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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-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg

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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** 

**Office Administrator** 

 $Mr.\ Paul\ Harding,\ {\tiny B.\ Mus.,\ B.\ Ed.}$ 

Laurie Cadue

# Grace United Church—February 23 2025 Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Tammy Fergusson, LLWL

#### WE GATHER AS A GRATEFUL PEOPLE

#### Prelude -

**Welcome** – Shirley Clark

# **Land Acknowledgement**

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.

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.

<u>Community in Action</u> - Birthdays and Anniversaries <u>Centering Music</u>

### **Spiritual Focus**

I know you got mountains to climb, but always stay humble and kind ...

Tim McGraw

# **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Call to Worship Psalm 37
Commit your way to the Lord;
Trust in God, and God will act.
God will exonerate you of your wrong-doings,
And you will once again begin to shine,
You will shine like the light of the noonday sun.

Gathering Hymn Voices United # 574 "Come, Let Us Sing of A Wonderful Love"

# **Prayer of the Day: (All)**

Glorious God,
We come together as your people.
We come as a praising people,
Singing your goodness;
We come as a praying people,
Bringing our needs, our joys;
We come as a listening people,
Opening to your Word.
Fill us with your love,
And empower us for faithful living.

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# A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart ...

The Joseph Story

#### We Reflect On The Sacred Stories

### <u>Hymn of Illumination</u> Voices United # 657 "He Leadeth Me"

#### **Invitation to Confession**

We are people of worth and value. When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation. Let us pray, putting our trust in the accepting grace of Christ.

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# **Prayer of Confession**

All: Merciful God.

We confess that we have sinned against you, In thought, word and deed,

By what we have done,

And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with all our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy forgive what we have been.

Help us to amend what we are,

And direct what we shall be; That we may delight in your will And walking your ways; Through Jesus Christ.

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#### **Words of Assurance**

No matter where we are, God is there.

No matter what we have done, God forgives.

No matter our reluctance to accept God,

God accepted us.

With that assurance, receive forgiveness, And live in fullness and in hope.

### **Scripture Reader:** Gary Seitl

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

# **Scripture Reading** Luke 6: 27-38 (NIV) Love for Enemies

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if

you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

### **Judging Others**

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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:**: I Believe - Drake, Graham, Shirl, Stillman

Morning Message ... To Whom Shall I Forgive?

#### **Show Me What's Real**

written by Tim Hallman and Tammy Fergusson

<u>Hymn of Assurance</u> Voices United # 560 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

### **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

### **Lord's Prayer (together)**

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.** 

**Generosity Matters:** Hope in Action

### **Invitation to Offering**

Music and laughter, hands and minds, curiosity and compassion:
What an abundance of gifts we have!
All these gifts are symbolized in our givings today.
Let us commit ourselves in service as we worship God with our offering.

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# Offertory Hymn Voices United # 542 "We Give You But Your Own"

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.

Music: Johann Balthasa König 1738. adapt. William Henry

Havergal, 1847. Public domain.

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

All: Through these gifts, O God,
May all heed the voice of justice,
Hear the call to compassion,
Embrace the way of sharing,
And know solidarity with the loving Christ.

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# Closing Hymn Voices United # 635 "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me"

#### **Commissioning**

So as we leave here, we have the option of enduring the Hero's Journey with all injuries and hard knocks of life, or we can rise above it all into God's realm of compassion, mercy and grace.

#### **Benediction**

Now go to share the news of Great Love with all. Go to bear witness to the Song of the Spirit. Go to be a light of truth and unity. For the Holy One is with you, Today and always.

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto Ont.

#### **Choral Amen**

Postlude- Make Me a Channel of Your Peace ...

Doug Gifford and Tammy Fergusson



#### 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.

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 Dave Charles leads our 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 Connie.**

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

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

**Offerings February 2025** 

| Officinings i cordary 2025 |        |            |           |            |
|----------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Date                       | Attend | General    | M&S       | Benevolent |
|                            |        |            |           | (SGM)      |
| Feb 2                      | 30     | \$ 767.50  | \$ 132.50 | \$ 27.50   |
| Feb 9                      | 23     | \$ 1597.50 | \$ 322.50 | \$ 2.00    |
| Feb 16                     |        | SNOW       | DAY       |            |
| Feb 23                     |        |            |           |            |
| ВМО                        |        |            |           |            |
| PAR                        |        |            |           |            |

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE CHECK DOORS AS YOU LEAVE. There have been a few times that doors have been found unlocked or not shut completely. Please check the doors when you leave, be sure they are locked and latched. Give the outside door a pull after you exit.

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

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by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

### **List of guest Worship Leaders**

| DATE                     | Worship Leader    |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| February 23              | Tammy Fergusson   |  |
| March 2 (Transfiguration | Dave Charles      |  |
| Sunday)                  |                   |  |
| March 9 (Lent 1)         | Rev. Tom Walton   |  |
| March 16 (Lent 2)        | Charlotte Hoy     |  |
| March 23 (Lent 3)        | Elaine Farley     |  |
| March 30 (Lent 4)        | Paul Whiteley     |  |
| April 6 (Lent 5)         | Paul Whitely      |  |
| April 13 (Palm Sunday)   | Tammy Fergusson   |  |
| April 20 (Easter Sunday) | Rev. Kathy Walton |  |
| April 27                 | Tammy Fergusson   |  |

#### **WACKY MAGIC SHOW**

FRIDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, 2:00pm at Grace United Church 120 Pine St., Gananoque



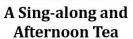
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Edna's Musical Cafe



For everyone! A special welcome to persons living with dementia, and their caregivers.



March 19, 2025

1:30 to 3:30pm

Music has the power to unlock memories by reaching parts of the brain in ways other forms of communication cannot.

Singing together in a social atmosphere is fun!
Please come and enjoy old familiar tunes.
No experience necessary.

It's for everyone.

Free Admission
Grace United Church, 120 Pine S

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Presented by Grace United Church Women (UCW)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

# Coming up at Grace United....

| Coming up at Grace Officea |                              |  |  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Monday, February 24        | Office 8am – 1pm             |  |  |
| 9am to 11:30               | Seniors – Better Balance     |  |  |
| 1:30pm                     | UCW Meeting                  |  |  |
| 6:00-7:00                  | YOGA                         |  |  |
| Tuesday, February 25       | Office 8am – 1pm             |  |  |
| 9am – 12pm                 | Quilters                     |  |  |
| 1:30pm                     | Knitters                     |  |  |
| 5:30 - 6:30                | PILATES                      |  |  |
| Wednesday, February 26     | Office Closed                |  |  |
| 9am to 11:30               | Seniors – Better Balance     |  |  |
| 1:30 to 2:30               | Seniors – Communications     |  |  |
|                            | (Small Board room)           |  |  |
| 3:30 to 7:30               | Community Kitchen            |  |  |
| Thursday, February 27      | Office 8am – 1pm             |  |  |
| 1:30 to 2:30               | Seniors – MELT               |  |  |
| Friday, February 28        | Office 8am – 1pm             |  |  |
| 9am to 11:30               | Seniors – Better Balance     |  |  |
| 5:30 pm                    | PRIDE Alliance Meeting       |  |  |
| Saturday March 1           | Office Closed                |  |  |
| Sunday, March 2            | Office Closed                |  |  |
| Worship Service            |                              |  |  |
| 10:30am                    | Worship Leader: Dave Charles |  |  |