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**Bulletin Dedication**

Today's bulletin, in loving memory of  
Robert Belbin.

Robert passed on December 28, 2005  
Celebration of Robert's life was on January 3rd. 2006  
from Grace United Church.

Always Remembered. Always Loved.  
From Marilyn and family.

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



***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

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

January 5, 2025

Epiphany

Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

**WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE**

**Organ Prelude:** *Meditation on "Regent Square"* -  
Henry Thomas Smart

**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**

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**Centering Music:** (*We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*)

### Spiritual Focus:

Nothing can dim the light the shines within...  
*Maya Angelou*

**Lighting the Christ Candle** (*The Christ candle is lit.*)

**Call to Worship** *Isaiah 60: 1-6*

**Arise! Shine! For your light has come!**

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you,  
For we may be in the shadows of the Winter  
Solstice,**

**But the light of God will arise upon you.**

**And God's glory will appear with wealth and  
majesty,**

**Proclaiming God's praise.**

**Prayer of Approach** (*Nora Vedress, Prince Albert, Sask.*)

**Eternal God,**

**You are the one who shatters the despair and  
hopelessness. You place a star in the sky as a  
guide, and you lead us to find new life in  
unknown places. We gather in worship this day to  
give thanks for the light your presence offers, the  
confidence your love gives and the sanctuary your  
peace places before us. Bathe us in your light this  
day and help us feel the warmth of your love in  
this community of hope.**

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*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United 36**  
***Angels From The Realms Of Glory***

*(Please be seated)*

**WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

**Time for Youth and Young at Heart**

Walking with Camels

**Prayer for the Young at Heart**

*Please stand as able*

**WE REFLECT ON THE SACRED STORIES**

**Song of Illumination: Voices United 82**  
***A Light Is Gleaming***

**Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

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

**Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 The Visit of the Magi**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief

priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. "When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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:** *Whisper To My Heart*  
- David Angerman / Joseph Martin

**Life Lesson:** *Just Keep On Shining Your Light ...*  
Tammy Fergusson

**Song of Assurance: Voices United 55**  
*In the Bleak Midwinter*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**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  
forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Your Generosity Matters:**

*Reflecting on the Past, Building a Future.*

**Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to 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.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

Public domain.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Like the wise ones so long ago,  
We bring gifts from our hearts  
to honour the Christ Child.**

**May these gifts that we give enrich  
your community;**

**May these gifts help illuminate  
your presence here on earth.**

*(Please be seated)*

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United 79**

***Arise Your Light Is Come***

**Sending Forth** *Mary Grant, Fredericton N.B.*

Our Creator God has been with us throughout this Service,  
Symbolized by the light of this candle.  
As we extinguish the candle,  
may God's Light go with us.

**Benediction**

And now,  
May you go with God's love  
With God's energizing Spirit  
Go into the world  
Carrying the Light of Christ.

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** *The Rejoicing - G.F. Handel*

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*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.

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**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 Vicki.**

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

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**Thank you to our worship Leader this morning, Licensed Lay Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson. We appreciate your time and dedication. Join us next Sunday as Mr. Paul Whitely leads our service.**

### Offerings December 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)	White Gift
Dec. 1	40	\$ 2024.65	\$ 227.50	\$ 26.50	
Dec. 8	35	\$ 992.50	\$ 177.50	\$ 26.50	\$ 100.00
Dec 15	58	\$1203.00	\$ 203.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 660.00
Dec 22	39	\$ 3202.50	\$ 512.50	\$ 102.50	\$ 150.00
Dec 24	75	\$ 731.70	\$ 20.00		
Dec 29		\$ 782.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 211.50	\$270.00*
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	
PAR		\$ 1791.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 20.00	

### 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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[grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

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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/>

**Undecorating the Church:** If you can assist with undecorating will happen on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. and your help would be most appreciated. Contact Barb Jenkins or the church office.

*Philippians 4:7*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
January 5	Tammy Fergusson
January 12	Paul Whitely
January 19	Tammy Fergusson
January 26	Norma Wrightly
February 2	Tammy Fergusson
February 9	Charlotte Hoy
February 16	Norma Wrightly
February 23	Tammy Fergusson

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

Monday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> 9 to 10 am 6 to 7 pm	Office Closed Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office Closed Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 to 10 am	Office Closed Better Balance
Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, January 10 <sup>th</sup> 9 to 10 am	Office 8am – 1pm Better Balance
Saturday, January 11th	Office Closed
January 12 <sup>th</sup> Worship Service 10:30am	Office Closed Worship Leader: Paul Whitely