



Grace United Church

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Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

**32nd Anniversary of the École Polytechnique's Massacre
Montreal, Quebec (December 6, 1989).**

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: "See Amid the Winter's Snow" - John Goss 1871

Welcome: Shirley Clark

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Center our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

"Blessed Are Those Who Believe..."

Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;
he preaches to us still.

All: Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

Song of Hope: Voices United # 6 (vs. 1-2)

"A Candle is Burning"

- 1) **A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**
- 2) **A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

Words: Sandra Dean, 1986

Music: James R. Murray, 1887

Used with the blessing of Mrs. Sandra Dean

Advent Candle Lighting Ritual - Peace – Vicki Leakey

Reader: As we continue to journey through Advent we light the second candle – the candle of PEACE.

(Light the second candle.)

O Source of Peace, we seek your comfort.

You are both mighty and tender.

Today we ask that you prepare our hearts once again to be transformed by your Peace and Hope.

Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. We come to you today from a broken and parched world with HOPE and PEACE, because we

know Your redemption would make a highway in the desert
and change the rough places into blooming gardens and
babbling brooks with Living Water.

God You are our Good Shepherd

— feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we seek Your Peace. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 4

"God of All Places"

- 1. God of all places, present, unseen;
voice in our silence, song in our midst,
we are your people, knowing, unsure:
come, Lord Jesus, come!**
- 2. God of all dreaming, near and yet far;
Vision unheard of, wake us to rest.
We are your presence sent forth, afraid:
Come, Lord Jesus, come!**
- 3. God of all people, dust and the clay;
breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts,
light born of heaven, peace on the earth:
come, Lord Jesus, come!**

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Music David M. Young 1988

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Scripture Reading: Paul Scott

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (NRSV)

Today, we turn the Gospel of Luke and hear Luke Chapter 3 verses 1-6, where we see, John the Baptist and how he was baptizing people as a sign of repentance and telling those he meets that Jesus will be for all people.

Let us hear Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit help us hear the Good News of God's Love as we journey on in this Season of Advent with Hope and Peace. Amen

Life Lesson: *"All Flesh Shall See Salvation"*

Special Music: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - J. S. Bach

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: "Build Bridges of Peace"

Dave Charles

Our Offerings – *The Kingdom of God is Justice & Peace; therefore, we give, as we are able, for the Kin-Dom with JOY!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; we humbly pray. **Amen.**

Song of Hope and Healing More Voices # 12

"Come Touch Our Hearts"

1. **Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless
our hearts.**
2. **Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us come touch and bless our
souls.**
3. **Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless
our minds.**
4. **Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.**

5. **Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with
your grace.**

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

Tomorrow, December 6, 2021, marks the 32nd Anniversary of the École Polytechnique's Massacre, that took place on December 6, 1989, in Montreal, Quebec.

Let us offer a moment of silence and lift our hearts in prayer. Let us pray for our world to be transformed into a world of Peace, Equality and Harmony.



A Moment of Silence

We honour the 14 women who were killed:

*Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau,
Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick,
Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair,
Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard,
Annie St-Arneault and Annie Turcotte.*

The Lord's Prayer (ALL)

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.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Going Forth: More Voices # 221

"I Am Walking a Path of Peace"

1. I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home.
2. I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love,
lead me home, lead me home.
3. I am walking a path of grace,
I am walking a path of grace,
I am walking a path of grace,
lead me home, lead me home.

4. I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
lead me home, lead me home.

5. I am walking a path of joy,
I am walking a path of joy,
I am walking a path of joy,
lead me home, lead me home.

6. I am walking a path with heart,
I am walking a path with heart,
I am walking a path with heart,
lead me home, lead me home.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary* - John Stanley



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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. Thank you for joining us virtually.

Celebration Candle



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

Happy Birthday, Steve Thompson and Paul Scott.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.



Prayers for the people

Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

****Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. ****

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, (December 19), Sunday of Love, we are going to officially welcome new members to this Community of Faith.

Anyone interested to join Grace United Church, please contact Rev. Takouhi by e-mail:

revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca or by phone: 613-777-0880.

Reminders for United Church Women.

- (a) meeting tomorrow December 6th @ 1:30 pm at the church to make Christmas cards for Shut-ins.
- (b) lunch on Monday, December 13th, 12:30 pm @ the Curling Club. Cost of lunch \$15.00 . Exchange gift value \$10.00 Optional .

Remember, everyone must be fully vaccinated.

A Candle is Burning

An Ottawa friend of Sandra Dean reflects: "A Candle is Burning" was intended as a children's piece, and something different for the congregation at Southminster United Church in Ottawa. Sandra Dean dashed off the new words quickly and showed them to her clergy colleague and used it that Advent and Christmas season. She later shared her work with others in Gathering Magazine. When Voices United was published, she was thrilled, delighted and oh so honored to have all of a sudden become a published composer!!! "Old number 6 as her late husband called it was a source of immense pride for the Dean family. Mrs. Dean, a healthy octogenarian, who like the rest of us is sick of this pandemic, was delighted to know of our discussion of her work this week; she grants permission and her blessing (with appropriate credit, of course) for its use in our respective ministries during Advent and Christmas.

PIE SALE

The next pie sale is scheduled for December 16th. Orders can be placed starting December 9th.

Call Carol at 613-382-4376

Cost: Raspberry & Mincemeat \$15 each

All other pies are \$12 each:

Apple, Apple Crumble, Blueberry, Cherry, Peach, Raisin, Rhubarb, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Strawberry/Rhubarb Crumble, and Bumble berry.

Sunday Offerings
November 28th, 2021
Attendance: 51

General \$ 1,338.00
Mission & Service \$ 162.00

Thank you for your offerings

Write your name & amount on envelopes.

There are many ways you can contribute to Grace United Church and our causes.

e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

by cheque -120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7 -

Sign-up for PAR Forms

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf (Control & Click to open link)

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/> (Control & Click to open link)

Lions Club

Complimentary (FREE) Christmas Dinner,
Take out or Delivery. Friday,
December 10th - 5pm to 6:30pm



To sign-up call Dave at 613-463-9406 or text 989-488-3177

Broadview Subscriptions and Renewals.

It is time to renew our Broadview Subscriptions.

The cost for a yearly subscription is \$25 per subscriber for a group of five or more. If you would like to renew your subscription or start to receive the Broadview, there is a form on the table in the Narthex. Fill out the information required and drop a cheque or cash in the offering plate marked

BROADVIEW or send an e-transfer for \$25 to

grace.gan@outlook.com.

Attention All Boards & Groups & Representatives
Your annual reports are due the first week of
January.

Please submit as soon as possible.

Annual Red Wagon Food Drive

The tradition of our advent Red Wagon food drive continues this year.

Here is the list of items being collected each Sunday. Cut the list out and keep it handy for reference. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

Dec 12th: Canned goods - Vegetables, Fruit, Soups, Pork & Beans, Tuna, Salmon, Ham, Stews, Juices boxes

Dec. 19th: Treats, Cake mixes, Cookies, Puddings, Jello, Apple snacks, Granola & Cereal bars, Potato Chips, Cheesies, Popcorn, Crackers, etc.

This Community of Faith acknowledges all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded 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.



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice - The United Church of Canada)

Next Sunday, December 12th is "White Gift" Sunday.
We are asking for Pancake mix and Pancake syrup.
This will go into 120 hampers to be distributed by the
Foodbank. Monetary donations are always welcome.
*Please make your cheques payable to Grace United
Church. (Memo Line- Food Bank).*

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 grace.gan@outlook.com

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880

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Session: Chair: Paul Scott,
Vice Chair: Rhea Roantree , Clerk: Joan Shaw
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Vice Chair: Denise Wood, Secretary: Mary Haussler
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Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

December 12th – Third Sunday of Advent – JOY

White Gift Sunday

Red Wagon – Canned Goods

December 19th – Fourth Sunday of Advent – LOVE

Final Red Wagon – Treats, cookies, chips, etc.

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm

Sunday, December 26th – NO SERVICE

January 2nd, 2022 – 10:30am Service - Epiphany Sunday

Worship Leader; Barb Dejeet

Important Information

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am

*Service is also Broadcast live on YouTube at 10:30 am
each Sunday.*

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

**The service from the previous week will be shown
on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am
Sunday mornings.**