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<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
and
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

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September 28, 2025

Creation Time 4 in the Season of Pentecost

Orange Shirt Day

Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Faithfulness" - Wm. Runyan*

Welcome: **Denise Wood**

Land Acknowledgement

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 and Anniversaries

Centering Music: We Center our hearts for worship

Spiritual Focus

We all carry a piece of that sacred fire within us.

We have to honour it and care for it.

We are the fire keepers.

Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Wall Kimmerer

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *Psalm 91*

God's abundant love is here to deliver us.

The Call of God's name is a sign of protection.

For God is here and is always at our side.

With a long life, God will be here to rescue us,

And show us God's Divine Salvation.

Opening Hymn: Voices United # 288

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of the Day

One: Holy One, Child of Life, Great Spirit,

We meet you in the company of ancestors

and the oft-unnoticed presence of people

praying throughout the country,

connected by a longing of peace and healing.

All: Awaken our spirit, O God.

Help us to hold the stories faithfully,

So that they may transform us

and become part of us.

One: May our prayers be translated into compassion,
May our prayers lead us into wisdom,

All: And may we journey together in love.

Wendy MacLean 2023. Gathering, Pentecost 2

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Hymn of Illumination Voices United #238

How Great Thou Art

The Story of the Orange Shirt

Orange Shirt Day Prayer

Dear Creator God,

Thank you for Phyliss and the Story of the Orange Shirt.

We pray that when we hear Phyliss' story, we are encouraged to care for your people and realize that every child matters. We pray for all children to have a good school experience and a caring community that loves them. We pray that all parents are strong and well so that they are able to guide the next generation of caring people. May our church find a way to support its people, so that they can call Grace United Church their home within a safe and loving community.

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading:

Luke 16: 19-31 *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the

Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham, 'he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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: *Fly Away Home* - arr. Mary MacDonald

Morning Message:

Lazarus, Who Still Lives Among Us

Tammy Fergusson

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Assurance: Voices United #808

On Eagle's Wings

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Lord's Prayer (*All –sung VU 960*)

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:

Keeping Language & Culture Alive

Invitation to Offering

Here at Grace United, we continue to respond to God's word through successful pie sales and excellently crafted music concerts. May we continue to give and care for our Community with respect and equality.

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #542

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: Johgann Balthasa König 1738. adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1847. Public domain.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**All: It is our privilege, Creating One,
to share from our individual bounties.
On these plates and in these bodies
are our gifts to the world: money,
commitment, and thanksgiving.
We pray over these offerings in the name of
the One who shared everything with us.**

Covenant of Reconciliation 2020 C W Wynne

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth Voices United #703

In The Bulb There Is A Flower

Commissioning

Friends, you are called to live out your faith with God's love and God's mercy.

Let us go as a caring and accepting people, making this world a better place.

Benediction

May God bless you and keep you

May God make God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you

May God lift up the countenance upon you
And give you peace.

Choral Amen:

Postlude: *Hornpipe (from "Water Music") - G.F. Handel*

At the end of the Service today, you are invited outside to join Clarice Gervais for an Indigenous Smudging Ceremony. Grace United is so grateful to have such wise neighbours among us.

Thank you Clarice for sharing your ways with us.

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.

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 Susan.**

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

Our sincere condolences to Brian, Julie, the Price family and friends on the recent passing of Merna Price. The Celebration of Life was held at Tompkins Funeral home yesterday, September 27th.

OFFERINGS September 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Sept 7	27	\$ 1482.50	\$ 102.5	\$ 2.50
Sept 14	29	\$ 817.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 2.50
Sept 21	26	\$ 692.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 2.50
Sept 28				
BMO				
PAR				

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to our guest worship leader this morning, Charlotte Hoy. Next Sunday, Tammy Fergusson will lead our service.

October/November Speakers

Oct 5 – Paul Whiteley
 Oct 12 – Julie Price/Colleen Harding
 Oct 19 – Christina Kaya
 Oct 26 – Donna Norman
 Nov. 2 Tammy Fergusson
 Nov. 9 Erin Burns
 Nov. 16 Paul Whitely
 Nov. 23 Paul Whitely
 Nov. 30 Tammy Fergusson (1st Sunday Advent)

Grace United is present in the lives of the Residents at Carveth Care Home!

The last Tuesday of each month, Tammy Fergusson and Joan Shaw have a Hymn Sing with the Residents in their Chapel. We would love it if you would join us! We especially need your assist to find the Hymn Book pages for our long-term resident friends. This is a great way to show we care for our Community.



Display Case Idea for Remembrance Day



Dianna Grier and friends create beautiful displays in the case in the Sanctuary. This November, Dianna would like to create a meaningful display to honour the members, past and present who have served our Country. Do you have a photo or other memorabilia of a family member that served? Would you like to share that item with Dianna? Please bring your item to the Church office or to Sunday morning service by October 26th. Dianna is looking for Photos but would be glad to have whatever you would like to share. Make sure that your contact information is on the item so that it will get back to you.

Grace United Church
presents a Celebration of

Kenny Rogers
&
Dolly Parton



Join Cliff Edwards, Abby Stewart and friends, Ken Hall, Dan Kasaboski, Noah St Amand and Duncan Holt as they perform the hits from these two great Artists.

'Daytime Friends', 'Lucille', 'The Gambler', '9 to 5', 'Here You Come Again' and 'I Will Always Love You' are all featured in a show you won't want to miss

**Friday, October 17th at 7:30pm
At Grace United Church**

Tickets \$25.00 in advance \$30.00 at the door

**Tickets available at Grace United Church,
Beggars Banquet Books, and Gananoque
Visitors Centre (cash only)**

Or Online through CanadaHelps
A link is on our event page on Facebook.

A fundraiser for Grace United Church

Tickets on sale this morning.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



The Little Shoes Lantern Walk for Truth and Reconciliation.

Tuesday, September 30th at 6 pm.

You are invited to join the Community on a Lantern Walk to commemorate our sisters and brothers in the awareness of Truth and Reconciliation.

Please meet at the Town Hall front steps for the collection of the Little Shoes and then proceed down Stone Street to Grace United and the other churches as we move towards the First Peoples Park by Stone and South St. Tammy Fergusson will say a prayer at Grace United. Please join her as we support all of God's children in solidarity with words and song. This is a very powerful experience and all are welcome to attend.