

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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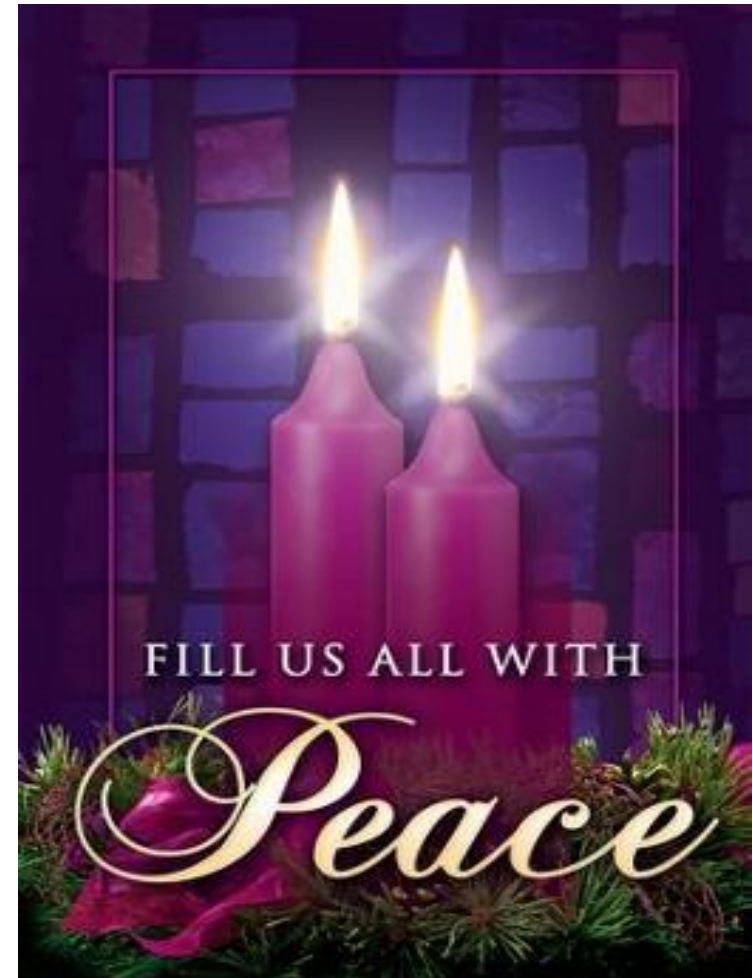
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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.



**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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Director of Music

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

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Laurie Cadue

December 7th, 2025

Advent 2 Peace/ Communion

Worship Leader: Rev. Erin Burns

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on a Melody by James Murray*

Welcome: Joan MacKinnon

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

Centring Music:

We Centre Our Hearts for Worship

Advent Wreath



Advent Hymn: Voices United #6

A Candle is Burning – Verses 1 & 2

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Responsive)

One: On this second Sunday of Advent,
we come in peace.

All: We watch, we wait, we wonder.

One: Let peace begin with us. In every breath we take,
May we live in the Peace of God's Promise
to be with us always.

**All: We wait for Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
to come into the world.**

One: As we light the second candle in our wreath,
we take a moment to breathe in the Spirit
of Peace.

ADVENT PRAYER (Unison)

God of Peace,

**On this second Sunday of Advent, may you fill
us with the Peace that only you can bring.
Help us to live each moment in peace with one
another.**

Spiritual Focus

*And blessed are we who ask You Lord to be for us
the wonder that the world cannot give,
come Lord. Flood us with the hope
and love and joy of Christmas peace*

(From Kate Bowler's "[A blessing for the advent of peace](#)")

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Come as an Advent people;
praise the God of promise.

All: We come with glad and thankful hearts.

One: Follow the holy way; make the path straight.

All: We will walk the road to Bethlehem.

Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Tune: Hyfrydol VU #333)

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

**Gracious God,
your vision of peace and wholeness
comes to us in sweeping revelations
and in tiny signs of hope.**

**Kindle our hearts that we might be a hopeful
people.**

**Keep us from growing weary of waiting,
lest we miss the glory of your appearing.**

Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart:

I am Peace

Susan Verde (Author), Peter H. Reynolds (Illustrator)

Song of Illumination: Voices United #577

I've Got Peace Like a River

Scripture Reader: Dave Charles

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The Peaceful Kingdom

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading:

11 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow[a] out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the
earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the

wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal
to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

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: *Shepherds' Celebration*

- Mary Martin, Jon Paige

Morning Message: *Walking a path of Peace*

We Respond to God's Grace

Pre-Communion Song: **Voices United #480**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Service of Communion

An Advent Communion Liturgy

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Invitation

One: May you know that the God of comfort
is with you.

Many: And may you see the God of hope with you.

One: Open wide our anxious hearts!

Many: We open them to God's peace.

One: Let us give thanks and share our joy.

**Many: In this space and time,
we offer God our love and praise.**

Communion Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Prayer after communion including Prayers of Hope
and Healing**

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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: Dave Charles
Gifts with Joy, Gifts with Hope, Gifts with Vision

Invitation to Offering

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!
(*The Offering is Received*)

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #55 (Vs. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti ca. 1872
Music: Gustave Theodor Holst 1906

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Unison)

As we prepare, O God,
for the festival of Christ's birth,
help us to give in expectation of his return.
May our gifts be used to prepare the world for
Christ's coming,
when all creation shall sing your praise. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #29

Hark the Glad Sound

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Postlude on Hyfrydol - Henry Coleman*

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.*

Advent Bible Study –Wednesdays at 10:00am

Nov. 26th to Dec. 17th

Join Tammy as she leads our Bible Study.

All are Welcome

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 to Paul & Bonnie

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, Rev. Erin Burns. Erin will be with us again next Sunday, December 14th.

December Speakers

Dec 14 Rev. Erin Burns (3rd Sunday Advent)
Dec. 21 Donna Norman (4th Sunday Advent)
Dec. 24 Rev. Erin Burns (Christmas Eve)
Dec. 28 Tammy Fergusson (Baby Shower)

Offerings – November 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Nov 2	34	\$ 1657.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 37.50
Nov 9	24	\$ 1517.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 47.50
Nov 16	27	\$ 682.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 2.50
Nov 23	23	\$ 1557.5	\$ 127.50	\$ 27.50
Nov 30	35	\$ 1625.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 87.50
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
PAR		\$ 1690.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.



All money received for White Gift will be used to purchase Grocery Store Gift Cards. These cards will be given to our local police to distribute to those in need.

TODAY
FREE MOVIE
MATINEE
At Grace
United
At 2:00pm
All Welcome

