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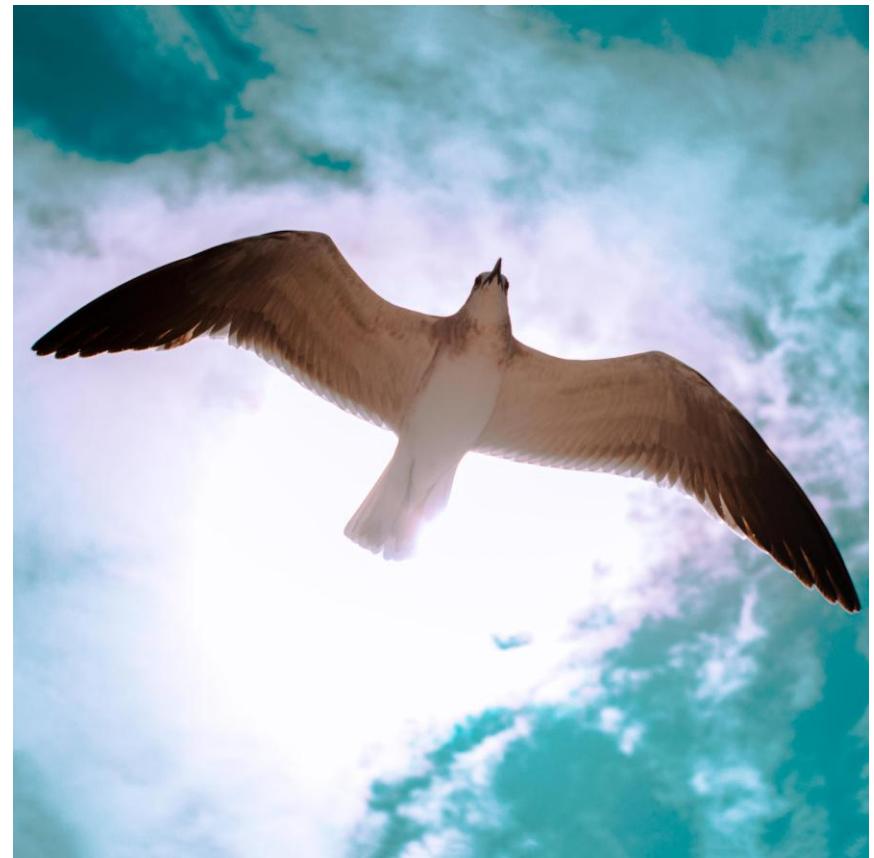
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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube. Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

**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

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

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January 11, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

Worship Leader, Paul Whiteley, LLWL

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Day of Rest"*

Welcome: Diane Hayward

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 Centre Our Hearts for Worship.

Spiritual Focus

“The blessing of God doesn’t recognize what you have or don’t have. It takes your life from where you are and makes meaning out of it.”

– Julie Aigbokhan

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

All: **From the waters of a womb, God’s blessed Son was given to us.**

One: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God’s Children

All: **Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.**

One: Let us shout our love to God for God’s abundant love

All: **Amen.**

Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters, 2020

Gathering Hymn/Song of Praise:

Voices United # 120 "O Jesus, I have Promised"

Prayer of the Day

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. Amen.

Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters, 2020

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Learning Together

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 626

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13–17(NIV)

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Reading:

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34–38 (NIV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

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: Just As I Am I Come - Mary MacDonald

Morning Message: Water and Word

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: ***Good Food, Good Futures***

Invitation to Offering

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United

Voices United # 537(vs 1)

"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"

(Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Words: Calvin Weiss Lauffer 1927, alt.

Music: from *Virginia Harmony* 1831, adapt. And harm. Edwin O. Excell 1900

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: More Voices # 135

"*Called by Earth and Sky*"

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in D* – Henry Purcell

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 Belated Birthday to Vicki.

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, Paul Whiteley. Next Sunday, January 18th, Tammy Fergusson will lead our morning service.

Notice to Church Boards

All reports from Church Board & Groups are due January 23rd. Please send reports by email to the church office as a Word & Pdf attachment. This will allow me to reformat the documents for the Annual Report.

Reports Needed.

- 1. Official Board**
- 2. Stewards & Budget**
- 3. Session**
- 4. Ministry & Personnel**
- 5. Choir Report & Financial**
- 6. UCW Report & Financial**
- 7. Pie Makers**
- 8. Fundraising**
- 9. Worship Team**
- 10. Trustees & Financial**
- 11. The Way Forward Committee**
- 12. Maintenance**
- 13. Lay Minister**
- 14. Mission & Service**
- 15. Benevolent (SGM)**
- 16. Rental Coordinator**
- 17. Memorial Fund**