

# Grace United Church



## Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro BA MDiv

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## Organist/Choir Director

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## Office Administrator

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# Welcome



## **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."*

**November 15, 2020**

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Welcome Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro*

## We Gather

### Welcome/Announcements

**Music & Quiet Time** - *We Prepare our Hearts for Worship*

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

#### **Spiritual Focus:**

*"God loves us... still trusts us, believes in us, and invites us into God's own joy."*

**The Rev. Dr. David Lose**

## We Approach God

### Call to Worship:

**One:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place *Ps. 90:1, 2*  
in all generations;

**All: you have been our home throughout all the ages.**

One: You were there before the world was made  
and will be forever.

**All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

### Hymn: **Voices United # 703**

*"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*

In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

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**Prayer of Approach:** Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### **We Seek Wisdom**

#### **Hymn: Voices United # 642**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou my heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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**Prayer of Illumination:** Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your Living Word and walk together as children of light. **Amen.**

**Scripture:** *Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)*

Reader: Dave Charles

**Special Music:** Guest Soloist – **Cliff Edwards** - *A Country Gospel Medley: Keep on the Sunny Side* (1898); **Will the Circle Be Unbroken** (1907) – public domain.

**Word of Life:** *"How Do You Perceive God?"* **Rev. Takouhi**

**Our Gifts for the Work of God**

**Hymn: Voices United # 506**

*"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love,  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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**Minute for Mission**

**Offertory:** *Partnering with God to help Miracles be Visible.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication:** Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**God Sends Us into the World with Hope**

**Voices United # 400**

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send you Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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**Prayers of Hope & Healing:**

**The Prayer of Jesus:** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn: Voices United # 509**

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Amen.**

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## **Celebration Candle**



Our Celebration Candle was lit to wish all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or other special occasion this week

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**Prayer Requests:** Let us remember in our prayers those who are in hospital, at home recovering or just need our love and support.

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**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.*

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## **Pie Sale**

“Pies for God’s Sake” are having a pie sale on  
November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6pm.

There are 11 varieties of Fruit pies available as well as Mincemeat.

Fruit Pies are \$12 each  
Mincemeat will be \$15 each.

Please contact Betty Matthews 613-382-3315  
or Carol at 613-382-4376

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## **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)**

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**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

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## **Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> –Welcoming,** Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> -** Morning Worship, Reign of Christ

**November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> –** PIE SALE, 3 pm to 6pm

**November 27<sup>th</sup> –** Decorate the Church, 1:00 pm

**November 29<sup>th</sup> –** Morning Worship, Communion /Advent # 1

**December 6<sup>th</sup> -** Morning Worship, Advent # 2

**December 13<sup>th</sup> –** Morning Worship, Advent # 3

**December 20<sup>th</sup> –** Morning Worship, Advent # 4

**December 24<sup>th</sup> –** Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

**December 27<sup>th</sup> –** Morning Worship, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

## **Bulletin Bloopers...**

- 1) The pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary...
- 2) The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- 3) Our next song is “Angels We Have Heard Get High”
- 4) The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- 5) This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.