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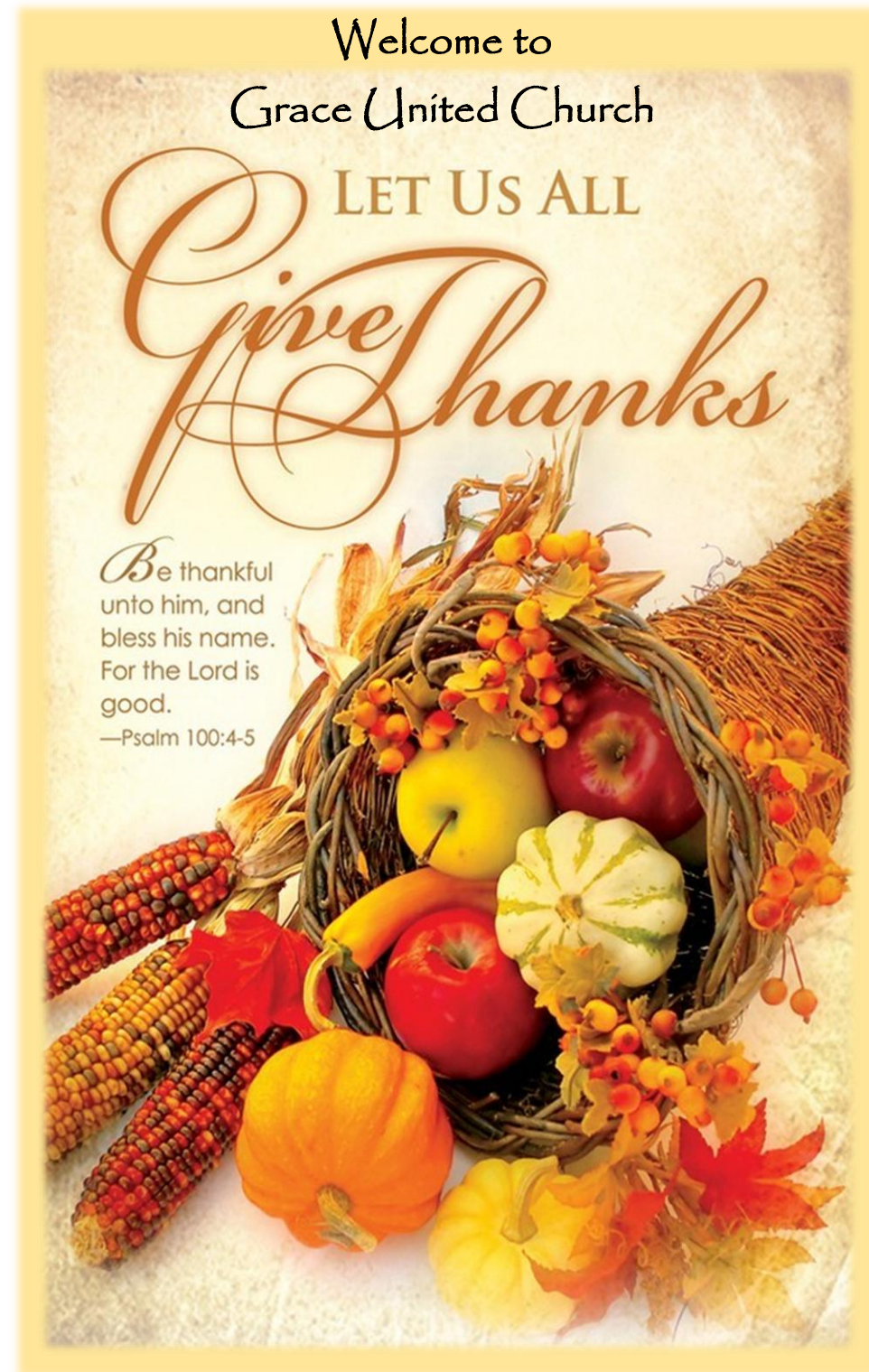
If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch
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Service from the previous week will be shown on
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mornings.





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October 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Erin Burns



We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Nun Danket Alle Gott - Walther*

Welcome: Colleen Harding

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

Centring Music: We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.

Spiritual Focus

**O RUSTLING LEAVES FALLING FROM THE TREES,
Come! Come live inside our aching goodbyes.
Teach us the truth of life's impermanence.
Empty us of all that does not bless others.
Draw us into the waiting soil of wintertime.**

O Come!

From "O Antiphons for Autumn" by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr



Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Adapted from "Gratitude" by Joyce Rupp

One: To be grateful for what is, instead of underscoring what is not.

**All: To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life,
without denying the presence of the unwanted**

One: To focus on beauty in the little things of life, as well as being deliberate about the great beauties of art, literature, music, and nature.

All: To be present to one's own small space of life, while stretching to the wide world beyond it.

One: To find something to laugh about in every day, even when there seems nothing to laugh about.

**All: To search for and to see the good in others,
rather than remembering their faults and
weaknesses.**

One: To be thankful for each loving deed done by
another,
no matter how insignificant it might appear.

**All: To taste life to the fullest,
and not take any part of it for granted.**

One: To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings,
even immense ones, and to put the past behind.

**All: To be as loving and caring as possible, in a
culture that consistently challenges these
virtues.**

One: To remember to say or send "thank you"
for whatever comes as a gift from another.

**All: To be at peace
with what cannot be changed.**

One: Let us worship God with Gratitude

**Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #291
*All Things Bright and Beautiful***

Prayer of the Day

**Creator God,
we come to celebrate the beauty and bounty
of your good earth:
glorious blue skies and blazing fall colours;**

**fields ripe for harvest;
gardens overflowing with goodness.
Grant us thankful hearts, we pray.
May our prayers and our lives overflow with
gratitude.
We offer this worship to your glory, now and
always. Amen.**

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Song of the Thanksgiving: Thank You

Thank you, for giving me the morning.
Thank you, for ev'ry day that's new.
Thank you, that I can know my worries
can be cast on you.

Thank you,
for all my friends and family.
Thank you, for everyone that lives.
Thank you, for even greatest enemies
I can forgive.

Thank you, for many little sorrows.
Thank you, for ev'ry kindly word.
Thank you, for ev'rywhere your guidance
reaches ev'ry land.

Thank you, I see your Word has meaning.
Thank you, I know your Spirit here.
Thank you, because you love all people,
those both far and near.

Thank you, O Lord, you spoke unto us.
Thank you, that for our words you care.
Thank you, O Lord, you came among us,
bread and wine to share.

Thank you, O Lord,
your love is boundless.
Thank you, that I am full of you.
Thank you, you made me feel so glad
and thankful as I do.

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Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

Scripture Readings:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NIV)

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates,

olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NIV)

Generosity Encouraged

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever."^[a]

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go

out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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: *O Give Thanks to the Lord - Larson*

Morning Message: Grateful

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #520

We Plough the Fields

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Lord's Prayer (All – sung) Voices United #960

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

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Your Generosity Matters: The House of Friendship

Invitation to Offering

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

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #542

We Give You But Your Own

We give you but your own,

whate'er the gift may be;

all that we have is yours alone,

we give it gratefully.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication



God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #217

All Creatures of Our God and King

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Organ Postlude: Nun Danket Alle Gott - Karg-Elert

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.

Happy Birthday to Brian T.

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

Offerings –October 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Oct 4	30	\$1029.80	\$ 225.00	\$ 25.00
Oct 11				
Oct 18				
Oct 25				
BMO				
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Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to our worship leader this morning, Rev. Erin Burns. Erin for leading our service this morning. Next Sunday, October 18th Paul Whiteley will lead our service.

Christmas Cards – The Caring & Sharing team is looking for donations of Christmas Cards. If you have unused Christmas Cards you can donate, please bring them in anytime. There is a box at the back of the Sanctuary to place the cards in.

EDNA'S CAFÉ – returns, Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 1:30 to 3:30pm. All are welcome for an afternoon Tea and sing-along.

ELVIS is in the house on

Sunday, October 25th at 2:30 pm.

Come on out and enjoy some of your favourite Elvis songs performed by Garry Wesley. Garry has performed all over the world and is bringing his show to Grace United Church. Opening for Garry is Keith Kirkpatrick as Gordon Lightfoot. Tickets for this show are \$30 available now.

GRACE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:

ELVIS

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OCTOBER 25
2026
2:30 PM

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THE MOVES
THE IMPECCABLE VOICE

SPECIAL GUEST –
KEITH KIRKPATRICK
AS GORDON LIGHTFOOT!

STARRING
GARRY WESLEY

2:30 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 1:15 PM

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