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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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February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent
Tammy Fergusson LLWL



We Gather as A Grateful People

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "Day of Rest"*

Welcome: Diane Nuttall

Land Acknowledgment

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities throughout 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

Lent is not an obligation, but an opportunity to start again. - Dr. Gail Johnsen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *adapted from Psalm 32*

Happy are we whose mistakes are forgiven.

Happy are we whose spirits find no deceit.

Happy are we who are protected from danger.

Be glad in God's mercy, justice and love.

Gathering Hymn: Voices United #120

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Prayer of the Day

All: Holy One, Word of Life,

In these new days of Lent,

Lead us through the wilderness

where nothing seems familiar

And into a place where we notice

you calling us.

Lead us into a new day where we trust you

With our fears and prejudices,

because we know you sent us Jesus

To show us a better way to face the unknown.

In this season of Lent,

Travel with us as we face the places

in our lives

That would keep us from loving

our neighbours.

Turn us gently, Lord

And may your Spirit find us willing.

Gathering Worship. Wendy McLean, Brockville, 2022.

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Do You Want A Cookie?



Youth and Young At Heart Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Sometimes it is difficult to hold a cookie without eating it.

Sometimes it is challenging to follow the rules.

Thank you for facing temptation before us.

You know what it's like to be tempted.

You know what it takes to get through it.

Help us to look to you and to think of your words,

When we want to do something that we know we shouldn't do.

Help us to do the right thing.

Thank you for loving us and forgiving us,

So that we can try again.

Song of Illumination: More Voices #89

Love Is The Touch

(The Choir will sing verses 1 & 2. Then please stand and sing all 4 verses)

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 4: 1-11 The Temptation of Jesus

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³The tempter came to Him and said, "If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴But Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple. ⁶"If You are the Son of God," he said, "throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command His angels concerning You, and they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus replied, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹"All this I will give You," he said, "if You will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰"Away from Me, Satan!" Jesus told him. "For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"

¹¹Then the devil left Him, and angels came and ministered to 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: *He Became a Lamb* - Mary Kay Beall

Morning Message: On A Journey Called Lent
...Tammy Fergusson

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: More Voices #221
I Am Walking A Path Of Peace

Prayers of Hope and Healing

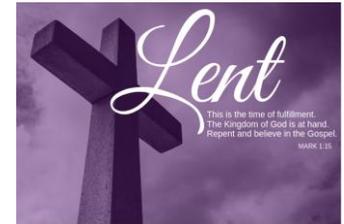
The Lord's Prayer: All

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: **Where Play Builds Community**

Invitation to Offering

The Offering Will Now Be 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

Public domain.

Offertory Prayer

All: We offer ourselves, O God

Just as Jesus offered himself.

**We offer these gifts that you may bless them
for your purposes in this world.**

**May they - and we - be transformed
for justice, for kindness,**

And for humble love.

**Fostering relationships that make a
difference in Jesus' name.**

Gathering Worship. Gord Dunbar, Kincardine Ont. 2025

God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #670

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



Commissioning

When faced with temptation,
remember whose you are.

When being tested, remember the Holy Scriptures.

When the easy path calls, remember to choose
faithfulness.

Blessing

As Jesus stood firm in the wilderness, may we stand
strengthened in God's Spirit. Go now with courage. Go
with faith. Go with love.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Air in G - G.F. Handel*

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.***

**Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning,
Tammy Fergusson. Next Sunday, March 1st, Paul
Whiteley will lead our service**

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 Connie.

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	19	\$ 847.50	\$ 147.50	\$ 25.00
Feb 15	25	\$ 992.50	\$ 177.50	\$ 25.00
Feb 22				
BMO				
PAR				

Thank you for your generosity.

NOTE – there are no individual envelopes this year. Please use envelopes from the past or the ones left in the pews. Remember to put your name & amount on the envelope

THANK YOU to our volunteers and all those who attended the Pancake Supper on Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to see so many people from the community enjoying the delicious pancakes. Well-Done everyone!!

Lenten Offerings go to the UCW to help cover the costs associated with their programs, such as Edna's Café and other ventures. Envelopes are available for your Lenten Donation on the table in the narthex.

*This Wednesday, February 25th
Come out and enjoy some wonderful Latin music.
Tickets are available this morning.*

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. Gananoque
Tickets \$25 in Advance (\$30 at the Door)
Available at Beggars Banquet Books,
Gananoque Visitors Center
and Grace United Church Office.

Visit our Facebook page for a link to tickets online