

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

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div

Minister Emeritus: Rev. J. Harry Seeley.BA.

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Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus, B. Ed

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Christ the King/Reign of Christ

We Gather

Welcome

Announcements - Lighting of the Celebration Candle

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

We acknowledge the unceded and all lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today.

May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with all People.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

“We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which dissipates darkness and shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.”

Music & Quiet Time - We Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Spiritual Focus:

*“Relationship with God is not a matter of **HAVING** faith but of **DOING** faith.”*
The Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor

We Approach God

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord God is our shepherd. *Ezek. 34:15-16; Ps.100:3;*

**All: We are the people of God's pasture, Matt. 25:31-46
the sheep of God's hand.**

One: God will seek the lost,
feed the hungry,
and strengthen the weak.

**All: But the proud and power-hungry
will be fed with justice.**

Hymn: Voices United # 273

"The King of Love" (vv. 1, 3, 5 & 6)

- 1) The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 3) Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.
- 5) Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6) And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

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Prayer of Approach: God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ we have seen and experienced LOVE Everlasting. We honour him today as the King of kings and Lord of lords, because lived Your True Love when he walked among us. We pray humbly and sincerely. **Amen.**

We Seek Wisdom

Hymn # Voices United # 625

"I Feel the Winds of God"

- 1) I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.
- 2) It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.
- 3) If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

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Prayer of Illumination: Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened, and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture: *Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)*

Reader: Vicki Leakey

Special Music: Paul Harding – “**Gospel Favourites**”

Word of Life: “*Charity is NO Substitute for KINSHIP*”

Our Gifts for the Work of God

Hymn: Voices United # 684

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

- 1) Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
- 2) Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
 O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
 so much to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 3) Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Minute for Mission

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication: Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; we pray humbly and sincerely, because of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World with Hope

Hymn: Voices United # 664

“What a Friend We have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer.

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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: More Voices # 169

“When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides”

1. When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found, Each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound. And bells of peace, of peace shall sound and bells of peace shall sound. Each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.
2. When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done, God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one. Our hearts will heal, will heal as one our hearts will heal as one. God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.
3. When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see, And we shall dance the whole world round for love will set us free. For love, yes love will set us free for love will set us free. And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

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Commissioning & Benediction

Amen.

Welcome

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

Celebration Candle



Our Celebration Candle was lit this morning to send Blessings to all those celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event this week. May your week be filled with love and joy.

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

Pie Sale

“Pies for God’s Sake” are having a pie sale on November 26th & 27th 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 Currie at 613-382-4376

Covid-19 Precautions

In this time of rising Covid numbers, it is essential that we follow the guidelines set out by the Health Unit to protect the health and safety of all the members of our community of faith.

- Please stay home if you are not feeling well or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for covid.
- Wear a mask that covers your mouth, nose and chin while you are in the building.
- Practise social distancing. Keep 2m (6 ft) between you and persons not in your household at all times.
- Let the ushers help you find a seat that meets the spacing requirements. Once seated, please stay in your seat. Do not wander around the sanctuary. Leave quickly once the service is done.
- Keep socializing to a minimum. No shaking hands, no hugging or touching.
- You may participate in spoken responses, prayers and hum along or sing silently to the hymns. Singing out loud is not permitted, except by soloists.

- If you wish to speak to Rev. Takouhi form a line in the centre aisle after the service. Rev. Takouhi will stay at the front after the Postlude to speak with you.

Advent : The Spirit of Giving

White Gift Sunday, December 6th

The Gananoque Food Bank has invited us to participate in their Christmas Hamper Project. For a \$40 donation we can fill a hamper with all the perishables, including a turkey and fresh vegetables, and non-perishables a local family will need for Christmas dinner. Monetary donations will enable the Food Bank to take advantage of bulk purchases and your donation will go further. You can choose to make a \$40 donation to fill a hamper yourself, but donations of any amount will be welcomed. For every donation we will put your name on a White Gift card to hang on our Christmas tree. We will be accepting donations at church on Dec. 6th. Please put your donation in an envelope and place it in the basket provided as you enter the sanctuary. However, you do not have to be in church that day to participate. Donations will be accepted at the office either in person, by mail or by e-transfer or can be placed on the offering plate any time during Advent. Make sure your name is on the envelope for income tax credits and that it is clearly labelled White Gift or Food Bank project.

Let's fill our tree with White Gift cards!

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.

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

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am

November 22nd - Morning Worship, Reign of Christ

November 26th & 27th - PIE SALE, 3 pm to 6pm

November 27th - Decorate the Church, 1:00 pm

November 29th - Morning Worship, Communion /Advent # 1

December 6th - Morning Worship, Advent # 2 **White Gift**

December 13th - Morning Worship, Advent # 3

December 20th - Morning Worship, Advent # 4

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

December 27th - Morning Worship, 1st Sunday after Christmas
Baby Shower for Jesus, more info to come.

Details and events are subject to change

Information regarding Communion next Sunday

When you arrive next Sunday, November 29th there will be prefilled communion cups available. Please pick one up when you arrive, take it to your seat and wait for instructions during service. **If you are watching from home, have some juice and bread ready to join in Communion with us.**

