

# 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-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg)

[R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg)

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

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***

*(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 24, 2024**

*Reign of Christ Sunday / Twenty-Seventh after Pentecost*

*Order of Worship*

**Worship Leader, Liz Church**

**WE GATHER WITH THE SAINTS OF THE PAST & THE FUTURE**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Trust and Obey" - Daniel Brink Towner*

**Welcome – Vicki Leakey**

### **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.*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise:** Voices United # 395

***Come In, Come In and Sit Down***

*(Please be seated)*

### **Opening Prayer (together)**

Eternal God, we gather this day to bring honor and glory to You. Be pleased with this offering of worship and praise. We seek Your Presence, here today, and always. Speak to us we pray. Amen.

### **Spiritual Focus**

Far beyond our feelings,  
we must use our will to align with the will of God

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

ONE: We light this candle in remembrance that Christ is the Light of the world.

**ALL: Let us take the light of Christ with us out into the world, and share God's love with those we meet**

### **Gathering Call (Responsive)**

One: Let your heart overflow with praise to the Eternal, for He is good.

**All: For His faithful love lasts forever.**

One: Praise the True God who reigns over all other gods.

**All: For His faithful love lasts forever.**

One: Praise the Lord who reigns over all other lords.

**All: For His faithful love lasts forever.**

## Invitation to Prayer of Confession

### WE REFLECT ON THE SACRED STORIES

#### **Song of Illumination: Voices United #678**

**For the Healing of the Nations** (Tune: Regent Square VU# 36)

#### **Scripture Reader: Christina Gordon**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

#### **Colossians 1: 1 – 12**

Greetings from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am an apostle because that is what God wanted. Greetings also from Timothy, our brother in Christ. To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Colossae. Grace and peace to you from God our Father. In our prayers we always thank God for you. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Him because we have heard about the faith you have in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all of God's people. Your faith and love continue because you know what is waiting for you in heaven—the hope you have had since you first heard the true message, the Good News that was told to you. Throughout the world, this Good News is bringing blessings and is spreading. And that's what has been happening among you since the first time you heard it and understood the truth about God's grace.

You heard it from Epaphras, our dear friend and co-worker. He is a faithful servant of Christ for us. He also told us about the love you have from the Spirit.

Since the day we heard these things about you, we have continued praying for you. This is what we pray: that God will make you

completely sure of what He wants by giving you all the wisdom and spiritual understanding you need; that this will help you live in a way that brings honor to the Lord and pleases Him in every way; that your life will produce good works of every kind and that you will grow in your knowledge of God; that God will strengthen you with His own great power, so that you will be patient and not give up when troubles come.

Then you will be happy and give thanks to the Father. He has made you able to have what He has promised to give all His holy people, who live in the light.

#### **Psalm 139: 1-6; 23, 24 The Message**

God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to You; even from a distance, You know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of Your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and You're there, then up ahead and You're there, too—Your reassuring presence, coming and going.

This is too much, too wonderful— I can't take it all in!

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for Yourself whether I've done anything wrong— then guide me on the road to Eternal 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:** *There is a Light* - Michael Barrett

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Living Lord, help us so to clearly hear Your Word this day so that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we will follow Your guidance for us. We seek to honor and glorify Your Name. Amen

**Reflection:** "Who is Going to Stir the Pot?"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**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:** *Gifts with Vision. A Gift to All*

**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)*

**Presentation of Offering - Offertory Song: Voices United #540**

*"Grant us, God, the Grace" (Tune "Hymn to Joy" VU# 232)*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

Words: Anonymous

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious Lord. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives, freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*



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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 578**

**“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”**

*(Tune: Hyfrydol VU# 333)*

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Love without limits. Live victoriously.

Spread joy as you go out into this fragmented, broken world.

Be joyful. Allow God’s light to be your guide.

**Benediction**

May you know God’s abiding love in your heart.

Feel His Presence as you walk through the days ahead.

You are God’s child and you are never alone.

Go Now in Peace

**Choral Benediction: Voices United 425**

**“God Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”**

**Organ Postlude:** *Finale on “Regent Square”*

*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 Murray and Bud.**

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](mailto: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](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/>

Decorating for Advent



**On Tuesday, November 26 at 1 p.m. we are looking for volunteers to help decorating the Sanctuary for Advent. Many hands make light work, and we have fun too. 😊**



Don't forget about our FundScrip Program. By ordering gift cards, you also give back to Grace United Church. There are order forms in the Narthex and some great promotions on now. Gift card order can be sent right to your home. Need help, ask Denise Wood or Laurie.

**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 November 2024**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)	Anniversary
Nov 3	33	\$ 722.50	\$ 177.50	\$ 26.50	\$ 70.00
Nov 10	36	\$1787.50	\$ 307.50	\$ 26.50	\$ 20.00
Nov 17	36	\$ 1617.50	\$ \$177.50	\$ 26.50	\$ 20.00
Nov 24					
BMO					
PAR					

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

**Daily Prayers for Advent: the UCW are selling devotional pamphlets for \$5 each. A daily read during Advent. These are available at the back of the Church**

**UCW Christmas Lunch.**

The UCW Christmas lunch is scheduled for Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm at the Gananoque Curling Club. Lunch is \$20 and will include Chicken pot pie, salad & dessert. *(All the ladies of the church are welcome to attend, you do not need to be a UCW member.)* There will also be a Secret Santa for those who wish to participate (max \$20). Contact Denise by December 10<sup>th</sup> to confirm your spot. 613-876-7739

**Next Saturday – hope you can join us!**

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 30<sup>th</sup>  
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 -

Rev. Takouhi Will be away from November 11 – 27<sup>th</sup>, on Study Leave to Prepare for Advent and Christmas. For Pastoral Care Emergencies to Contact Liz Church 902-441-5357

Rev. Takouhi has taken a new position serving Trinity United Church in Smiths Falls. This will be much easier for her, as it is closer to her family. Rev. Takouhi's last service for Grace United will be on Christmas Eve.

On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> following service there will be a farewell luncheon for Rev Takouhi, catered by the Roast Beef Company. All are invited. Cost by donation.

### Red Wagon Food Bank

Our Annual Red Wagon Food Bank begins this Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and goes until December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### November 24<sup>th</sup> - Personal Items, Cleaning products

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

#### December 1<sup>st</sup> - Breakfast Items

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

#### December 8<sup>th</sup> Canned Goods

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

#### December 15<sup>th</sup> - Snack Items & Miscellaneous.

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

**NOTE: Cash Donations are always appreciated.**



### Gananoque & Area Community Kitchen Christmas Baking – November 27, 2024



Join them as they decorate cookies for Christmas, followed by a meal of soup & rolls.

The event starts at 3:30 pm. All are welcome.

Call Marion at 613-382-0165 to confirm your spot and so they can prepare enough supplies.

### Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, November 25 9 to 10 am 6 – 7 pm	Office 8 to 1pm Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, November 26 9am – 12pm 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Pies PILATES
Wednesday, November 27 3:30 – 7:30 pm 9 to 10 am	Office Closed Community Kitchen Better Balance
Thursday, November 28 9 to 10 am 10:30 am	Office 8am – 1pm Better Balance Choir Practice
Friday, November 29 9 to whenever 4 to 6pm	Office 8am – 1pm Set up for Market Vendors set up
Saturday, November 30 10am to 2pm	Office Closed Christmas Market
December 1 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Office Closed Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi