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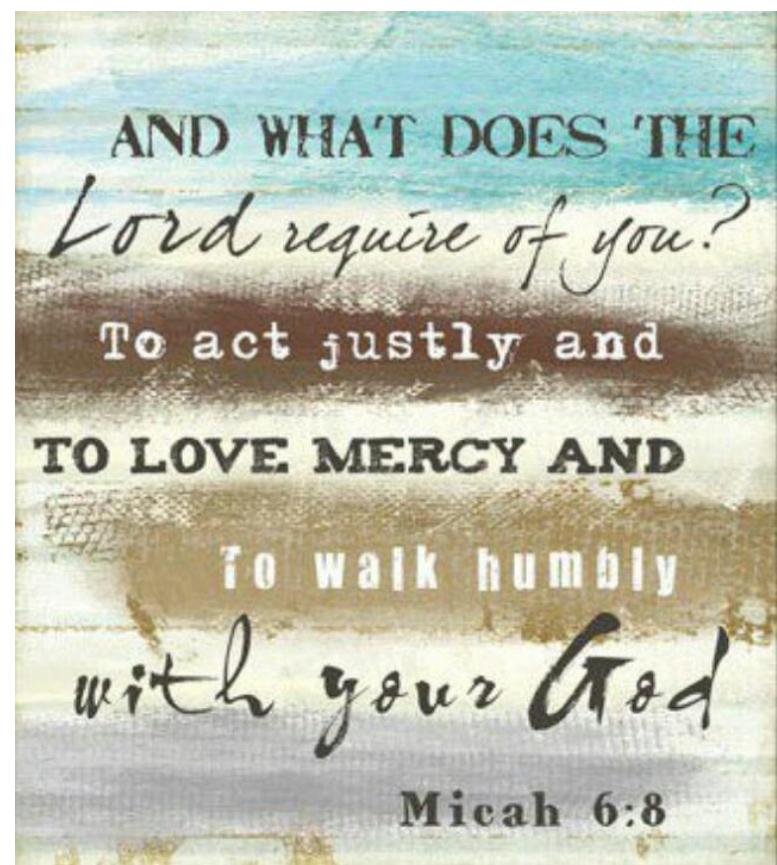
If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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

PLEASE – check to doors when you leave.

With the cold weather, snow & ice, the doors are not always latching. Push the door shut and give it pull from the outside.

**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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Director of Music

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

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Laurie Cadue

February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Paul Whiteley, LLWL

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Preparation"* -
Thompson/Scruggs

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

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Centering Music

We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.

Spiritual Focus

“‘Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.” – Alice Walker

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: God calls us to seek justice:

All: Let Christ’s love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

One: God calls us to show kindness,

All: Let Christ’s light shine in places of brokenness and despair.

One: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

All: Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.

One: Called, blessed and inspired,
let us worship God together.

Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2025

Gathering Song of Praise: More Voices # 18

Lord, Prepare me to be a Sanctuary

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Prayer of the Day (All)

**God of wisdom and blessing,
In you we find shelter in the strength of your
promises;
we find welcome in your tender care,
and we find meaning in your calling in our lives.
Grateful for the protection you provide,
thankful for the comfort of your community,
we offer you our praise and worship.
For you give blessings when the world condemns;
you bring freedom when the culture confines, and
you bring peace when circumstances are chaotic.
Embrace us with your love and inspire and
strengthen us
to love you and others in the world you love,
through Christ our Lord we pray.**

Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2025

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Learning Together

Song of the month: More Voices # 142

O a Song Must Rise

*The choir will sing the refrain, first verse,
and refrain of this new hymn;
Then please stand and sing the entire hymn.*

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-4, 8

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

First Reading:

The Lord's Case Against Israel

6 Listen to what the Lord says:

**"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.**

**2 "Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.**

**For the Lord has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.**

**3 "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.**

**4 I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.**

**I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.**

**5 My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.**

**Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."**

**6 With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?**

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly^[a] with your God.

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 **Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount**

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,

for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute
you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because
great is your reward in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

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: *Be Not Afraid* - Bob Dufford

Morning Message: Walking humbly

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Assurance: Voices United # 684

Make me a Channel of your Peace

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: The Heart of Winter

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 blessings 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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 701

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: Prelude No. 1 in C Major - 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.

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 Gary & Cecile.

Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to Ron & Mary.

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

Offerings – January 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Jan 4	27	\$1194.00	\$ 129.00	\$29.00
Jan 11	25	\$ 1492.50	\$ 147.50	\$ 27.50
Jan 18	25	\$ 837.50	\$ 177.50	\$ 25.00
Jan 25	31	\$ 772.50	\$ 142.50	\$ 25.00
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
PAR		\$ 1610.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Official Board Meeting Notice

Official Board/Feb. 11 at 11:30am (bagged lunch)
Annual General Meeting – Feb.15 at 1pm

Nominations for Grace United Church Board and Committees are currently being received.

Nominations will be taken up to and including the February 15 Annual General Meeting to be held immediately following Worship on that date.

Please contact the Nomination Committee of Dave Charles and Julie Price if you are interested in participating in one of these committees or you seek further information on any of these governance opportunities.

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning, Paul Whiteley Next Sunday, February 1st, Elaine Farley will lead our service.

Schedule for Guest Speakers

February 8th – Elaine Farley

February 15th & 22nd – Tammy Fergusson

March 1st – Paul Whiteley

March 8th – Rev. Stephan Shay

March 15th – Rev. Erin Burns

March 22nd – Rev. Stephan Shay

March 29th – Rev. Erin Burns