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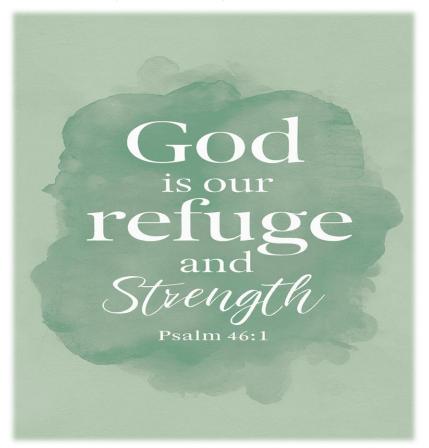
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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEq

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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**

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

**Director of Music** 

**Office Administrator** 

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

Laurie Cadue

November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Paul Whiteley, LLWL

### We Gather as A Grateful People

**Prelude**: Meditation on "Roeder"

**Welcome**: Vicki Leakey

### **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.

**<u>Community in Action</u>** - Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Spiritual Focus**

This new city doesn't need a temple because God's presence is felt everywhere. It doesn't need sun or moon because the light of Christ illuminates it from within. Its gates are never shut, and it welcomes people from around the world to receive the treasures it offers and bring the treasures they can offer.

- Brian McLaren, "A Revelation of Heaven on Earth"

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**



<u>Call to Worship:</u> (Responsive)

One: The Lord is continually creating something new

All: We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.

One: Through all this change, God is with us.

All: Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful

One: Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

All: Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises. Amen.

Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters, 2022

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United # 229

God of the Sparrow

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

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. Amen.

Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters, 2022

#### We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

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

**Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 326** 

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Scripture Reader: Colleen Harding Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story, All: our ears and hearts are open.

### <u>First Reading:</u> Isaiah 65:17–25 The Glorious New Creation

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

or bear children for calamity, [a] for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Here ends the first reading.

Second reading: Luke 21:5-15

### The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

### **Signs and Persecutions**

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words<sup>[C]</sup> and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

**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**:

Standin' in the Need of Prayer - arr. Joel Raney

**Morning Message**: A New Heaven

### We Respond to God's Grace

**Song of Assurance**: More Voices # 86

Da Pacem Cordium

**Prayers of Hope and Healing** 

### Lord's Prayer (All)

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: From Sleepless Nights to Shared Strength Invitation to Offering

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

### **The Offering is Received**

### Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 541

Praise God, from whom all blessing 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**

### **God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church**

### **Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 424**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

### **Commissioning**

**Benediction** 

**Choral Amen: All** 

**Postlude**: Lord, Thy Children Praise Thee - J.S. Bach

### 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, LLWL, Paul Whiteley. Paul will be with us again next Sunday.

### **Advent Decorating**

Anyone who is interested to come help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We will have a work bee on Tuesday, November 25 at 1:00 pm. No previous experience required, just come!

### **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 Joan & Brian

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

### **Christmas Market - November 29th**

Plans are underway for the Annual Christmas Market, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the date. We will need volunteers for various positions, servers, kitchen helpers, baked goods, silent Auction Items (NEW Items only please). Sign up sheets are at the back of the church Contact Laurie Cadue for vendor table and Denise Wood for other items.

### **November/December Speakers**

Nov. 23rd Paul Whiteley

Nov. 30 Tammy Fergusson (1st Sunday Advent)

Dec. 7 Rev. Erin Burns (Communion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Advent)

Dec 14 Rev. Erin Burns (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent)

Dec. 21 Donna Norman (4th Sunday Advent)

Dec. 24 Rev. Erin Burns (Christmas Eve)

Dec. 28 Tammy Fergusson (Baby Shower)

## Advent Bible Study – starting Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the meeting room. All are welcome

### **Offerings – November 2025**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	Anniversary
Nov 2	34	\$ 1657.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 37.50	
Nov 9	24	\$1517.50	\$ 127.50	\$47.50	
Nov 16					
Nov 23					
Nov 30					
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Thank you for your generosity.

This Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30pm

## Words & Music Musical Theatre Favourites



This concert will feature some of your Musical Theatre Favourite tunes, performed by Paul Harding, Frayne McCarthy and Maryanne Wainman. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Tickets available this morning.