Ainsley**

**Introit Christ be our Light<sup>OL</sup>**

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

**Doch**

Let us sing and pray in God's presence.

**Praise be to God!**

For God has created the world and called it good.

**Praise be to God!**



In Christ, God has redeemed the world and defeated the powers of death.

**Praise be to God!**

The Holy Spirit is at work in the world, calling us to follow Jesus.

**All praise and glory to God, Holy One and Holy Three!**

## Prayer of Adoration

Jake Van Pernis

## Hymn 753 You walk along our shoreline<sup>OL</sup>

Blue Hymnal

*Please be seated following the hymn*

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you call us to fullness of life, but we confess our shortcomings.

We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts;

we have ignored your grace at work among us,

and focused on loss and complaint.

We have been suspicious of the motives of others,

too quick to judge and too slow to forgive.

Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are.

With your forgiveness, cleanse us from all our faults and failings,

and inspire us to walk a new way.

### Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

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

**And also with you.**

## **Anthem Come Follow Me**

B. Gesius/arr: Levitt

Come follow me said Christ the Lord,  
All in my way abiding; Your selfishness throw overboard,  
Obey my call and guiding. Oh, bear your crosses and confide  
in my example your guide.  
I am the Light, I light the way, A Godly life displaying;  
I help you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the Way, and well I show how you should journey here below.  
Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed  
and firmly clinging to his word, in suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain, the crown of heav'nly life obtain.

## **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 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**Luke 5:1-11**

New Testament, pg.155

New Testament, pg. 54

## **Sermon Jubilee: Fear to Following**

*Please stand in body or spirit for the hymn*

## **Hymn 645 Follow me, the Master said**

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.**

## **Invitation to Share Our Offerings**

**Gord Smith**

## **Offertory Arise! Shine**

Carol McClure

Grace Notes Children's Choir

## **Response Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** <sup>OL</sup>

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 672 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult**

Blue Hymnal

## **Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn Christ be our light** <sup>OL</sup>

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 Siyahamba**

Zulu Trad/arr: Thomas Vozella

Siyahamba kukhanyeni kwenkhos,	We are marching for the Lord is our light (x5)
Siyahamba, Siyahamba	Oh, He's our light
Siyahamba, Siyahamba	for the Lord is our Light, Oh we praise you Lord
Siyahamba, Siyahamba	Thank you Lord, for the Lord is our Light.
	Oh we're marching for you, Lord
	Oh, praise you Lord for the Lord is our Light.

*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.*

Thank you to Grace Notes Children's Choir for singing in Grace's worship, and to guest musicians, Rob Maciak, percussion, Finn Brosseau and Ethan Young, strings, for their contribution to Grace's worship.

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## 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/](http://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 16	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26 Jubilee: The Blessings of Justice	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
February 23	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38 Jubilee: In the Name of Love	The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

### Grace Gives Thanks

Grace gives thanks for the graciousness and dedication of the twenty welcomers who take turns greeting worshippers each Sunday morning, providing a warm welcome and assisting with any questions. These volunteers help to demonstrate the hospitality that Grace shares in its congregation and community.

## Music Notes

Mozart wrote seventeen church sonatas also known as Epistle Sonatas, between 1772 and 1780. These are short single-movement pieces intended to be played between the reading of the Epistle and the Gospel text. Three of the sonatas (K 263, 278/271e and 329/317a) include more orchestral scoring including oboes, horns, trumpets and timpani and the rest are scored for organ and strings (with no violas).

The postlude "Siyahamba," is a South African hymn that became popular in North American churches in the 1990s. The title means "We Are Marching" or "We are Walking" in the Zulu language. The chorus may have existed in an oral form before 1952, when Andries van Tonder of Dundee, Natal, first transcribed it. Van Tonder is also credited as the author of the earliest known Afrikaans version of the lyrics, while the authors of the melody and of the Zulu lyrics are unknown. The lyrics, with their biblical imagery of walking in the divine light, are appropriate for the season of Epiphany.

### **Grace Notes Children's Choir**

Grace Notes Children's Choir does not meet this Sunday.

## 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.

## **Satellite Food Bank Volunteer**

Additional volunteers are needed on Tuesday afternoons (1:30-4:30 p.m.) to help unload food from the Food Bank truck and assemble hampers. Individuals may volunteer one or more Tuesdays per month starting mid-February. Training will be provided.

## **Welcomers**

Five additional volunteers are needed to help take turns to greet worshippers. Welcomers arrive 30 minutes before the worship service begins. The schedule is flexible and training is provided.

Please contact Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about these or other volunteer opportunities.

## **Grace Updates**

### **2024 Tax Receipts**

The 2024 tax receipts have been emailed 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](mailto:accounting@gracecalgary.org) should you have any questions.

### **Presbytery Questionnaire**

Below is a link to the 2025 Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod Survey. This questionnaire intends to evaluate the performance of congregations and gather your feedback on how the presbytery can support you.

<https://forms.gle/LptbwycKaUZPTJDUA>



## Grace Events

### Grace at a Glance

- February 15 Open Mic Night  
February 16 Big Room Church School  
February 22 Congregational Conversation: Strategic Plan Process  
February 23 All Youth Skating Party at Bowness Park  
Evening Grace  
March 1 Grace Quilters  
Church School Leader & Teacher Training  
March 2 Communion  
Youth Lunch and preparation of ashes for Ash Wednesday  
March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party  
March 5 Ash Wednesday/Season of Lent Begins  
March 11 Grace Bethany  
March 16 Living Our Faith Course  
March 22 Congregational Conversation: Strategic Plan Process  
March 29 Grace Quilters

### 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.



## **Junior & Senior High Ice Skating and Fellowship**

**Bowness Park, February 23, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Junior and Senior High Youth are invited for a time of fellowship and ice skating at Bowness Park. Come and enjoy some hot chocolate, enjoy the outdoors, and skate with the Grace youth! Feel free to invite your friends and remember to dress for the weather. For more information, contact Alessa at [alessap@gracecalgary.org](mailto:alessap@gracecalgary.org)  
Can't wait to see you there!

## **Youth Ash Preparation Event—March 2**

Youth are invited after worship on March 2 for lunch and a unique opportunity to prepare ashes ahead of Ash Wednesday. We will learn about the theology and practice of ash preparation, enjoy lunch together, and burn palm leaves to create the ashes. This is a wonderful way for youth to join in the historic practice of the church in a fun and engaging way. For more information, please contact Alessa at [alessap@gracecalgary.org](mailto:alessap@gracecalgary.org)

## **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](http://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.*



*Grace Presbyterian Church Gym*

**Lunch will be provided**



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## 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 Ermtter  
Carol Evans  
Margot Kellough  
Richard Kim  
Bonnie Noyce Faust  
Iain Robertson  
Les Wilson

### Treasurer

Rob McDonald

### Staff

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner - *Lead Minister*  
The Rev. Jake Van Pernis - *Associate Minister*  
Matt Kallio - *Music Director*  
Alessa Polito - *Youth Ministry Leader*  
Alan Facey - *Support Services Director*  
Cindy Stephenson - *Coordinator of Volunteers*  
Rob McDonald - *Accountant*  
Dana Seiffert - *Admin Support*  
Brenda Robertson - *Admin Support*  
Andrew Manuel - *Communications Specialist*  
Jiebieni Nyajwok - *Nursery Coordinator*  
Craig Murphy - *Facilities*  
Ngath Diok - *Facilities*  
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*  
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)*  
Robin Telfer – *Land & Facilities*  
Clark Hanna – *Minister Resource & Presbytery Relations*