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The 2023 Directory are out on the table in the Narthex

If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



"The Church Inside the Rock" – (Geghard Monastery, Armenia)- Sep. 28, 2018 - by: Rev. Takouhi

***Where Everyone is Part of the Family
&
Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event***



Grace United Church

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November 19, 2023 - Order of Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Restorative Justice Sunday

&

Universal Children's Sunday - Mon, Nov 20, 2023

*World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and **improving children's welfare....**¹*

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude

Welcome –Brian Brooks

Land Acknowledgement (Responsive):

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

*"God's Kin_dom is all about **Feeding** the hungry, **Curing** the sick, **Blessing** the meek and **Serving** the least – In God's Realm calculated fear is abolished and in giving away, INTEREST is gained..."*

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To seek justice,
to love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.**

One: Who are we called to be?

**All: We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others.**

One: Why do we gather for worship?

**All: We gather as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves**



**to God's still, small voice of comfort, and
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

One: Let us worship God together!

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise Voices United #220

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:

gladly with praise we adore him.

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Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch 1665, desc. Craig Sellar Lang 1964
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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All):

Creator God, you have made each of us in your image,
and yet we fail to reflect your love and justice.
You have created every child in your image,
and yet we don't treat every child as a precious reflection of you.
We see some children as valued treasures,
and others as lost causes.
We invest our time, money, and hopes in some children,
while we squander the great potential of others.
Open our eyes, we pray, to see that every child
is made in your image and belongs to you.
Help us to love, protect, and nurture all children.
We pray these things
in the name of the One who came to us as a child.
Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Song Praise & Thanksgiving: More Voices #157

"I Am a Child of God"

Verse 1

I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,

I am a child of God.

Verse 2

I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.

Verse 3

I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice,
I am an angry voice.

Verse 4

I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.

Verse 5

I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Amos, the Farmer Prophet" (Based on Amos – selected verses)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #575

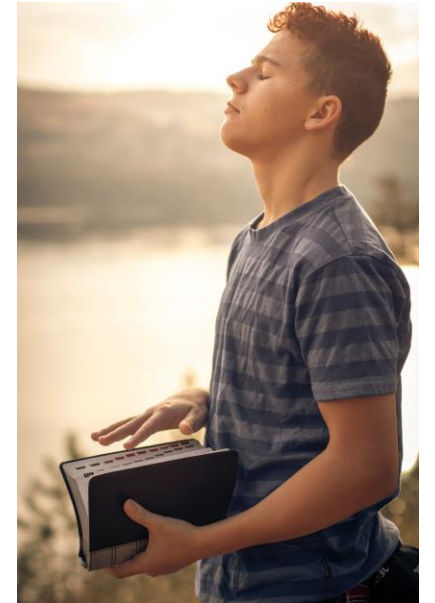
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Words and music: African-American spiritual

Music arr. Wendell Whalum

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Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Reader: God offers to us, through prophets and apostles,
words of life which in faith become the Living Word.

All: Let us listen for that Living Word.

Gospel of Matthew 25:14-29 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Talents

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in

the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

Reader: Here ends today’s reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Whisper to My Heart - Joseph Martin*

Life Lesson: *“Enter into the JOY of Your Master...”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Song of Hope & Healing Voices United # 400

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (x3)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your 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 and Healing

The Lord's Prayer

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,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Your Generosity Matters: "Why I Give" – Chuck Galway

Invitation to Giving & Sharing

Each day of our lives we are presented with opportunities to respond to God's love and give of ourselves in faithful service. There are many ways to give, each according to our own abilities, all gifts working together for the sake of the mission and ministry entrusted to us by God. You are invited to give, as able, to support the work of God through this Community of Faith.

Offertory Song: 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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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope & Going Forth Voices United #606

"In Christ There is No East or West"

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

Music: "St. Peter", Alexander Robert Reinagle ca. 1830 . Public domain.

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune - Jas. Nares (1715-1783)*

Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. Thank you for joining us.

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 Rev. Takouhi or the church office if there is someone you know who is in need or a visit, in hospital or any other needs.

NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.

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.

Happy Birthday this week to Carolyn Scott, Murray Roantree and Bud Wooding.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque. 120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7,

e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms (Included in Bulletin)

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf

by CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

Advent Decorating

Come and help transform our sanctuary as we prepare for the Advent season. **Tuesday, November 28 at 1 p.m.**

Many hands make light work!

Gananoque Food Access Network – Getting Ready for Christmas

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023, Getting Ready for Christmas

Enjoy the smells and sounds of our pre-Christmas session...cookies, squares, goodies galore, hints for preparing inexpensive special Christmas fare from our special Chefs Julie and Reg. Christmas music will be in the air!

Time: 4pm for those who want to learn how to make the rolls and desserts

5:30pm for those who are unable to participate in the cooking process

5:45pm: Food will be served!

Call Marian@613-382-0165 to reserve your spot

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings November 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent	Anniversary
Nov 5	66	\$ 2062.50	\$ 207.50	\$20.00	\$110.00
Nov 12	42	\$ 657.50	\$ 152.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Nov 19					
Nov 26					
PAR					
BMO					

Thank you for your generosity.

UCW meeting on Monday November 20th at 1:30 pm. They will be making Their annual Christmas cards for shut-ins. Everyone is asked to bring a few cookies to share. All ladies are welcome.

Christmas Pie for Sale

There is a great variety of pies available. Don't miss out on your favourite variety. Order now for Christmas.

Mincemeat & raisin for our winter orders. (quantity limited)

Bumbleberry, Apple, Peach, Blueberry,
Strawberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Rhubarb,
Cherry Raisin, Mincemeat

\$15 Each

Raspberry \$20 each

Pick up date for Christmas Orders is Dec 21, 3 to 6 pm

Our Annual Red Wagon Food Drive will begin on November 26th.

Here is a list of items for each date.

Monetary Gifts are also appreciated.



November 26th - Personal Items, Cleaning products

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Feminine products, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Household Cleaning products.

December 3rd - Breakfast Items

Various Cereal, Oatmeal, Instant Oatmeal, Jams & Jellies, Peanut Butter, & Peanut Butter substitutes, Pancake Mix and syrup.

December 10th Canned goods

Tuna, Salmon, Flaked Chicken or Ham, Spam, Vegetables, Tomatoes, Chunky Soups, Stews, Mayonnaise, Ketchup.

December 17th - Snack Items & Miscellaneous.

Juice Boxes, Kids snack packs, Peanut free snacks, Granola bars, Crackers, Cookies, Popcorn, Cake mixes.

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd

Donations of NEW or GENTLY USED ITEMS appreciated for the Raffle Table & Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a "Theme" Basket for the Market, please contact Laurie or sign the sheet at the back of the church. We will also need Baked Goods for our Bake Table, cakes, cookies, squares, fudge, breads etc.

Anyone who would like to help with this event is welcome. We need helpers for cleanup, servers, kitchen helpers, bake table, ticket sellers. Sign-up Sheets at the back of the church.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, November 19 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, November 20 10 – 11:30 1 pm 6:30 pm	Office 8am to 1 pm CPHC – Fall Prevention UCW Meeting YOGA
Tuesday, November 21 8 am - noon 9 – Noon 5:30 to 7:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Pie Makers Quilters Bootcamp/Zumba
Wednesday, November 22 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm 4:45 pm	Office Closed Seniors Association - French Class YOGA The Way Forward
Thursday, November 23 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am to 1 pm Bootcamp/Zumba
Friday, November 24 10 – 11:30 am 10:00 am 7:30pm	Office 8am to 1pm CPHC Fall Prevention Market Meeting Bob Burtch - Concert
Saturday, November 25	Office Closed
Sunday, November 26 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Barb DeJeet

Rev. Takouhi will be away on Study Leave from November 20-29, to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

For any pastoral emergencies, you may still contact Rev. Takouhi, as there are no available ministers or lay pastoral care leaders to substitute.

However, Barb DeJeet will be leading worship on November 26.

Pass the word, invite friends and come hear the Good News of God through a different voice.

Bob Burtch and his bluegrass band feature some of North America's finest bluegrass players. Bob, known as a top bluegrass mandolin player, plays to sold out crowds everywhere he performs. Now is a rare opportunity to see him play and sing live.

**Grace United Church
Gananoque**

**BOB BURTCH
BLUEGRASS**

Bob Burtch - Mandolin, Guitar, Vocals
Wayne Abrams - Guitar, Vocals • Mary Abrams - Vocals
Shawn Kellett - Fiddle • Ted Pelow - Banjo • Bill Lansdell - Bass

Friday, Nov. 24, 2023
Grace United Church
120 Pine St., Gananoque
7:30 p.m.
Tickets - \$25
Available at the 1000 Islands Visitors Centre
10 King Street East, Gananoque
or call the Church Office 613-382-2161
Visit Grace United Facebook page for a link to purchase tickets by Credit Card
Proceeds to support Grace United Church ministries

**This Friday
Don't miss
this Concert.**