

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Laurie will be away from December 22 to Jan 5th for Christmas Break. Please contact one of the people listed below for Church related items.

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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.

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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January 4, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

Paul Whiteley, LLWL

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude:

Welcome: Gary Seidl

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

"A good journey begins with knowing where you are and being willing to go somewhere else."

– Richard Rohr

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: You call us to a journey of the Spirit, Loving God.

All: As we prepare, you speak, and we listen.

One: You call us to a journey of the Spirit, Loving God.

All: Our goal is clear; we seek the highest good.

One: You call us to a journey of the Spirit, Loving God.

All: We are not alone; our faith companions go with us.

One: You call us to a journey of the Spirit, Loving God.

All: You are our guide; we have nothing to fear.

Amen

David Sparks, *New Year, New Vision*, 2025

Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United # 87

I am the Light of the World

Prayer of the Day

One: Loving God,

In our discipleship we will be bold.

All: As bold disciples, we will listen carefully to those who experience life differently from us.

One: In our discipleship we will be bold.

All: As bold disciples, we will work out our own faith and explore that of other faith communities.

One: In our discipleship we will be bold.

All: As bold disciples, we will meet with the powerful ones but will not submit to them.

One: In our discipleship we will be bold.

All: As bold disciples, we will experience love in a little child with their carers and will humbly worship. Amen

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We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Learning Together

Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 79

Arise, Your Light is Come

Scripture Reader: Elaine Davidson

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1–6

The Glory of Zion

60 "Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth

and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ "Lift up your eyes and look about you:

All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.

And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Reader: Here ends the first reading.

The second reading: Matthew 2:1–12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it

rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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:

Morning Message: Journey to Epiphany

We Respond to God’s Grace

Hymn 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:
Building on a Year of Care

Invitation to Offering

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #

Voices United # 537 (**vs 1**) (Tune: Amazing Grace)

"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"

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 Lauffer 1927, alt.

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, adapt. And harm. Edwin O.
Excell 1900

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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: All

Postlude:

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.

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

**Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning,
Paul Whiteley, Paul will be leading our service
again next Sunday, January 11th.**
