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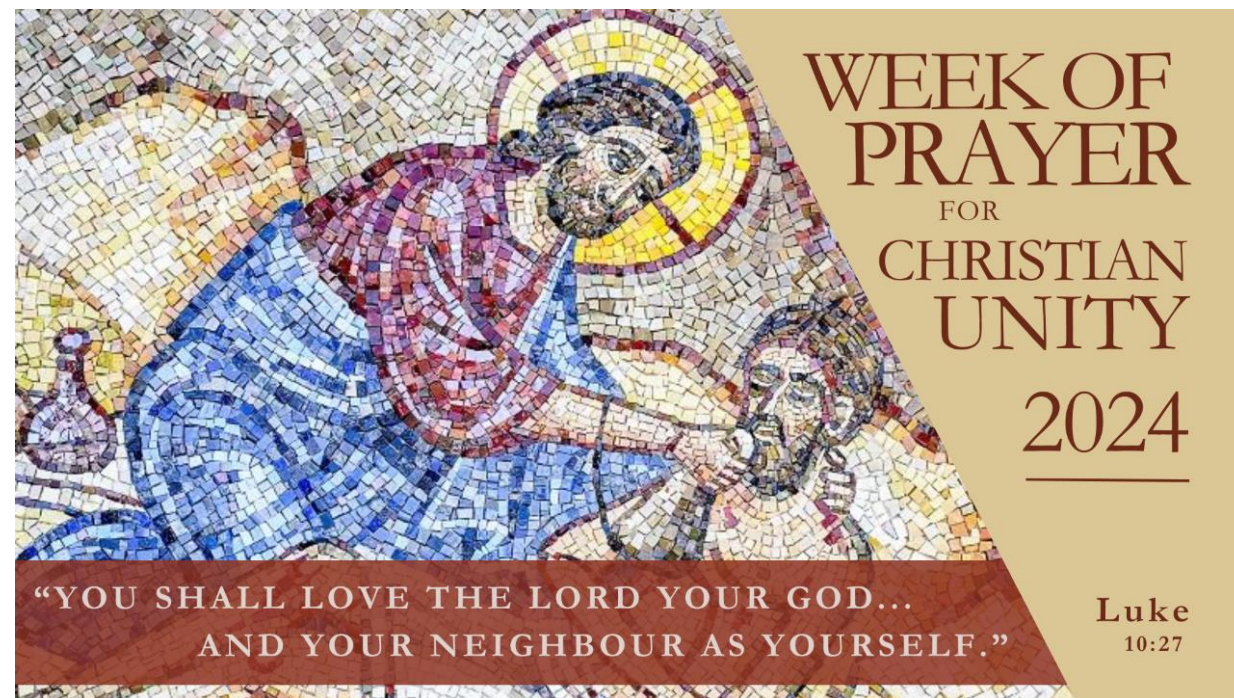
If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

<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.

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/2023/2023-06-05-texts-for-2024-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.html

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



**Joint Worship Celebration
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
&
Grace United Church**

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

Ordained Ministers

Rev. Dave Berkers & Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

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January 21, 2024 - Order of Worship

**Third Sunday after Epiphany - Ecumenical Sunday
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25)**

WE GATHER AS ADVENT PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: (Piano and Organ) – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
John Wyeth; arr. Tedd Smith, Don Hustad.

Welcome – Denise Wood

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:

*"You shall **love** the Lord your God ...
and your neighbour as yourself"
(Luke 10:27)"*



Lighting the Christ Candle

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Call (Responsive)¹:

One: God our rock and our salvation.

All: We will not be shaken!

One: Trust in God at all times, O people.

All: We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.

One: Today, let us turn to God and accept the good news.

All: We will listen for Christ's call and follow him.



¹ <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/> - January 12, 2024

Gathering Song – Song of Praise - Voices United #238

“(O Lord, My God) How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Words: Carl Gustav Boberg ca 1885, Eng. trans. Stuart K. Hine ca 1939

Music: Swedish melody, arr. Stuart K. Hine 1949

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Gathering Prayer (All)¹:

We thank you for the many colours, cultures, and customs
that we share in this world.

In our differences, unite us by your love.

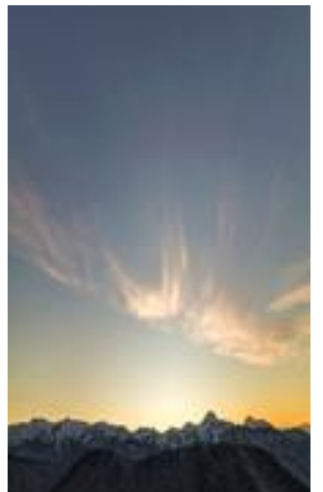
Enable us to act together to uphold life

and to make this world a just and peaceful household
for all humanity.

Today we ask you:

O God, hear our prayer and grant us your peace.

Amen



¹ <https://united-church.ca/prayers/our-differences-unite-us> - January 12, 2024

WE SEEK WISDOM

(Please stand as able)

Song of Unity Voices United #331

"The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone 1866; adapt. Laurence Hall Stookey 1983

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer for Understanding ¹ (All):

God of new life, your Word can change lives with mercy and purpose.
Send your Holy Spirit to help us hear your Word
with its potential to change our lives
as we follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. **Amen**

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey – *Grace United*

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:1-8 (NRSV)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

¹ <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/> - January 13, 2024



Second reading

Scripture Reader: Ardie Archer - *St. Andrew's*

Gospel of Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



Reader: For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: for the Sacred Story is our story,

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem – *The Gift of Love* – Hal Hopson

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Life Lesson - *Rev. Dave*

(Please stand as able)

Song of Assurance: Voices United #333

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (verses 1 & 2)

1. Love divine, all loves 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.
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.

(Please be seated)

Life Lesson - Rev. Takouhi

(Please stand as able)

Song of Assurance Voices United #333

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (verses 1 & 3)

1. Love divine, all loves 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.
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

Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1838

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(Please be seated)

Prayers of Hope and Healing – Rev. Dave & Rev. Takouhi

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers -(VU 960).

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.**

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters

A Glimpse of God's Ministries Through us:

The Presbyterian Church in Canada & The United Church of Canada

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Jesus said, it is better to give than to receive.

*As followers of Jesus, we give our best as able from our
Time, Talents and Finances for the Glory of God.*

(Please stand as able)

Offertory Song: Voices United # 541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving – (All):

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given.
Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to
let go of the things we do not, finally, own. As everything we have and
hold are temporary, but Your Love is Eternal. **Amen**

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

Song of Commitment & Going Forth: Voices United #509

"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)"

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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Commissioning & Benediction – Rev. Dave & Rev. Takouhi

Threefold Amen - Danish

Postlude: (Organ and Paino) – *We are Marching to Zion*
Robert Lowry - Arr. Tedd Smith, Don Hustard

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 Cliff Edwards & Marjory Clark

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

Church Board Meetings

Stewards Meeting – Tuesday, January 23rd – 10:00 am

Official Board Meeting – Sunday, January 28th – Following Service.

Annual Congregation Meeting – Date to be Confirmed.

Memory Tree.

\$645.00 was raised through your generous donations to the Memory Tree. People may pick up their ornament after Sunday morning’s service. They are located on the table with the 2024 Donation envelopes.

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES. 2024 Envelopes are out and ready for pick up.

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

Offerings January 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Jan 7	27	\$ 712.50	\$ 157.50	
Jan 14		Service Cancelled due to weather.		
Jan 21				
Jan 28				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

There are many ways you can partner up with God’s Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque.

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Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms are located on the table in the Narthex.

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

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

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

THANK YOU to Murray Roantree, Brian Brooks, Raymond Shea, Chuck Galway and others for clearing the upstairs office area. It looks amazing and was a huge job. We appreciate all that you have done and continue to do for Grace United Church.

Are you interested in sitting on one of the church boards?

Session, & Stewards, Trustees, welcome new members. Session is responsible for the Spiritual representation of Grace United. The Board of Stewards are responsible for the Finances of Grace United. Trustees are responsible for all property that is held in Trust for the United Church of Canada. To join a Board, nominees need to be approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February. *Need more information, speak to one of the Board Chairs, listed on the back cover of the Order of Service.*



**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**
Tuesday February 13th
4:30 to 6:30pm
Grace United Church Hall.
Cost - Donation



World Day of Prayer

Friday March 1st, 2024
At 2:00pm
Hosted by Christ Church
30 Church St., Gananoque
All are welcome

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, January 21 10:30 am Joint Worship Celebration with St. Andrew's Church	Office Closed Worship Leaders, Rev. Takouhi & Dave Berkers
Monday, January 22 6:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm YOGA
Tuesday, January 23 9am – 12pm 10:00 am 3:30 – 4:30 5:30 – 7:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Stewards Meeting YOGA Boot Camp / Zoomba
Wednesday, January 24 9am to 12 pm	Office Closed Seniors – Beginner French (9-10:30) Step 2 French (10:30 – 12)
Thursday, January 25 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 to 7:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – Pilates (1:30-2:30) Chair YOGA (3:30 – 4:30) Boot Camp / Zoomba (5:30-7:30)
Friday, January 26 2pm	Office 8am – 1pm FoxRun Chaple Service 2pm
Saturday, January 27	Office Closed
Sunday, January 28 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leaders, Rev. Takouhi