



Welcome to Grace

Sunday, November 23, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.
Order of Service

Lead Elder: Linda Clarke

Preacher: Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney

Music Ministry: Kimberley Allen-McGill and the Grace Worship Team

Prelude: I Surrender All *HoF3478* & Lord, Listen to Your Children *HofF102*

Welcome and Announcements (Linda Clarke)

Edict of Ordination (Linda Clarke)

Call to Worship: Psalm 100 (Linda Clarke)

Song 1: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Song 2: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Second Reading: 1 John 1:5-1 John 2:2 (Allan Smith)

Offertory: (All) In Christ Alone

Doxology: May the God of Hope Go with Us Every Day *BP726*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Rev. Allen-Macartney)

A Prayer for the Children (Majelle Guillemette)

Song 3: Give Me Oil in my Lamp *BP655 vs. 3, 4*

Pastoral Prayer + Prayer of Confession (Unison) (Linda Clarke)

O Lord, in dying for us, you've invited us to live – no longer for ourselves – but with you, and for you. So, you draw us into a community fuelled by your love. Sometimes we have doubted your presence, but you accompany us anyway. Sometimes we are drawn into the ways of our culture – led by our appetites, our pride, or anxieties, hurts, fears and distractions. But your Holy Spirit calls us back to you. Come now, and renew your reign over every part of us. *[Silent prayer]*

Risen Lord Jesus, confront us in grace. Teach us to trust you. Completely. Help us to follow you – actively, intentionally, faithfully, and boldly. Give us courage and compassion to love neighbours, colleagues, and strangers, in your name.

So we pray as you taught us: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

The Good News (Assurance of Pardon) (Linda Clarke)

Third Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-14 (Jim Richmond/Margaret Bekor-Fatona)

Sermon: "Gifts to Guard and to Set Ablaze" (Rev. Allen-Macartney)

Song 3: Shout to the North

Service of Ordination & Admission to Session

We Ordain, as a Ruling Elder, *Margaret Bekor-Fatona*, and
we admit to Session *Jim Richmond* (previously ordained to another Session)

Leader: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but the same Spirit;

Leader: There are varieties of services,

People: but the same Lord;

Leader: There are varieties of activities,

People: but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

Leader: To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: to use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of it.

Leader: Though we have different gifts,

**People: together we are called to be the church and
given a ministry in the world, led by the risen Christ.**

We confess our faith, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven & earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Narration of Steps: (Linda Clarke, Clerk of Session)

Preamble to the Vows of Ordination

All ministries of the Church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the Church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry.

All members of the Church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again.

That the Church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the Church with officers, among whom are ruling elders.

The Form of Presbyterian Church Government of the Westminster Assembly reminds us that Christ has furnished some in the Church, beside the Ministers of the Word, with gifts for government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are to join with the Minister in the government of the church, which officers reformed churches commonly call Elders.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the Church's King and Head.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ, the living Word, are the canon of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the Holy Catholic Church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation.

Our subordinate standards are the *Westminster Confession of Faith* as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the *Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation* of 1954, *Living Faith (Foi Vivant)* as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the Church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the Church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

The Vows

Ordination Prayer: (Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney)

Congregation's Prayer (Unison)

God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

Declaration (Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney)

Welcome by Ruling Elders

Song 4: I, the Lord of sea and sky BP592

Benediction (Rev. Allen-Macartney)

Sung Blessing Go Now in Peace BP622

Postlude

Please join us after the service for coffee/tea in St-Andrew's Hall!

