#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Contact information: Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 grace.gan@outlook.com Church Office Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m. (Closed on Wednesday) Session: Chair: Paul Scott, Vice Chair: Vacant, Clerk: Joan Shaw Board of Stewards: Vice Chair: Carolyn Scott, Secretary: Mary Haussler Official Board: Chair, Brian Brooks Vice Chair, Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

#### **Guest Speakers:**

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Kathy Walton *Service of Remembrance & Gratitude* 

#### November 15<sup>th</sup> – Join us in Welcoming

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian – Petro, our new Minister.

Please call the church office to reserve your spot for the  $15^{th}$ .

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Grace Church needs various volunteers for Sunday Services. Readers - Ushers/Greeters - Elevator/Opening & Closing. Contact the Church office if you can help out.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING REMEMBRANCE DAY

In keeping with the restrictions imposed by the Ontario government, area health authorities, and Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion the ceremonies in Gananoque and in Lansdowne will **NOT** be a public event. The ceremonies will be live streamed to be viewed from retirement homes and the homes of individuals. More about this will be available in area media closer to the event.

The above limitations on attendance apply to all Remembrance Day ceremonies in Ontario.

# Grace United Church 120 Pine Street. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7



#### **OUR GRACE CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

"As a community of faith, we seek to be rooted in the garden of God's love, nurtured by Christian worship, study and fellowship, and blossoming into service by the transforming power of God's Spirit."

# Grace United Church



Minister of Pastoral Care Rev. Jolyn Campbell BA MDiv **Organist/Choir Director** Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus, B. Ed Laurie Cadue

**Minister Emeritus** Rev. J. Harry Seeley. BA. **Office Administrator** 

Grace United Church November 8 2020 Service of Remembrance & Gratitude Guest Speaker: Rev. Kathy Walton Assistant: Tammy Fergusson

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Quiet Time with Music**

#### Presentation of the Bible & Lighting of the Candles & Christ Candle

#### **Call to Worship (from Psalm 78)**

- One: What we have heard and known, what our parents have told us, we will not hide from their grandchildren,
- All: But declare to the next generation the testimony that you gave to Jacob and the law you appointed in Israel, which you commanded them to teach their children,
- That the next generation might know them, One: children yet unborn and these in turn should arise, and tell their children,
- All: That they should put their trust in you, and not forget your great deeds, but keep all your commandments.

Come let us praise God together, remembering, the stories of our faith, remembering those whose sacrifices make our lives possible, building up the people of tomorrow in Christ's name.

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#### Prayer of Approach (together)

It is now more than a century since what we call the Great War, Holy One. And coming up on a century since the Second World War. War did not end with those two, even though we try our best to contain and diffuse the conflicts that arise among our human family. Yet conflict continues to hurt our hearts, to break our lives in pieces and to harm our own and future generations. We are humbled by our inability to turn away from the anger that so often divides us and we seek your wisdom and guidance as a community, and as a nation to open pathways to peace and harmony. These things we continue to seek in Christ's name. Amen.

#### Hymn: VU # 524 "O Canada"

O Canada, our home and native land! True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts, we see thee rise, The True North strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### **A Service of Remembrance**

#### The Last Post

#### Silence (1 minute)

#### Reading the names on the Honour Roll: Paul Scott

**1914 – 1919:** Peter T. Baker, William Chester, William Dailey, J.E. Eastwood, M.J. Flynn, James Grundy, Fred H. Glover, John Leakey, Oscar Lloyd, Charles Matthews, Alfred Teal, William L. Watson and Millard Wright.

**1939-1945:** Edgar Graham, Millard Horne, Douglas Petch, Bernard Sanders, Reginald Waldie, Ellis Wright.

**One**: They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

#### All: We will remember them.

#### <u>The Rouse</u>

#### Prayer (together)

Thank you God for the lives of these men from our community of faith who so loved life that they gave all they had to save and preserve the lives of others. We continue to honour them and the values they represented. Help us to remember the costs of our freedoms and to tell their stories to future generations. Help us to be peacemakers and peacekeepers, yet not naïve to the ways of tyrants. In Christ's name keep us on your straight path, now and always. Amen.

#### Scriptures:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (OT pg 259) Reader: Nancy Abrams Matthew 25:1-13 (NT pg 37) **Ministry of Music:** Let There Be Peace on Earth – Miller/Jackson, arr. Mark Hayes

Sermon: Being Alert

#### Hymn: VU # 707

"For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

For the faithful who have answered when they heard your call to serve, for the many ways you led them, testing will and stretching nerve, for their work and for their witness as they strove against the odds, for their courage and obedience we give thanks and praise, O God.

Many eyes have glimpsed the promise many hearts have yearned to see. Many ears have heard you calling us to greater liberty. Some have fallen in the struggle, others still are fighting on. You are not ashamed to own us. We give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we share, for the work of peace and justice, for the gospel that we bear, for the vision that our homeland is your love-- deep, high, and broad--for the different roads we travel we give thanks and praise, O God.

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#### Moment of Gratitude: Tammy Fergusson

#### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, we bring to you the ordinary things of our lives, our treasures, our time and our talents. In giving them, we give ourselves also. We ask that you bless the gifts, and bless the givers as well as all those who receive of our bounty for it all comes from your great love for all who live on this blue world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: VU # 560** "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free; Teach me Thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move With some clear winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee, In closer, dearer company; In work that keeps faith sweet and strong In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way; In peace that only thou canst give, With thee, O Master, let me live.

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#### **Commissioning and Blessing**

Tammy Fergusson & Rev. Kathy Walton

## <u>Amen.</u>

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to our church, we extend a warm greeting, and invite you to sign our guest register in the narthex.

## **Celebration Candle**

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Our Celebration Candle was lit this morning to wish all those celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event this week.

**Prayer Requests:** LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE IN HOSPITAL AND THOSE RECOVERING AT HOME.

# Gananoque Food Bank has moved to

497 King St. E., Gananoque, ON K7G 1G9 (Beside Bravo Restaurant)

Open Wed. & Fri from 12:30 to 2:45 At this time the Food bank would appreciate any donations, however, monetary donations are best as these allow for bulk buying.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Installation Service for Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10:30 am. Seating in the Sanctuary is limited and is filling up fast. There will be extra seats in the lower hall where the service will be shown on a Television. Service will also be shown live on Facebook and later on our YouTube Channel.

# PLEASE – notify the church office to reserve your spot if you wish to attend. 613-382-2161