



## Grace United Church

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### Ordained Minister

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### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**January 2, 2022**

Second Sunday after Christmas – Epiphany Sunday

*Order of Worship*

*Guest Worship Leader – Barb DeJeet*

### **We Gather as a Community of Grace**

**Organ Prelude**

**Welcome – Joan MacKinnon**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

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

### **Spiritual Focus:**

*LOVE, was the last candle lit for Advent – What does love mean to you?*

### **Introit: Voices United # 333**

***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (verse 1)***

- 1. Love divine, all love excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

### **Call to Worship (responsive)**

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us

**All: And we have seen his glory.**

One: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**All: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.  
Glory to God forever.**

### **Responsive Hymn: (verses 2 & 3)**

**Voices United # 333 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

- 2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**3. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1747

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### **Opening Prayer (unison)**

**God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever. AMEN**

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Doxology: Voices United # 542**

*"We Give You but Your Own"*

**We give you but your own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
We give it gratefully.**

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### **Dedication of Offering**

### **Minute for Mission:**

### **We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit:**

### **Scripture Reader: Dave Charles**

**Jeremiah 31: 7-14 "The people return home, singing and dancing"**

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the

young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

### **John 1: 1-18 "The Word became flesh"**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did

not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart,<sup>[f]</sup> who has made him known.

### **Reflection: "God's Gift" Jesus!**

### **Hymn: Voices United # 593**

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbours we have from you.**

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washed their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbours we have from you.**

- 2. Neighbours are rich and poor,  
Varied in colour and race,  
Neighbours are near and far away.**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbours we have from you.**

- 3. These are the ones we should serve.  
These are the ones we should love,  
All are neighbours to us and you.**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbours we have from you.**

- 4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with you.**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
Show us how to serve  
The neighbours we have from you.**

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## **Prayers of the People**

### **Parting Hymn: Voices United # 336**

*"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

*(Tune "Dix" VU #226)*

- 1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**
- 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till thy inward light impart.  
Glad my eyes and warm my heart.**
- 3. Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.**

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Music: David Evans 1927  
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## **Commissioning & Benediction: (responsive)**

One: Go forth in the grace of Christ.

**All: We rejoice in his grace.**

One: Go forth in the light of Christ.

**All: We walk in his light.**

One: God forth in the love of Christ.

**All: We serve in his love.**

**May God, the fount of all Wisdom, bless you  
and guide you this day and always.**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude**

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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.**

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## **Celebration Candle**



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

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. \*\****

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Thank you to our guest Worship leader today, Barb DeJeet. We appreciate your leadership, time, and dedication.

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

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Canadian Blood Services are holding a Blood Donor Clinic on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6pm at the Firehall Theatre. Book your appointment at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca).

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## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

### **Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

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

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Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – 10:30 am Service - Epiphany Sunday**

**Worship Leader; Barb Dejeet**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> – Guest Worship Leader, Barb Dejeet**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Guest Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Guest Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson**

### **Important Information**

*Until further notice, Worship services will be held virtually on our YouTube Channel.*

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

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

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

***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.***



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