



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



Grace Presbyterian Church

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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 **Concerto for two flutes in C major RV 533**

Allegro, Largo

Antonio Vivaldi

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

Jim Campbell

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

Atale

Introit **O Nata Lux**

Thomas Tallis

Please stand in body or spirit.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

Call to Worship

Irene Robinson

On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,
and God said: This is my Son, my Chosen.

We come to the Table, to be fed by Christ.

God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Litany for Transfiguration

Jake Van Pernis

Please respond when prompted:

The Lord our God is holy!

Hymn **371 Love divine, all loves excelling**

Blue Hymnal

Please be seated following the hymn

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

Anthem **O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**

Claudio Monteverdi

O splendor of God's glory bright, O thou that bringest light from light,
O Light of light, light's living spring, O Day, all days illumining.

O thou true Sun of heavenly love, pour down thy radiance from above:
the Spirit's sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.

All laud to God the Father be; all praise eternal Son, to thee;
all glory to the Spirit raise in equal and unending praise.

Time With Young Christians

Chris Joiner

All children return to their seats with their families.

Prayer for Understanding

Carol Collinge

Scripture Readings 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

New Testament, pg.158

Luke 9:28-36

New Testament, pg. 60

Sermon *Jubilee: Being Transformed*

Please stand in body or spirit for the hymn

Hymn 186 Swiftly pass the clouds of glory^{OL}

Blue Hymnal

Invitation to Share Our Offerings

Robin Telfer

Offertory The Lord is my Light

Henry Ruthven

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

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Minister continues the prayer)

joining the song of the angels:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(Minister continues the prayer)

...to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(All the bread is gluten-free. Please hold the bread and cup until all have received, and we will eat and drink together.)

Communion Anthem Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

Reginald Heber, Louis Bourgeois, Arr. Carlton Young

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Hymn 185 Jesus on the mountain peak^{OL}

Blue Hymnal

Please stand in body or in spirit

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 Grand Choeur in G major

Théodore Salomé

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 musicians Gillian Newburn and Paul Xu, flute, Vivian Lui and Eric Liu, violin, Solange Ansell, cello, and Reiss Challoner, double bass, 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.

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.

Lent: Daily Readings

In the season of Lent, Grace is invited to reflect on the theme of "Wondrous Love" and move deeply into the practice of reading scripture daily. When meditating on God's Word, we discover the divine love that beats at the heart of all things, a love manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

This year the entire congregation is invited to join in the practice of Lectio Divina (literally, "divine reading"), a prayerful way of reading scripture that deepens connection to God through the Spirit. This ancient form of prayer encourages listening for God's voice through meditation and reflection, allowing the Word to shape our hearts.

Click on this link - [Daily Readings - Revised Common Lectionary](#) - and be taken to the Daily Readings section of the Revised Common Lectionary found at the website of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Scroll down to the Lent section where the readings for every day of the week except Sunday will be listed. There will be a Psalm, an Old Testament and a New Testament reading for each day. Click on a day and it will take you to a page with the texts of the three readings. Choose one or more of the readings for Lectio practice.

Here's how you can engage in Lectio Divina:

1. Read (Lectio) - Slowly read the scripture passage, letting the words sink in. Pay attention to a phrase or word that stands out.
2. Meditate (Meditatio) - Reflect on what God might be saying through this passage. What thoughts or emotions arise?
3. Pray (Oratio) - Bring these reflections before God. Offer prayers of gratitude, confession or petition as the Spirit leads.
4. Contemplate (Contemplatio) - Rest in God's presence, allowing God's Word to dwell deeply in heart and mind.

There are many on-line resources for Lectio Divina that can be used to enrich this practice, but what is outlined here is a simple and accessible approach that can be used by all ages.

Lectio Divina can be done individually or as a household. Grace hopes in coming years to offer small group opportunities to practice Lectio Divina as well.

Our prayer is that our common practice this Lent will draw us closer to God and to one another as we prayerfully engage the Word, listening for the wondrous love that claims us and calls us.

Volunteer Opportunities

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party Volunteers

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

Welcomers

Three additional volunteers are needed to 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. 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

Grande Choeur, translated literally as "full chorus" in organ parlance, are pieces typically written to make the most of the full capacities of large organs. Usually, a Grande Choeur is both grand in its style and sound. Registrations (the sounds chosen by the organist to use) are fuller, with an almost orchestral sound. Very often used as postludes, they make wonderful music to close worship with. Since it is a French form, many famous French organ composers such as Couperin, Gigout, Dupré, and Franck have written Grande Choeurs. Grande Choeur in G major was written by Théodore Salomé, organist of the Église de la Sainte Trinité from 1871 until his death in 1896.

Grace Notes Children's Choir

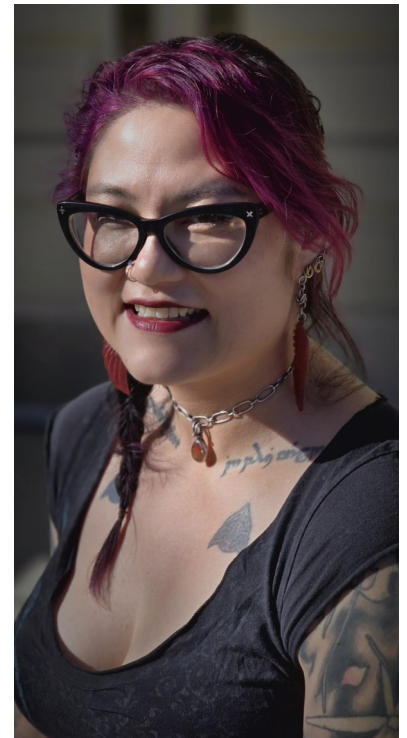
Grace Notes Children's Choir will meet this Sunday in Grace's Dining Room.

Grace Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Heather-Rose Locken, Soprano Section Lead

Heather has been part of the Grace family since the tender age of five. A born and raised Calgarian, she has always been passionate about all facets of the arts. Heather has sung and performed with the Youth Singers of Calgary, and has competed and placed in various music festivals including the Kiwanis and NATS (National Association of Teachers in Singing). She has also done both choral and featured solo work with the Calgary Bach Society Choir since the mid-2000's. Heather is an avid vocalist and performs for special occasions, including weddings and funerals.

As a full-time mom of three very active children, Heather still finds time to utilize her BFA (2010) designing, fabricating and repairing jewellery (Angel Rose Jewellery). Heather is honored to be a part of Grace's Chancel Choir and worship.



Chris Willott, Tenor Section Lead

A high-school Math teacher by day, Chris Willott has been singing in Calgary since 1984, when he played the Archangel Michael in his Grade 1 school play. Chris has been a section lead at the CPO Chorus, and Revv52, in addition to frequent appearances in Calgary community theatre and with Calgary Opera. Some of his favourite roles have been Lord Farquaad in StoryBook Theatre's production of *Shrek!*, and Captain Von Trapp in Painted Fish's *The Sound of Music*.

Watch for Chris (and his wife, Krista!) this May, in Front Row Centre's production of *Sweeney Todd*.



Grace's Alto Section Lead is Dallas Hayes-Sparks

Grace's Bass Section Lead is Adam Arnold

Grace Updates

Conversation: Strategic Plan Process

People from Grace's congregation came together for the first of four gatherings to discern the Spirit's direction for the next five years of Grace's Common Life.

This first gathering was the "Discovery Phase." This session invited participants to gather in pairs and then in smaller groups to share stories of joy, service, and impact at Grace. Powerful stories of high-point experiences at Grace were shared and participants felt very energized, moved, excited, grateful, and proud to be a part of Grace. As the stories flowed, some clear key themes emerged that highlighted strengths Grace possesses to carry forward in helping to shape Grace's future.

There are three upcoming gatherings to continue the Strategic Plan Process, that will build off of this first conversation, that the entire congregation is encouraged and recommended to participate in. Through these upcoming conversations participants will work together to clarify:

- Who we are as a church? What matters most to us?
- If the next five years are a chapter in the life of Grace, what will that chapter be about?
- What are the next steps?
- After five years what stories and accomplishments will Grace be celebrating?

The next gathering to continue this important conversation will be on Saturday, March 22 where participants will be invited into the "Dream Phase", a time of starting to form a collective vision of what Grace could look like in the next five years, based off of its strengths, and share about an ideal future and the impact Grace Presbyterian Church can make.

Your voice is important in this process because the Spirit works through everyone who makes up Grace Presbyterian Church in shaping its future. Together, let us embrace the future God is preparing for Grace.

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

Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9. Set your clocks ahead.

Grace Events

Grace at a Glance

March 2	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 Accessible Washrooms Plan on display after worship
March 11	Grace Bethany
March 16	Living Our Faith Course Accessible Washrooms Plan on display after worship
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 and Panel Discussions
April 27	Preaching Grace Worship

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 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 is excited to announce there will be upcoming gathering times for people interested in exploring membership at Grace in March 2025. The first gathering 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!

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>

Mission Moment

Praying for and with PCC (Presbyterian Church in Canada) congregations, committees, agencies, people and partners is one way of engaging in God's mission in the world and focusing our lives on God.

Join in prayer with people across the country and celebrate the mission and ministry we are doing together.



Josseling, an extroverted and enthusiastic 16-year-old, is committed and eager to get ahead. Beginning at 5 a.m., she and her mother have a stall selling fruits and vegetables at the Roberto Huembes Market in Nicaragua. Josseling attended entrepreneurship workshops run by PWS&D (Presbyterian World Service & Development)'s partner, which helped her establish her successful market stall. One of Josseling's key principles is that "no one can leave the stand without buying," so she carefully considers her customers' budgets, asks about their specific needs, and adjusts the ingredients accordingly. This way, they can afford their purchases and will likely return to her for their next market visit. In addition to her market job, Josseling attends school, where she is currently a senior and dreams of becoming a doctor.

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