

## **CHRISTMAS VACATION**

Laurie will be away on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and away from December 22 to Jan 5<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas Break. Please contact one of the people listed below for Church related items.

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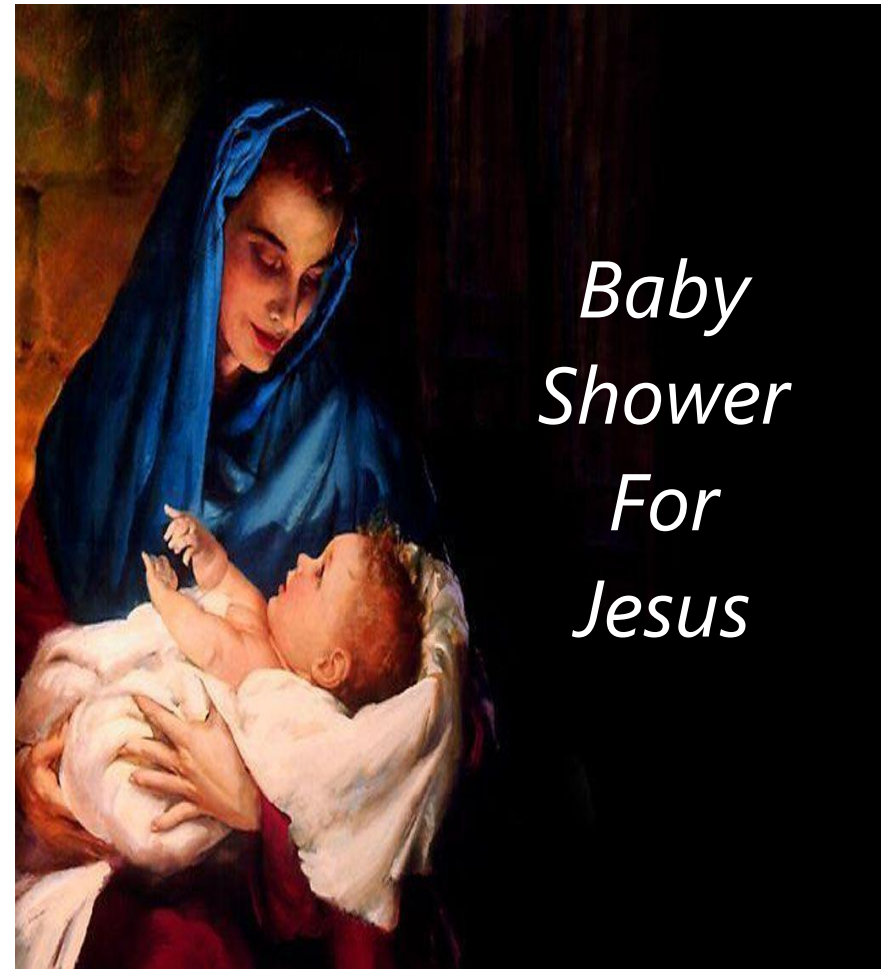
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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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

## **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

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

## Baby Shower for Jesus

December 28, 2025

Worship Leader, LLWL Tammy Fergusson

### We Gather

## Words of Welcome

### 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.**

### Announcements

### Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

**One:** On this day, we celebrate Jesus' birth by lighting each candle in the Advent Wreath.

**All:** **We light the Candle of Hope as we embrace the light brought into this world by the Christ Child.**

**One:** We light the Candle of Peace brought to us by the Prince of Peace.

**All:** **We light the Candle of Joy as we delight in welcoming Baby Jesus.**

**One:** We light the Candle of Love as we celebrate God's Great Gift of Love, the Birth of Jesus.

*Irma Nadeau, Winnipeg, Man.*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

We bring together the light of all the candles to light the Christ Candle in celebration of the Christ Child's birth. The earth has turned, and morning has come. The dawn breaks. The night of labour and delivery is over. Alleluia! Christ is Born!

**Hymn: Voices United #6**  
***A Candle is Burning***

**Call to Worship Isaiah 9: 6-7**

Rejoice and give thanks!

A child is born for us!

A son is given!

Authority rests upon his shoulders

And his name shall be called,

Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

May Jesus be born into our lives.

With righteousness, justice and peace.

From this time onward and forevermore.

**Opening Prayer (Responsive)**

One: Loving God,

As we come to rest from Christmas,

We come before you with awe and wonder.

**All: Christ is born! Christ is given to you,  
to me and to the world!**

One: As we come to reconnect with the Church Family,

We come before you with thanksgiving.

**All: For Christmas Concerts,  
Celebrations and Festivities!**

One: As we come to pray for what we see

on the News,

We come before you with hopeful visions.

**All: Come Emmanuel! God with us!**

**Hymn: Voices United # 73**

***The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy***

**Time for the Youth and Young at Heart ...**

What was it like to hold Baby Jesus?

**Prayer for the Youth and Young at Heart**

**Dear Baby Jesus,**

**Thank you for coming to earth as a small newborn  
baby,**

**With skin so soft and smell so sweet.**

**Thank you for bringing light, joy and hope to the  
world.**

**Let us help you in your Mission,**

**By being grateful for what we have,**

**By showing kindness to others,**

**And by sharing God's love all around us.**

<b>Scripture Readings</b>
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**Scripture Reading**

**Reader:** Colleen Harding

**First Reading:** Luke 2: 8-20

**Reader:** Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**Luke 2: 8-20 The Shepherds and the Angels**

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were

terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. ' <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours! <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us. ' <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them

**Here ends the first reading**

**Hymn: Voices United # 56**  
***Jesus Our Brother***

**Second Reading Titus 3: 4-7**

**Saved by grace; heirs of hope**

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water[a] of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Reader:** Here ends today's readings.

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: *Dearest Child of Mine* - Paul Harding**

**Message: *God With Us***

*(based on the Christmas Poem from Phil Howe) ...*

Tammy Fergusson

**Hymn: Voices United # 74**

***What Child Is This***

**A Reading *Compassion by Robert Service***

### **Invitation to the Offering**

When Jesus was born, people from near and far brought gifts to praise and glorify his Holy Name - The Messiah! The Anointed One! Let us continue in this Spirit of Giving by giving back to our own community. Let this be a time where everyone can share and join in and experience the miracle that God's only-begotten Son is here among us drawing all of us ever-closer in relationship with God.

### **Offertory Hymn: More Voices # 191**

#### ***What Can I Do?***

*All are welcome! Please put your gifts in the Manger and your monetary offerings in the Offering Plate.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Ever Giving God,**

**You are the giver of all gifts**

**You know each need and hear each prayer**

**We welcome today and these gifts that we give in**

**Christ's Spirit of love and justice**

**Use these gifts and use our lives for the building of your Kingdom in your world.**

**A Reading:** God with Us by Linda Kruschki

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

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

### **Closing Hymn: Voices United # 43**

#### ***Go Tell It On The Mountain***

### **Commissioning** *Celebrate God's Presence*

As we go from our worship this day;

May the Joy of the Angels sing in our voices;

May the Hope of the Shepherds enliven our minds;

May the Strong Faith of Mary strengthen our spirits;

And may the Love of the Baby shine in our hearts.

God's Blessing be upon you all, this day and forever more.

### **Benediction** *(Responsive)*

One: Follow the light of hope's guiding star.

**All: Seek the child.**

One: Listen to the words of a heavenly host

**All: Find the child.**

One: Offer as gifts the best that you have.

**All: Serve the child.**

One; Peace be among us.

**All: God be with us.**

### **Choral Amen: All**

### **Postlude**