ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Join Tammy Fergusson for Advent Bible Study, Starting Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 10:00am – All are Welcome

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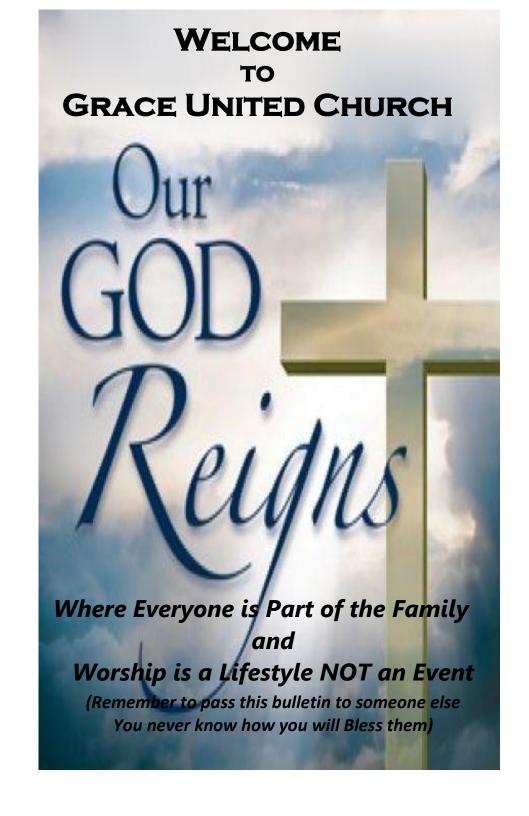
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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-

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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.





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Director of Music

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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.

<u>Community in Action</u> - 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

<u>Gathering Song of Praise</u>: 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.

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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:

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on all his people and redeemed them.

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

⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors

and has remembered his holy covenant,

73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear,

75 in holiness and righteousness

in his presence all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

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

⁷⁹ 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

11 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 ¹² giving thanks to the Father, ^[a] who has enabled ^[b] you^[c] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, ^[d] the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of 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

We Respond to God's Grace

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

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 26th, 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 15th 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 29th. 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. 29th

Plans are underway for the Annual Christmas Market, November 29th 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 – 2nd Sunday Advent)

Dec 14 Rev. Erin Burns (3rd Sunday Advent)

Dec. 21 Donna Norman (4th Sunday Advent)

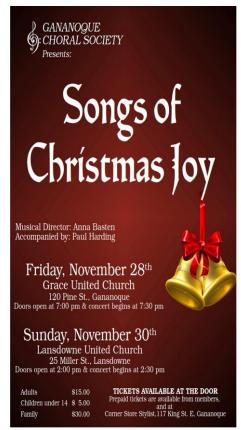
Dec. 24 Rev. Erin Burns (Christmas Eve)

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	
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Thank you for your generosity.





Red Wagon Food Bank



Below is a suggest list of item s to bring in each Sunday. November 30th - Personal Items, Cleaning products

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

December 7th- Breakfast Items

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

December 14th Canned Goods

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

December 21st - 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



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Please share a copy with a friend or neighbour.