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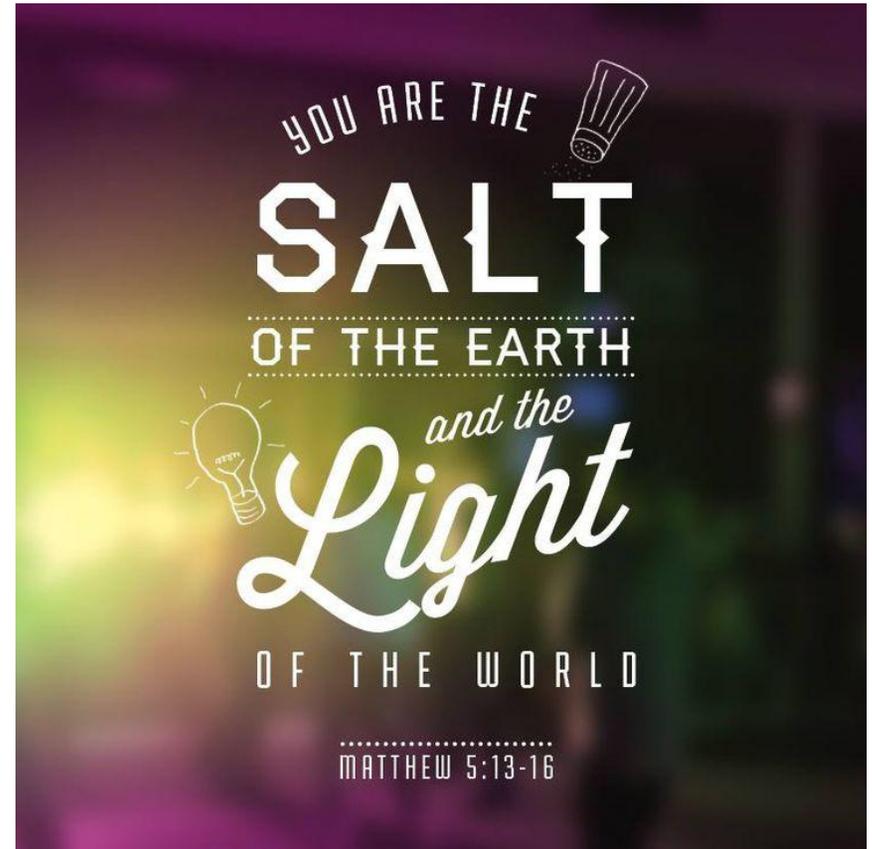
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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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

**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

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February 8, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader – Elaine Farley

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on a Melody by Jeeva Sam*

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.

Community in Action - Birthdays and Anniversaries

Centering Music

We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.

Spiritual Focus:

On this Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, we are called not only to come together in Christ but to live and respond in unity in Christ's name to the world around us. We are called to be active hands of God.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (ALL)

In a moment of quiet we open ourselves to the wonder and the worth:

God beyond us and God with us.

Help us to be still, Help us to know

Help us to let go, Help us to be open. Amen.

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #402

We Are One, As We Come

Prayer of the Day:

As we breathe in and out the Breath of God is Within us and between us

Help us to be still, Help us to know

Help us to let go, Help us to be open

And if we find ourselves weary or wounded

If we find ourselves brittle or broken

then reassure us: Your forgiveness is for us

*Your life is in us. We are salt. We are light.
Because God wills it so. So may healing come
may light break forth and all for Love's sake.
Amen.*

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Song of the month: More Voices #142

Oh A Song Must Rise

Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 5 13 – 20 (NIV)*

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading:

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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: *Thy Word - Michael W. Smith*

Morning Message: Unity not Uniformity

Let us pray.

(All)

God be in our heads, and in our understanding;

God be in our eyes and in our looking;

God be in our mouths and in our speaking;

God be in our heart, and in our thinking;

God be at our end, and at our departing.

And the blessing of God

Creator, Redeemer and ever-present Spirit

Be with us now and always.

AMEN.

(Book of Hours, adapted)

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #595

We are Pilgrims on a Journey (Tune: Hymn to Joy #232)

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:

Shared Healing and Cultural Renewal

Invitation to Offering

**We come before You with thankful hearts,
recognizing that every good gift comes from You.**

**As we bring our talents and offerings today, we
give not out of obligation, but out of love and
gratitude. Bless these gifts, multiply them for the
work of Your kingdom, and use them to bring
hope, healing, and light to the world.**

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

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 537

(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 (ALL)

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Voice United #544 – Frank von Christierson 1960

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #374

(Tune: VU #635 – All The Way)

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Prelude No. 4 in F - J.S. Bach*

*Prayers and message taken and adapted from Muriel Pearson,
Interim Minister, Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale,
Scotland, 2025*

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 Birthday to Peter, David, Gerri & Helen.

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

Offerings – February 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Feb 1	24	\$ 707.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 45.00
Feb 8				
Feb 15				
Feb 22				
BMO				
PAR				

Thank you for your generosity.

Official Board Meeting Notice

**Official Board Meeting/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, Elaine Farley Next Sunday, February 15th, Tammy Fergusson will lead our service.

HEPERS NEEDED – would you like to help with the Pancake Supper this year? We need your help to continue this tradition. Please contact Brian Brooks if you can help. The date of the Supper would be Tuesday, February 17th.

Schedule for Guest Speakers

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

***Our Next Concert is Wednesday, February 25th
Come out and enjoy some wonderful Latin music.***

The Colours of Latin Music
 Featuring
MAURICIO MONTECINOS
 Who brings his audience on an outstanding Musical journey with
CLASSICAL FLAMENCO GUITAR,
 jazzy solos, melodic and catchy songs,
 performed with his
LATIN BEAT BAND
Wed. Feb. 25th, 2026, 7:30pm
 Grace United Church, 120 Pine St. Ganaoque
 Tickets \$25 in Advance
 (\$30 at the Door)
 Available at Beggars Banquet Books,
 Ganaoque Visitors Center
 and Grace United Church Office.
 Visit our Facebook page for a link to tickets online