

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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.



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



Grace United Church

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November 26, 2023 - Order of Worship

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Worship Leader – Barb DeJeet

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "St. Columba"*

Welcome – Denise Woods

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:

"Wisdom and truth, touch our hearts and open our minds when we open ourselves to Christ."

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: We live in a world that often distorts what it means to be created in the image of God.

All: Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

One: We live in a world that values popularity more than humility.

All: Come. Jesus, come. Savior of the nations, come among us.

One: We live in a world where some lives are valued more than others.

All: Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

One: We live in a world where humanity is groaning for new possibilities and hope.

All: Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

One: Aware of the world we live in, let us welcome Jesus as we worship today.

Kelly Sprinkle, United Community Church United Church of Christ, Carthage, N.Y.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United # 273

“The King of Love”

- 1) The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.
- 2) Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
- 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.
- 4) In Death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and stall my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5) Thou spread’st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From they 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!

Words: Henry Williams Baker, 1868

Music: (Tune: Dominus Regit Me) John Bacchus Dykes, 1868

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(Please be seated)

OPENING PRAYER: (responsive)

One: Jesus, come into our lives,

All: as a friend and not a king.

One: Teach us your ways of peace and love.

All: Remind us that we will not be condemned when we struggle.

One: You offer us direction in our living,

All: not rules or edicts to follow.

One: Help is to partner with creation,

All: and not try to govern it with and overpowering hand.

One: Jesus, we know you reign in our lives as a shepherd
who gives gentle guidance without controlling us.

**All: May this worship empower us to nurture the Christ
within us all.**

Natasha Pearen, Trinity-St. Stephen’s U.C., Amherst, N.S.

(Please stand as able)

PSALM 100 Voices United 820

“Make a Joyful Noise”

Refrain Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with song!

- 1) Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song!

Refrain *Make a joyful noise all the earth!*
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with song!

- 2) Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the Holy Name.
Worship your God with a song!

Refrain *Make a joyful noise all the earth!*
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with song!

- 3) Ages through endless ages,
Seasons of endless years,
The love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song!

Refrain *Make a joyful noise all the earth!*
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with song!

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Time with Youth and Young at Heart

SCRIPTURE: Holy One, as we open your word, open our minds.
Help us receive, recognize, and apply the message you have for us
today. AMEN

Scripture Reader: Marilyn Belbin

Matthew 25: 31-46 "The Final Judgment"

"When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Away from me, you that are

under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.' Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life."

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *My Tribute / To God Be the Glory - arr. Ed Lojeski*

Life Lesson: "Are we ready for what happens next?!"

RESPONDING HYMN: Voices United # 600

"When I needed a Neighbour"

- 1) When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 2) I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?

- 3) I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 4) When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?
- 5) Wherever you travel I'll be there,
I'll be there.
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

Words: Sydney Carter 1962

Music: Sydney Carter, harm. Cantate Domino, full-music edition

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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" – Pamela Shea

Invitation to Giving & Sharing

With hearts wide open, with spirits ready to serve and give, let us bring our gifts and treasures to share with those in need of God's love.

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.

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.
Music: Johann Balthasa König 1738. adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1847.
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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)

Closing Hymn: Voices United # 213

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

1 Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

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- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. **R**
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. **R**
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley 1746, alt.
Music: John Darwall 1770
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Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Prelude No. 4 in F - J.S. Bach*

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 Denise Woods

Happy 56th Wedding Anniversary to Brian & Linda Brooks

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

PAR Forms have been included in this week's bulletin. PAR donations are taken directly out of you bank account, once a month. You decide where and how much money you would like to contribute. If you have questions, please speak with Laurie.

by Credit Card 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.

Annual Congregation Christmas Breakfast

Plans are underway for the annual Congregation Christmas Breakfast. He Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 17th, prior to service. All are invited. We would like to have an idea of how many to prepare for. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The cost will be by donation.

White Gift Sunday – December 3rd

Next Sunday, is white gift Sunday, Monetary Donations will go to the Christmas for Kids. A local project that matches families and children in our community with a gift. They also receive pajamas toothbrush, toothpaste a boardgame, and books. Contributions will be recorded on our Christmas Tree with a white tag.

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,	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.

Sign-up Sheets at the back of the church for baked goods, baskets and helpers. Items can be dropped off on Friday, December 2, by 1pm or early Saturday morning.

Music Concerts

Melodia Christmas, Saturday, December 2nd, 7:30pm

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Cost Free Will Donation. Proceeds to the Food Bank

Gananoque Choral Society Concert

Saturday, December 9th, 7:30 pm at Grace United Church

Or – Sunday, December 10th, 2:30 pm, at Lansdowne United Church.

Cost: Adults \$15, Family \$30, Children \$5

Thank you to our guest Worship Leader this morning, Barb DeJeet. We appreciate your time and dedication.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, November 26 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, November 27 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	Office 8am to 1 pm CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
Tuesday, November 28 8 am - noon 9 – Noon 5:30 to 7:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Pie Makers Quilters Bootcamp/Zumba
Wednesday, November 29 3:30 pm 4:45 pm	Office Closed YOGA The Way Forward
Thursday, November 30 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am to 1 pm Bootcamp/Zumba
Friday, December 1 10 – 11:30 am 10:00 am	Office 8am to 1pm CPHC Fall Prevention Set up
Saturday, December 2 10:00am to 2:00pm	Office Closed Christmas Market
Sunday, December 3 White Gift Sunday 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Rev. Takouhi

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.