

Grace Woodhouse Pastoral Charge
Lent 2, Sunday, March 1, 2026

Prelude

Choral Introit: Don't Be Afraid MV 90

Land Acknowledgement

The Bible is Opened & the Christ Candle is Lit

Memorial Candle is lit in Memory of Leith Stetson by

Lori, Vaughan, Terri and Philip

Welcome and Introduction

Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy - Lent 2 – John 3:1-17

- Liturgy

- All sing: Don't Be Afraid MV 90
- **Prayer: O God, we pray to be born anew, in order to grasp the meaning of your kingdom. We long to discover our authentic selves in this Lenten season. May your truth set us free. May we abide in your spirit of truth so that we can live a life worthy of eternity. Amen.**

Announcements

Outreach Focused Time

Call to Worship

We can look to mountains and forests for our God.

The Creator of the universe can be found in such places.

Indeed – God is all around us.

In all times and places, our God is never far away.

Our loving God neither slumbers nor sleeps but is always by our side.

Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn: Blessed Assurance VU 337

Opening Prayer

Loving God, you delight in showing us your kingdom -- a place of blessing, a place of light, a place of Spirit and truth. May we be born anew in your Spirit, that we might see the glory you have in store for us and for the world. For you sent your Son into our world, not to condemn us or put us to shame, but that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

The Lord's Prayer

All God's Children Learning Together

- Children's Message: Born Again (John 3:1-7)

Hymn: If I Were a Butterfly

Prayer of Yearning

Maker of heaven and earth, lift our eyes to the hills that we might find our help in times of trial.

Like Nicodemus before us, we long to lift our gaze from the ground and behold your blessed face calling us to follow you.

Like your disciples of old, we yearn to set fear aside and to be found faithful in the presence of your awesome power.

Teach our hearts anew to trust your Spirit and the promise of your blessings. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's People Listen

Prayer for Understanding

SCRIPTURE READING

Response to the Word

God has taught us the way we should go.

Let us turn to God freely and rejoice in the one who leads us into life.

Choir

Message: For God so Loved the World

Hymn: "Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus"

Tune: "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" VU 559

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God's People Respond

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn of Dedication:

In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544

Offertory Prayer of Dedication **God, you trust us enough to place your blessings in us, so we may be as faithful in offering them back to you, so others might be comforted in their loneliness, might be fed in their emptiness, might receive hope in their despair. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn:

Eat this Bread and Never Hunger VU 471

Gathering Prayer

Welcome

Because it matters, **we all matter** because bread and wine matter, **all are welcome here to taste and see the good things God is doing.**

Welcome to the table of life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hear us as we sing with the angels

Holy, holy, holy
 God of presence and infinite space
 heaven and earth are full of your glory;
 hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in your name;
 hosanna in the highest.

- [Affirmation of Memory and Hope](#)
- [Blessing the Elements and Prayer for Transformation](#)
- [Breaking the Bread & Filling the Cup](#)
- [Sharing the Bread & Cup - The Holy Sacrament](#)

Prayer

In thanksgiving for all you have done and continue to do for us, may what we have done here today so put its mark upon us that we live faithfully as your people working for justice and life, for truth and forgiveness, for promise and salvation, for ourselves and for all your people. Amen.

Hymn:

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU 586

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Blessing "Go Now In Peace"

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge our Creator and the world around us and our place within it. We acknowledge the many indigenous and non-Indigenous brothers and sisters who walked this land in the past and those who walk it today, this, the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinaabeg (Ahnish-in-nah-beg), Neutral, and Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) peoples

LET'S CELEBRATE Mar 1 - 7, 2026

Happy birthday to

Brandon Lavigne Mar 2

Linda Irving Mar 2

Joy McConnell Mar 3

Lunch after Service

Grace United Church

Sunday, March 1, 2026

In celebration of

Joy McConnell's

90th Birthday

Ham & Scallop Potato Fundraiser

Dinner at Grace United Church Hall

Friday, March 6 5:00 - 6:30pm

Homemade Pies

Adults \$20.00, 12 years & under \$10:00,

Children 5 years and under free

Proceeds toward a new heat pump for the C. E. Hall.

Tickets available in Church Office,

Port Dover Jewellery and June Faint 519-583-0454.

Rev. Lyn's Office Hours:

Tuesday mornings, 10am-12 noon.

Please note: It is best practice to call to ensure there is someone in the office and that Rev. Lyn has not been called away on a Pastoral Emergency or in a meeting before heading to the church.



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Church Calendar:

<http://graceunitedportdover.org/calendar>

Day	Time	Event	Where
Mon			
Tues			
Wed	10:00 am 3:00 pm	W & M Grace Choir	Parlour Sanctuary
Thur	9:00 am 10:00 am	Office Volunteer WH Choir	Parlour Woodhouse
Fri	1:30 pm 5:00 pm	World Day of Prayer Fundraising Dinner	Woodhouse Grace Hall
Sat			
Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Woodhouse S. Grace	Woodhouse Grace



