

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**  
**Join Tammy Fergusson for Advent Bible  
Study, Starting Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at  
10:00am – All are Welcome**

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg)

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

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

**WELCOME  
TO  
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**

Our  
GOD  
Reigns

***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)***



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Laurie Cadue

**November 23, 2025**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**Paul Whiteley, LLWL**

### **We Gather as A Grateful People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Darwall" - Gordon Light*

**Welcome:** Mary Haussler

#### **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**

*Every time we pray, we are connecting with the eternal God who exists outside of time. We are bringing our time-bound concerns, fears, and hopes to a God who sees the entirety of our lives at once. ... Prayer, then, becomes a way for us to step outside of time, even if only for a moment, and engage with the eternal.*

- David E. Darden, "God Beyond Time"

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** (All)

**It is done.**

**God has always been in charge—  
yesterday and today.**

**Even when things seem out of control,  
God's reign is on its way.**

**Let us prepare the way for God.**

Hans Holznagel, *Ministry Matters*, 2022

**Gathering Song of Praise:** **More Voices # 145**

*Draw the Circle Wide*

**Prayer of the Day (All)**

**Imagining your reign**

**can be difficult, eternal God.**

**It is difficult to picture a world  
governed by your justice**

**and righteousness alone.  
Our minds are held captive  
by the worst images  
of human kings, rulers, and powers.  
When nobler visions fail  
and we settle for kingdoms  
of our own making,  
correct and forgive us.  
Free the borders of our imaginations,  
that we may envision your greater good  
and celebrate the coming of your reign  
on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

Hans Holznagel, *Ministry Matters*, 2022

## **We Reflect on the Sacred Stories**

### **A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart**

#### **Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 213**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

**Scripture Reader: Brian Brooks**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 68–79**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**First Reading:**

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on<sup>[a]</sup> his people and

redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty savior<sup>[b]</sup> for us  
in the house of his child David,

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy  
prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and  
from the hand of all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our  
ancestors

and has remembered his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the  
hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and  
righteousness

in his presence all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the  
Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

<sup>78</sup> Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break<sup>[c]</sup> upon<sup>[d]</sup> us,

<sup>79</sup> to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the  
shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**Here ends the first reading.**

**Second reading: Colossians 1:11–20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father,<sup>[a]</sup> who has enabled<sup>[b]</sup> you<sup>[c]</sup> to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption,<sup>[d]</sup> the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in<sup>[e]</sup> him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in<sup>[f]</sup> him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God<sup>[g]</sup> was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**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 Can Turn the Tide* – arr. Harding

**Morning Message:** God's Time

<b>We Respond to God's Grace</b>
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**Song of Assurance: Voices United # 148**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

**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:**  
**Together in Prayer and Solidarity**

**Invitation to Offering**

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

**The Offering is Received**

**Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 537 (VS 1)**

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 Laufer 1927, alt.

Music: Amazing Grace

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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 # 595**

We are Pilgrims on a Journey

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen:**

**Postlude:** *A Morning Melody* - S.S. Wesley

**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 this week to Carolyn.**

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

**Advent Decorating**

**Anyone who is interested to come help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We will have a work bee on Tuesday, November 25 at 1:00 pm. No previous experience required, just come!**

**Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning, LLWL, Paul Whiteley. Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, Tammy Fergusson will lead our service**



**Official Board Meeting – Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am in the meeting room at Grace**  
**Please bring a bagged lunch.**

The annual UCW Christmas Lunch will be a turkey dinner at the Curling Club on Monday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. The cost is \$20.00. All women of the congregation are invited. If you would like to attend, please let Denise Wood know by November 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Secret Santa gift exchange for those who wish to participate, with a maximum cost of \$20.00.

**Christmas Market –This coming Saturday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Plans are underway for the Annual Christmas Market, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the date. We will need volunteers for various positions, servers, kitchen helpers, baked goods, silent Auction Items (NEW Items only please). There are also a few spaces available for vendors. Contact Laurie Cadue for vendor table and Denise Wood for other items.

**November/December Speakers**

Nov. 23rd Paul Whiteley  
 Nov. 30 Tammy Fergusson (1st Sunday Advent)  
 Dec. 7 Rev. Erin Burns (Communion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent)  
 Dec 14 Rev. Erin Burns (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent)  
 Dec. 21 Donna Norman (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent)  
 Dec. 24 Rev. Erin Burns (Christmas Eve)  
 Dec. 28 Tammy Fergusson (Baby Shower)

**Offerings – November 2025**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	Anniversary
Nov 2	34	\$ 1657.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 37.50	
Nov 9	24	\$1517.50	\$ 127.50	\$47.50	
Nov 16	27	\$ 682.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 2.50	
Nov 23					
Nov 30					
BMO					
PAR					

Thank you for your generosity.

GANANOQUE CHORAL SOCIETY  
Presents:

# Songs of Christmas Joy

Musical Director: Anna Basten  
Accompanied by: Paul Harding

Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
Grace United Church  
120 Pine St., Gananoque  
Doors open at 7:00 pm & concert begins at 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Lansdowne United Church  
25 Miller St., Lansdowne  
Doors open at 2:00 pm & concert begins at 2:30 pm

Adults \$15.00  
Children under 14 \$ 5.00  
Family \$30.00

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**  
Prepaid tickets are available from members, and at Corner Store Stylist, 117 King St. E. Gananoque

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL GOOD TIMES WITH

# MELODIA

## A Light Hearted Christmas

6 DECEMBER, 2025  
7:00 PM, GRACE UNITED  
PINE ST., GANANOQUE

FREE-WILL DONATION  
IN SUPPORT OF  
THE GANANOQUE FOOD BANK

### Red Wagon Food Bank



Below is a suggest list of item s to bring in each Sunday.

#### **November 30<sup>th</sup> - Personal Items, Cleaning products**

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Feminine products, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Household Cleaning products.

#### **December 7<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast Items**

Various Cereal, Oatmeal, Instant Oatmeal, Jams & Jellies, Peanut Butter, & Peanut Butter substitutes, Pancake Mix and syrup.

#### **December 14<sup>th</sup> Canned Goods**

Tuna, Salmon, Flaked Chicken or Ham, Spam, Vegetables, Tomatoes, Chunky Soups, Stews, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Pasta.

#### **December 21<sup>st</sup> - Snack Items & Miscellaneous.**

Juice Boxes, Kids snack packs, Peanut free snacks, Granola bars, Crackers, Cookies, Popcorn, Cake mixes.

***NOTE: Cash Donations are always appreciated.  
Cheques payable to the Gananoque Food Bank***

# Newsletter

**The latest edition of our newsletter is now available. An email was sent out with the newsletter attached and it was posted to our Facebook page.**

**Printed copies are at the back of the church.**

**Please share a copy with a friend or neighbour.**