



Season of Epiphany

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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 **Toccata**

Michael Helman

Grace Handbell Choir

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

Joanne Kellough

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

Grace

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

O sing to the Lord a new song,

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Proclaim the year of the Lord's favour!

We rejoice in the Jubilee of Christ.

Prayer of Adoration

Jake Van Pernis

Hymn 462 All my hope on God is founded

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated following the hymn

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you test the mind and search the heart;
you know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden.
Trusting in your wisdom and mercy,
we confess the ways we have failed to love one another,
the times we looked the other way when someone needed help,
and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness.
Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love,
and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the
forgiveness you ask.
Renew us with your mercy
to become more merciful to others we meet,
in the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem A New Commandment

William Mundy

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:
that ye love together as I have loved you,
that e'en so ye love one another, that e'en so ye love one another.
That ye love together as I have loved you.

Time With Young Christians

Chris Joiner

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

Prayer for Understanding

Jean Clelland

Scripture Readings 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

New Testament, pg.155

New Testament, pg. 56

Sermon *Jubilee: In the Name of Love*

Please stand in body or spirit for the hymn

Hymn 229 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love^{OL}

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

Ben Stephenson

Offertory Fugue

Louis Marchand

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 736 For the healing of the nations^{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 Sortie

Anthony Simon

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 Handbell Choir and Wayne Hubbard, Conductor, 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/
- ◇ 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.

Evening Grace: A Service of Healing and Wholeness

All are welcome to be a part of Evening Grace, a service of Healing and Wholeness, Sunday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Grace's Chapel. This contemplative worship experience will offer a peaceful space for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal. This service will include music in the style of folk/camp songs and explore God's invitation to find healing and restoration in our lives and world.

This service is open to everyone and offers a moment to pause and reflect before a new week begins.

Please park in Grace's North Parking Lot for Evening Grace.

Season of Epiphany - Jubilee: Gospel Love & Justice

March 2 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner
 Luke 9:28-43a
 Jubilee: Being Transformed
 Communion

Season of Lent—March 5—April 20

Lent: Wondrous Love

"What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!...
That caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown, for my soul."

This American folk hymn at first seems like it is posing a question, the poet wondering at the mystery of a love so wondrous as to lay aside the bliss of heaven for the sake of a broken world.

It is an appropriate question for Lent, a time of forty days (not counting Sundays) when the church has traditionally sought to deepen its experience of the mystery of love found in Christ through fasting (giving up) and spiritual disciplines (taking on).

When we look more carefully at the hymn text, we see that it is not posed as a question, but a joyous proclamation. The poet stands in awe and proclaims, "What wondrous love is this!" It prompts the poet to sing out "To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am."

The mystery that lies at the heart of all things is this wondrous love, and we move from reflection to repentance to joyous proclamation. That is the journey of Lent to Easter.

Worship during this season will invite us to be encountered by the Spirit and led through reflection and spiritual practice to spaces of repentance, questioning, and affirmation of faith, all centered on the proclamation of this wondrous love that claims us, reconciles us, calls us, and gathers us into a community of resurrection from death to life.

Ash Wednesday Worship Services at Grace

Grace will be offering two meaningful worship services on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5, 2025:

- A Mid-Day Ash Wednesday Service in Grace's Chapel from 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. with the Imposition of Ashes.
- An Evening Ash Wednesday Service begins at 7:00 p.m. in Grace's Sanctuary, and will include the Imposition of Ashes.

March 9 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Luke 4:1-13
Sheltered by the Word

The Rev. Dr. Chris Joiner

Grace Gives Thanks

Grace gives thanks for the generosity of Sarah Changach, Atong Deng, Eden Grant, and Rose Wolstenholme as they volunteer in the nursery, alongside Jiebieni Nyajwok, Nursery Coordinator. Their service allows parents and guardians to attend worship knowing their toddlers are well cared for.

Volunteer Opportunities

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party Volunteers

Six more volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the Shrove Tuesday, March 4 meal in the late afternoon/early evening. An additional three volunteers to organize and run the activities/games are also needed.

Satellite Food Bank Volunteer

Two more volunteers are needed on the first and third Tuesday afternoons (1:30-4:30 p.m.) each month to help unload food and assemble hampers. Individuals may volunteer one or more Tuesdays per month. Training will be provided.

Welcomers

Five additional volunteers are needed to help take turns to warmly greet worshippers on Sunday mornings at Grace. Welcomers arrive 30 minutes before Grace's 10:30 a.m. worship service begins. The schedule is flexible and training is provided.

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

Music Notes

"Sortie" translated from French means to exit. The Sortie originated as the recessional portion of worship in the French Catholic Organ Mass where the organ was played during different parts of the worship service and music alternated between the organ, the priest and the cantor/choir. At the close of the service, the Sortie was performed as the clergy and congregation processed out of the church. Sorties are still used and make excellent postludes. Today's Sortie is written by Antony Simon, but little is known about him.

Grace Notes Children's Choir

Grace Notes Children's Choir will meet this Sunday in Grace's Dining Room.

Grace Updates

Grace Presbyterian Chancel Choir Welcomes

Adam Arnold, Bass Section Lead

Adam is thankful to have already received such a warm welcome from the Grace community.

Originally from Edmonton, he's been an active performer in Alberta, across Canada, and internationally in Europe and the Middle East. Since moving to Calgary, in the summer of 2019, he has been immersed in the arts and music scene. For five years he was one of the Choral Section Leaders at the Anglican Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, and is a regular member of the Calgary Opera Chorus. In Calgary, he has performed with the Calgary Concert Opera Company, Calgary Civic Symphony Orchestra, the Grandstand Show at the Calgary Stampede, and various other arts organizations. Outside of performing, Adam enjoys supporting friends in their artistic endeavors, exploring Calgary's food scene, and getting out to the mountains as much as possible, whether that's for skiing in the winter, or hiking in the summer.



Dallas Hayes-Sparks, Alto Section Lead

Dallas is a singer specializing in opera from Calgary, Alberta. She is a graduate of the University of British Columbia where she majored in Opera Performance and Psychology. Dallas has showcased her talent across North America, with notable performances, including two at Carnegie Hall. Other highlights include appearances on the History Channel's Documentary, *Our War*, the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show and Theatre Calgary's Reignite the Stage. When she's not enchanting audiences with her performances, she dedicates herself to nurturing musical talent and spreading the joy of music. Dallas is a dedicated teaching artist, director and music director collaborating with companies such as Theater Calgary, Calgary Opera, and Storybook Theater.



Grace's Soprano Section Lead is Heather-Rose Locken.

Grace's Tenor Section Lead is Chris Willott.

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>

Please share your responses by February 28, 2025.

Grace Events

Grace at a Glance

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| 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 9 | Grace Membership Gathering |
| March 11 | Grace Bethany |
| March 16 | Living Our Faith Course |
| March 22 | Congregational Conversation: Strategic Plan Process |
| March 23 | Congregational Meeting |
| April 6 | Bible & Doughnuts |
| April 13 | Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins |
| April 13 | Living Our Faith |
| April 17 | Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion |
| April 18 | Good Friday Worship |
| April 19 | Youth-led Easter Vigil |
| April 20 | Easter |
| April 25 | Preaching Grace Public Lecture |
| April 26 | Preaching Grace Interactive Workshop |
| April 27 | Preaching Grace Worship |

**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 Can't wait to see you there!

Time of Connection and Equipping for Grace's Church School Leaders, Teachers, and Volunteers

The Grace Kids and Youth Team is excited to invite all of Grace's Church School Leaders, Teachers, and Volunteers to a fun and informative time of connection and equipping on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for connection and interaction, learning, food, and fellowship.

The goal of this time of connection and equipping is to provide time and opportunities to grow and learn together about the ministry of teaching and sharing about God's love and grace and to continue to strengthen shared relationships with one another. Looking forward to this time together!

To assist with set-up and planning please register for the training at:
<https://bit.ly/ChurchSchoolTraining>

Youth Lunch and Preparation of Ashes for Ash Wednesday

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

Everyone's Invited to Grace Presbyterian Church's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party!

Grace will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party on Tuesday, March 4, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Grace's Dining Room. The Pancake Party promises to be a delightful evening of fun and fellowship: Enjoy a wonderful pancake supper with pancakes and sausage, including gluten-free options and games for kids, and an exciting pancake flipping contest!



From 6:00 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. there will be a short, fun, and informative time to explain what Shrove Tuesday is and why pancakes are associated with this day. The Pancake Party is a fantastic opportunity to connect with people from Grace's congregation and the surrounding community. This event is free and open to anyone interested in attending, but signing-up to help with planning and set-up is very much appreciated.

Please let Grace know you are planning to attend by signing up through the following <https://gracechurchcalgary.com/event/shrove-tuesday-pancake-party/>

Looking forward to this flap-tastic time!

Grace Presbyterian Church Membership Gatherings

Grace Presbyterian Church is excited to announce there will be upcoming gathering times for people interested in exploring membership at Grace in March 2025. The first will be held on Sunday, March 9 and a second gathering will happen at a later date yet to be determined. These gatherings will take place following worship at Grace with lunch, fellowship, and a time of learning. Anyone interested in learning more about Grace and what membership means is welcome to attend!

Additionally, there will be future gatherings for those interested in joining Grace Presbyterian Church in May 2025. Grace looks forward to welcoming new members!

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



March 22, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Imagining future possibilities at Grace



April 12, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM


Deciding what goals we should focus on moving forward



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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Gambella Mission Project Update

The following update is from the Gambella Mission Project, written by the Rev. Omod Obang, the Director for the Department of Mission and Theology of the East Gambella Bethel Synod (EGBS). He writes:

Greetings!

We are delighted to announce that we are all one in Christ Jesus. We thank God for the wonderful connection He has established between EGBS and Grace Presbyterian Church through Rev. Olul and his wife.

We are thrilled to share the joyous news of the recent inauguration ceremony for five rooms built by EGBS. It was a moment of great happiness and blessings to have Pastor Olul with us. The inauguration took place 100km away (from Gambella City), in the home district of Rev. Olul. We shared in the joy and blessings of having such a building for EGBS.

Pastor Olul and his wife send their warm greetings to the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church.



Preaching Grace 2025

Featuring
Special Guest Speaker



Dr. Norman Wirzba

Professor of Christian Theology
Duke Divinity School

CULTIVATING HOPE

FOOD, FARMING AND THE LIFE OF FAITH

April 25–27



Preaching Grace 2025 *Cultivating Hope: Food, Farming and the Life of Faith*
with Dr. Norman Wirzba

Norman is a leading scholar in food ethics and sustainability and a Senior Fellow at the Kenan Institute of Ethics at Duke University. He grew up on a farm near Lethbridge and knows Alberta well. He is passionate about the intersections of food, creation care, ethics, justice, faith and hope. www.normanwirzba.com

Weekend Schedule

Friday, April 25, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. ***Forget Optimism - Choose Hope: Choosing a Life Worth Living***: free public lecture in partnership with the Chair of Christian Thought at the University of Calgary

Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. – noon ***Food and Faith***: interactive workshop for laypeople and clergy

Saturday, April 26: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ***Promoting Food Security and Justice***: panel discussions/workshop with farming/food sector leaders, community advocates and interested public

Sunday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.: **Worship**

To register and purchase tickets please visit <https://bit.ly/Preaching Grace>



Grace Leadership and Staff

Session Elders

Nancy Connors
Mark Durieux
Clark Hanna
Janet Hyde
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Joanne Kellough
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Jiebieni Nyajwok
Okwayi Obang
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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*
Jennifer Williams - *Welcome and Hospitality*

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Margot Kellough – *Pastoral Care & Connection*
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