

WELCOME

We love to hear from you and to pray for you!
Fill out a "Welcome" card and place in the offering bag as it is passed or drop it in the box at the back of the auditorium.

WHO WE ARE

We are a multi-site fellowship of Jesus followers who seek to live out a kingdom-first perspective in our city.
For more, visit our website: gpchurchofchrist.com

CONTACT US

Admin Office & Mailing address for both sites:
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E-mail our elders for prayer: elders@gpchurchofchrist.com

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MINISTERS:

Everyone!

ELECTED NON-STAFF LEADERS:

ELDERS + POINT LEADERS = CHURCH BOARD

ELDERS: Duff Crerar, Trevor Davis, Frank Fehr,
Barry Norris, John Murray, Joanne Stewart

DEACONS: Paul Oostra (Point Leader), *Bernie Plett, Brian Scarth,*
Neil Goodliffe, Joe Hustler, Ryan Power-Fardy, Arron Johnson,
Rob Flett, Chris Daigle, Dan Freibel, Steve Hofstede, Adam Petersen

POINT LEADERS: Benevolence - Shaun Boivin, Children - Mark Scott,
Community - Rosina Norris, Glory Garden - Linda Duplessis,
Missions - Mark Larson, Pineridge - vacant, Stewardship - Duncan
McNabb, Worship & Creative Arts - Nathaneal Sterr,
Youth & Young Adults - Naomi Scott

MINISTERIAL STAFF:

Alan Jones - Highland Park Site & Sr. Minister

Scott Pence - Mission Heights Site Minister

Cam Neufeld - Creative Arts Director

Ryan Duford - Young Adults & Men's Ministries Director

Mark Wolfe - Youth Ministries Director

Malorie Petersen - Family & Children's Ministries Director (.5 position)

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Alison Hofstede - Communications Coordinator

Wendy Small - Financial Administrator

Kaitlyn Wilkinson - Children's Ministry Administrator

Sheena Jones - Database & Plan To Protect Administrator

Christina Wood - Janitorial & Kitchen Care



"Raise your voices; make a beautiful noise to the Eternal, all the earth. Let your joy explode into song and praise; Make music to the Eternal with the harp; sing a beautiful melody with the harp and chorus... fill the air with joyful sounds to the King, the Eternal."

- Psalm 98:4-6

The purpose of the Grande Prairie Church of Christ is to praise and worship God and to mature and assist others in maturing toward the image of Christ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMUNITY LIFE

Advent: A Season of Anticipation

The season of Advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas. On each of these weeks we light a candle and reflect on an aspect of waiting for Jesus: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. On Christmas Eve we light the Christ candle and celebrate his life.

Christmas Reflections on Love: Dec. 18

We will light the candle of Love in addition to the first three candles and kids from our children's ministry will help us reflect on the gift of love with special music and readings!

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Gatherings

Each site will host a short, family-friendly candlelight service at 7pm to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Combined Service

11am Fireside worship & communion in the hall at our Highland Park site. The 9am, 10am and 11am services will be combined for a cozy family-friendly gathering!

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Highland Park site: ONE service at 11am.
Mission Heights site: resumes regular 10am service.

Alpha Opportunity

Starting in the new year the city of Grande Prairie will be filled with a number of Alpha groups - if you are interested in participating in a group, please contact Scott at the church office or by email ASAP: scott@gpchurchofchrist.com.

Regular Programs Take Christmas Break

Please note that from mid-December through the second week of January our regular ministry programs break for the holidays. Please check the calendar of regular activities in this bulletin or contact the church office if you have questions.

Seniors Bible Study Wrapped Up For Christmas Season

We are taking a break for the holidays but will resume our Wednesday afternoon study time on January 11th. Contact Betty with questions: 780-532-2168

Worship Through Visual Art

Volunteers are needed to run Media Shout (the program that is used to project lyrics for songs, sermon slides, videos, etc.) on Sunday mornings at both sites. If you are willing to try it out, e-mail Cam at cam@gpchurchofchrist.com. Training is available.

Missions Lunch: Dec. 18

Please plan to stay after church for some soup & buns and support one of our missions: Aurora Home! Information on the mission & the light lunch will be available at BOTH SITES. Please make a donation if you are able.

Worship Wisdom Workshop: Jan. 12

Our Creative Arts workshop led by Jason Wood was postponed due to poor weather. Please join us at our Mission Heights site on Thursday, January 12th. Please contact cam@gpchurchofchrist.com with any questions.

Sound Clinic: Jan. 28

Want to learn how to run the sound board? Meet at our Mission Heights site 1-4pm on Jan. 28th to learn the basics! For more information, please contact Cam at the church office or email cam@gpchurchofchrist.com

We Are A Multi-Site Church

As a multi-site church, we are ONE church gathering in multiple locations. We share our staff team, eldership, board, budget, mission & vision. Whole church events like festivals, camps, retreats, meetings & combined services are great opportunities for networking or building relationship with people who attend different services/sites!

FROM THE OFFICE

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the church office will be closed from December 24th -January 2nd. If there's an emergency, please email office@gpchurchofchrist.com at any time and we will do our best to respond.

Bulletin Announcements

Something to share? Send it to Alison at the admin office by 4:00pm Wednesday. Personal items (babies, anniversaries, etc) are only included as submissions are received. Let us hear your news! **E-mail is preferred: office@gpchurchofchrist.com**

Giving by P.A.D. or Debit Card

Donations on Sunday mornings or during the week can be made using your debit card at our main office! You can also sign up for regular giving via pre-authorized debit - **pick up a form at the info centre in the front foyer.**

Sundays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Services • Highland Park (9602-92 Ave) 9am & 11am Coffee Time between services (10-11am) • Mission Heights 10am (8321 MH Dr.) Children's Ministries Programming during the service for K-Grade 6. Sign-in and sign-out is required. 5th Sun/mo is Kids Serve Sunday! Nursery/Toddler Rooms Available for childcare during the service. Sign-in and sign-out is required.	Alberta Bible College's PACE Program 2 year program for degree completion or earning a diploma. One course at a time. Register: 1-877-542-9492. Young Life Club Gr. 9+ Call or text Dylan at 780-402-4166 for details.	Board meeting 4th Tues/mo. 7pm, at Highland Park site. Youth Bible Study 7-8:30pm at our Highland Park site. Ancient Prayer 7-8pm in the prayer chapel at Highland Park.	Seniors Bible Study 1:45-2:45pm. Contact Betty for details: 780.532.2168. NOT meeting if -20* or colder. Resumes Jan. 11th. Got an announcement for the bulletin? Submit by Wednesday! office@gpchurchofchrist.com	Youth Group: Gr. 7+ 7-9pm at Highland Park site unless otherwise specified. Qs? email youth@gpchurchofchrist.com Resumes Jan. 19th!	Submit something for our church newsletter & blog - the Chronicle! Deadline for submissions: the 1st Friday/mo. Sign up to get Chronicle emailed to you on the 15th/mo. Go to gpchurchofchrist.com & enter your email address in bottom right corner.	Saturday Supper Serving the street-involved from 4-8pm. Qs? Contact Jared at 780.228.5734.
Young Adults: Call or text Ryan for details: 780.512.7062		Ball Hockey Night is now over for the year, but please contact Ryan if you're interested in resuming in the new year!	Heroes Academy 6-8pm at Highland Park site until December 14th. Part of our Pineridge Camp ministry. Contact: Carnille 780.380.9313	Worship & Creative Arts Nights Resume in the New Year!		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Please note that not all building use is listed here - All building use is to be coordinated through the front office. Contact Alison at 780-538-4211 or office@gpchurchofchrist.com

WORSHIP

Joining together to encounter God
Psalm 103:1-2

COMMUNITY

Participating together in the life & mission of Jesus
John 20:21

EMBODIMENT

Living Christ-rooted lives of grace, truth, and hope
Colossians 3:16-17

BENEVOLENCE

Caring for those who are marginalized
Luke 4:18-19

EVANGELISM

Inviting others to join us on our journey toward Jesus
Matthew 28:18-20