

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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



Photo by: Rev. Takouhi – October 1, 2024 – God's Banner Over the entire World is Love... Portland, ON.

Where Everyone is Part of the Family

&

Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event

*(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else
You never know how you will Bless them)*



Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

Director of Music

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

Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Order of Worship

WE GATHER WITH THE SAINTS OF THE PAST & THE FUTURE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Sine nomine"*

Welcome – Shirley Clark

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

*"If entering into God's sphere **requires one to leave something at the altar, as it were, one also leaves the altar** with something sacred: **a blessing from the Lord...**"*

Rolf Jacobson

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: We gather here this morning in God's presence and in the midst of the communion of saints

All: to remember all those who have died,

One: to do more than remember.

All: Together, we acknowledge the loneliness we still feel.

One: We come to give thanks for the lasting influence they have in our lives.

All: We come seeking God's transforming power,

One: that we may carry on the caring work begun by them in God's name.

All: Let us join our hearts, voices, lives and actions together with all the saints throughout time as we worship God this day!

Bev Leadbeater, Rock Lake P.C., Crystal City, Man.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #705

"For All the Saints"

(Please be seated)

Invitation to Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession (All): We come into your presence today, O God, confessing lives that fall short of your wishes for us. Jesus cautioned us to count the cost of faithful living before embarking on a journey of new life in the Spirit. He warned that such a life may be marked by rejection from family, scorn in the community, and shunning by those bound to rigidly follow religious laws and tradition. On this Sunday, which we set aside to remember Christian saints and pray for all who are persecuted for their faith today, we realize that too often we have counted the cost and decided not to pay. Living according to our Saviour's example of humility and simplicity just doesn't make sense when we can afford better. Turning the other cheek does not seem an effective way to demonstrate your sovereignty. Caring for the least of your children would be a good idea if we could be sure it didn't enable what we consider sinful behaviour that keeps them sick and in prison. Forgive us for second-guessing your grace, Lord. Cleanse us from worldly judgments that mock your divine rule. Turn us into your obedient children. Let your reign begin in our hearts. **Amen.**

Carol E. Bayma, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia



Assurance of God's Love



WE REFLECT ON THE SACRED STORIES

Responsive Psalm 24 : Voices United #751

Refrain:

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

The earth is God's, and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live upon it.

**For God founded it upon the seas,
planted it firm over the waters beneath.**

Refrain:

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Who may ascend the mountain of God?

Who may stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not set their minds on deceit,
nor made false promises;**

they shall receive God's blessing,
righteousness from the God who will save them.

**Such are those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Refrain:

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

It is God, valiant and strong,

God, who is mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates!

**Lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
that the One who rules in glory may enter.**

Who rules in glory?

**It is God of hosts,
God who rules in glory.**

Refrain:

Lift up your heads, that God who rules in glory enter may.

Music: Andrew Mitchell Thomson, arr. F.R.C. Clarke 1974

Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Book of Revelation 21:1-6a (NRSVUE)

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

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: *My Tribute - Andrae Crouch*

Life Lesson: *"Saints: Not because of Who We are, But
Because of Who GOD is!"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Assurance: More Voices #90

"Don't Be Afraid" (Sung Twice)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,

my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger

and I have promised, promised to be always near.

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers -(Spoken)

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.**

Your Generosity Matters:

Accompanying Young Adults Through Transformative Years



Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to God

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

Our Offerings are Received - Music

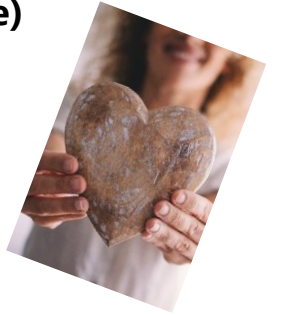
(Please stand as able)

Offertory Song: Voices United #509

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Refrain Only – Sung Twice)

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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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #713

"I See a New Heaven"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude:

Prelude No. 2 in D minor - 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 Bill and Happy 52nd Anniversary to John & Helen.

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 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/>

WRITE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPE

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

Offerings October 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Oct 6	47	\$ 1587.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 10.00
Oct 13	31	\$ 1566.00	\$ 170.00	
Oct 20	27	\$ 953.75	\$ 202.50	
Oct 27	50	\$ 2412.50	\$ 332.50	\$ 11.50
BMO		\$ 550.	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
PAR		\$ 1795.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Coming up at Grace United...

Monday, November 4 9 to 10 am 6 – 7 pm	Office Closed Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, November 5 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, November 6 9 to 10 am 5:30 – 7:30	Office Closed Better Balance BootCamp/Zumba
Thursday, November 7 10:30 am	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice
Friday, November 8 2:00pm 9 to 10 am	Office 8am – 1pm FoxRun Chapel Service Better Balance
Saturday, November 9	Office Closed
Sunday, November 10	Worship Leader: Rev Takouhi

Tickets still available



188 years Strong
Grace United Church
120 Pine St., Gananoque
Anniversary Lunch
Sunday, November 3rd
12:30
followed by a
Slide Presentation
on the
Fire of '79

Tickets \$20.00
Tickets available through the Church Office;
Gananoque Visitors Centre; Beggars Banquet Books
and at the door. (cash only)
Limited Seating

Photo from the Collection of J.W. King

For our Christmas Market a success, we need your help. We will need donations of Baked goods for the Bake table, Volunteers to help with serving lunch, selling tickets and other various tasks. Donations of "NEW" item for the silent Auction and Raffle table. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Wood. Sign-up sheets are at the back.



Grace United Church
Annual Christmas Market
Saturday, November 30th
10:00 am to 2:00pm



merry
Christmas

Local Vendors with Crafts, Baked Goods, Candles, Coffee, Avon, Humane Society Table, Wood Working and so much more.
Silent Auction - Raffle table
Delicious Hot Lunch
All are Welcome
- Free Admission -

Our Next Fundraising Concert
November 22 at 7:30pm



MINSTREL
OF THE DAWN

The Music of GORDON LIGHTFOOT



Cliff Edwards



Jennifer Tindale



Paul Harding



Bob Arlidge



Rob Bradizza



Lisa Draper

Friday, November 22nd
7:30pm
Grace United Church
120 Pine St.,
Gananoque

Friday, November 22 at 7:30pm
Tickets are \$25 in Advance (\$30 at the door)
Available at Grace United Church - 613-382-2161
Gananoque Visitors Centre,
Beggars Banquet Books