



Grace United Church

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December 4, 2022 - Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE

December 6, 2022 – Feast of St. Nicholas in Canada



33rd Anniversary of the École Polytechnique's Massacre Montreal, Quebec (December 6, 1989).

WE GATHER AS ADVENT PEOPLE

Prelude: Jesu Ahotonnia (The Huron Carol)

Welcome – Diane Kirkby

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Center Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

*“Advent: Learning to Walk in the Dark
with Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love...”*

Gathering Call

(Please stand as able)

Song of Approach: Voices United #7

“Hope is a Star” (verses 1, 2)

- 1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.
- 2 Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

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(Please be seated)



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

One: Fire burns. It hurts. It can destroy.

Fire also gives warmth and light. The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and a day of promise. Two candles, flickering brightly, help us remember that the coming of Christ has many meanings.

All: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky" (Psalm 85:10-11).

The first two candles are lit.

One: Light two candles; see them glow brightly,
so that all may know
How two candles show the way
Making our darkness bright as God's Day.

**All: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

One: Let us Pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.
We pray as one family.

All: Dear God, we have much to do, and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Song for Youth and Young at Heart

"I've Got Peace Like a River" (2X)

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

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Time with Youth and Young at Heart

*"How to Find Peace in a **NOT-so-Peaceful** World"*

Song of Illumination VU #: 343

"I Love to Tell the Story" (Verses 1 & 3)

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Tom Marlor

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of

the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: 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 – *A Calypso Carol* – Michael Perry

Life Lesson *"This PEACE is different..."*

WE TRUST GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing More Voices # 12

"Come Touch Our Hearts"

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;
That we may rise to follow and to serve,
Steady now our nerve,
Come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
To break the bread and share the cup of peace;
That we may love you with our heart, our soul,
Our mind, our strength, our all,
Come touch us with your grace."

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, marks the 33rd Anniversary of the École Polytechnique's Massacre, that took place in Montreal, Quebec (1989).

At this time, let us offer a moment of silence and lift our hearts in prayer. Let us pray for our world to be transformed into a world of Peace, Equality and Harmony.

(A Moment of Silence)

We honour the 14 women who were killed. With each announced name we light a candle in their honour.

*Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau,
Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara
Klucznik-Widajewicz, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie
Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard,
Annie St-Arneault and Annie Turcotte.*



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.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Offertory Song: Voices United # 55 (verse 4)

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

4 *What can I give him, poor as I am?*

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

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Your Generosity Matters:

Gifts with Vision Solves the "What to Buy" Dilemma

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ,

we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

God of Peace, we offer you our gifts, that peace may come to our troubled world. Help us to build peace with justice, wherever our lives touch others. Amen. *Jane Doull, St. Andrew's U.C., St. Andrews, N.B.*



GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Going Forth: More Voices # 221

"I Am Walking a Path of Peace"

I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope,
Lead me home, Lead me home.

I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
Lead me home, Lead me home.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Postlude 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, we look in seeing you again.



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 Steve Thompson and Paul Scott

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.

Prayers for the people



Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

****Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. ****

NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque –120 Pine ST.

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Sign-up for PAR Forms [https://united-](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)

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by Credit Card through

CanadaHelps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

Salvation Army – Kettle Drive

Grace United has been asked to man the Kettle on December 21 & 22 at No Frills and the LCBO. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up!!

Offerings November 2022

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Nov 6		\$ 907.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 20.00
Nov 13	37	\$ 554.00	\$ 177.00	
Nov 20	32	\$ 1127.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 30.00
Nov 27	42	\$1577.00	\$282.00	\$10.00
PAR	n/a	\$1217.50	\$ 351.00	\$ 12.50
BMO	n/a	\$ 450.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your offerings

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

2023 United Church Calendars

The UCW are selling 2023 Calendars for \$10 each and are available this morning in the Narthex. Funds will be used to help cover the costs of making cards for shut ins.



Red Wagon Food Bank & White Gift Sunday



Dec 4 Personal Hygiene items – Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Feminine products, Diapers, Toilet paper, Laundry & Dish detergent

Dec 11 Canned goods – Vegetables, Fruit, Soups, Pork & Beans, Tuna, Salmon, Ham, Stews, Juices – cans or bottles.

Dec. 18 Treats – Cake mixes, Cookies, Puddings, Jello, Apple snacks, Granola & Cereal bars, Potato Chips, Cheesies, Popcorn, Crackers, etc.

December 11th is White Gift Sunday. We are asking for Monetary Donations to help the Food Bank provide Christmas Hampers to those in Need. This year, the Food Bank is providing Hampers to 175 families, which is a 33% increase from last year. Please give as you are able.

Decorating for Advent

A big thank you to those who assisted with decorating the sanctuary for the Advent season: Barb and Randy Jenkins, Murray and Rhea Roantree, David Charles and Joan MacKinnon, Linda and Brian Brooks, Carolyn and Paul Scott, Christina Gordon-Charney, Connie and Steve Thompson, Dianna Grier, Joan Shaw and a special thank you to Cheryl O'Leary and Marilyn Belbin for creating the new bows for the large Christmas wreaths.

(Volunteers will be needed on January 9th for undecorating)

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Market. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Numbers are still being tallied, but all in all it was a wonderful day.

Blue Christmas

A service of remembrance and hope.

We invite you for a service of reflection, comfort and hope for hurting hearts.

Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm

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Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

Official Board: Chair: Brian Brooks

Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex

VIBE (Book Study) – Wednesday evenings VIA ZOOM

Sunday, December 11th – Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

Baptism - Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, December 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – Blue Christmas Service 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day Service 10:30am

Casual Service in Sanctuary with coffee & muffins

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – Happy New Year!!

Service will be Virtual - No Service in the Sanctuary

Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

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