



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, December 28th, 2025

Worship Leader: Geoff Allen

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*

~ Calvin Coolidge

We Gather in Community

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: VU #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (vs. 1)

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Living God! Praise God from the heavens.

ALL: Sun and moon and shining stars, praise the living God!

One: Praise the Living God, our rescuer and deliverer,

**ALL: Whose wonder is found in the heavens and in all creation,
who comes in innocence and with mercy.**

One: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest; with the appearance of
your Son, you have brought us into your new creation.

ALL: Form us into your people and root our lives in you.

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Creator God, we thank you for creating this glorious world and for
providing a safe place for us to come together and worship in.**

**Help us to be open this morning so that we may receive your
word, be shaped by our loving hands, and know that you are God,
the Creator of all that is – the one whom we can turn to saying,
Our Father,...**

Opening Hymn VU #48 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

We Listen for God's Word

Time of Wondering

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9 (OT p. 725)

Psalm 148 (VU 871)

Matthew 2 :13-22 (NT p. 4/5)

Reflection

We Share our Love

Hymn VU #58 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #575 "I'm Gonna Give So God Can Use Me"

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #567 "Will You come and Follow Me"

Blessing and Sending Forth

Sung Blessing – "Go Now in Peace"

**Go now in Peace, never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of ev'ry day,
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching filled with love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price, Music Don Besig

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning online & in person

Thank you to:

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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**Worship in person or on Zoom: 862 4551 6433 pwd: WORSHIP*

We welcome you to worship in our Sanctuary and thank you for not wearing scented products to church for those who are scent sensitive

We welcome Geoff Allen in worship leadership today.

SIP 'n' SERVE Join us Monday mornings at 9:00 AM. All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation!

CHOIR PRACTICE: Resumes Thursday January 8 at 3:30pm.

CENTENNIAL BROCHURE Please pick up a copy for yourself and some to share with others you think might be interested in what is happening at Centennial United Church in Stayner!

This week's regional prayers are for St Paul's United Church in Metz and St John's United Church in Belwood (Belwood Metz Pastoral Charge). You can learn more about St Paul's and St John's here [About Belwood-Metz Pastoral Charge | Belwood-Metz.](#)

Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge with respect and with awe the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples with whom Treaty 18 of 1818 were signed and the territory wherein our church resides, and our responsibility as Treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people. May we live appreciating the gifts of this land we share with wonder and gratitude and may we live in peace and friendship with all its people.

A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.