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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.

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 12, 2025

Baptism of Jesus

Worship Leader, Paul Whiteley

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: Meditation on Winchester New

Welcome: Mary Haussler

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:

Contrary to popular belief, baptism is not a sign of a believer's faithfulness, but a sign of God's.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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

Call to Worship (*United Methodist Church, Montana*)

God of love, the clear waters of your grace swirl around us.

The stream of your love flows from deep springs to the sea, from here to the ends of the earth, from ancient generations to those yet to come.

We sink deep in your blessing.

We let your presence wash over us.

Bathe us in the waters of your grace.

Prayer of Approach (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes, United Methodist Church, Montana*)

One: Thus says Yahweh, who created you:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

All: Creator God, we greet you!

One: "You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you."

All: Christ, Love of God, we thank you!

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One: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you"

**All: Holy Spirit, be with us now and always!
Alleluia! May we be your Beloved, in whom
you are well pleased. Alleluia!**

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United # 20

"On Jordan's Bank"

(Please be seated)

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time for Youth and Young at Heart

Prayer for the Young at Heart

Please stand as able

WE REFLECT ON THE SACRED STORIES

Song of Illumination: More Voices # 138

"My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

Scripture Reader: Dave Charles

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22:

The Baptism of Jesus

And as the people had great expectations and wondered in their hearts about Yohanan, whether he might be the mashiah, Yohanan answered them all, saying, "I wash you with water, but one is coming who is stronger than I, and I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will immerse you in holy spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in hand to clean out the threshing floor and to gather the grain into his storehouse, but the chaff he will burn up in quenchless fire."

Now it happened that in washing all the people and also Yeshua while he was praying, the sky opened and the holy spirit descended on him in the bodily form of a dove. A voice came out of the sky, saying: *You are my son whom I love. In you I am pleased.* Here ends the first reading.

Acts 8:14-17: Receiving the Holy Spirit

When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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: Lamb of God

- Beethoven, arr. Angerman

Life Lesson: *Where God's Favor Rests ...* Paul Whiteley

Song of Assurance: Voices United # 375

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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:

Grace United & Our Community – Colleen Harding

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

(Please be seated)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 376

"Spirit of the Living God"

Sending Forth *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes, United Methodist Church, Montana)*

We are baptized with Christ, and the Spirit of God is upon us to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to the oppressed.

The Spirit drives us into the wilderness, into the world, into the arms of God.
Send us, then, God, in the name and the Spirit and the company of Jesus. Amen.

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Menuet* - G.F. Handel

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 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 Gayle.

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

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

2025 Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. If you can not find your envelopes or would like envelopes. Please contact Laurie 613-382-2161.

Offerings January 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Jan 5	32	\$ 797.50	\$ 126.50	\$ 27.50
Jan 12				
Jan 19				
Jan 26				
BMO				
PAR				

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.

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 CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

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

**Notice of Official Board Meeting
Sunday, January 26th, following service**

**Our Next Concert
February 7th, at 7:30pm**

"The Best of Folk"

**Featuring the music of
Gordon Lightfoot, Ian Tyson,
Peter, Paul & Mary,**

**The Kingston Trio, Pete Seeger,
Bob Dylan and other iconic artists
of the Folk Revival.**

**The musicians for the evening are, Cliff Edwards,
Paul Harding, Rob Bradizza & Robyn Ableson.**

**Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
Please join us for a wonderful evening of music.**



List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
January 12	Paul Whiteley
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 13th 9 to 10 am 6 to 7 pm	Office Closed Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, January 14th 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office Closed Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, January 15th	Office Closed
Thursday, January 16th	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, January 17th	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, January 18th	Office Closed
January 19th Worship Service 10:30am	Office Closed Worship Leader: Tammy Fergusson

Memory Tree

A very sincere thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Memory Tree this year.

We hope that you felt comfort and blessed, knowing that your loved ones were remembered in this way.

Money contributed will be used to further the work of Grace United Church in this community.

Names of those on the Memory Tree

Cheryl O'Leary

Robert Belbin

Elsie and Doug Garrah

Gerald and Ina Scott. (Paul)

Gerald and Ina Scott (Nancy)

Clara and Charles Belbin

Aunt Cheryl (from Avery, Anne &Conor)

Dick Abrams

Edwin and Ruth Clark

Vern Fielding

Janet Leakey, Paul Leakey

Don and Dorothy Brown

Donald & Norma Shorey

Lloyd Nuttall

Joan Batstone

Love you Mom Betty Brown

Gloria

Nancy Purvis

Allan Larkin

Louise and Maxwell Burt

Betty and Dick Charles

Marion, Bill and Mary McKinnon

Carolyn Wood age 3 years

We love you Rachael Smith, mom and dad

My beautiful girls Molly and Olivia, the sunshine of my life, who went too soon.

Amount of money contributed was \$365.00