



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday February 8, 2026 10:30am

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom *"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within."*

~ Maya Angelou

We Gather in the Light

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement & Life and Work of the Church

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sung Response: VU #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (v. 1)

Call to Worship

One: What does it mean to be salt and light to the world?

ALL: Salt preserves.

Light keeps things from being hidden.

One: What does it mean to be salt and light to the world?

ALL: To hold on to what is good.

To hold on to what is right.

To hold on to what is just.

To shine in the back rooms of oppression.

To shine in the prisons of fear.

To shine in places that have no hope.

One: This is salt and light to the world.

ALL: This is Christ's people—

salt and light—

hope and wonder—

in and with the world!

One: As salt and light,

as hope and wonder,

let us worship God!

ALL: Alleluia!

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Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rest on us lightly this day, dear God, like snow on a branch.
Settle into the cracked and gnarled places that surround our
tender inner self with the wisdom of darkness and the wrinkles
of light. By your grace, help us to discover the wonder of your
story holding our story as we find our souls yoked with love and
all creation. Rest in us lightly this day as we find ourselves part of
the ancient mysteries of falling and melting into you with the
one who taught us to pray together saying: Our Father... Amen.

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Hymn VU #585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

We Listen for the Light

Time of Wondering

Sung Response VU #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Scripture Readings: *Isaiah 58:1-9a (OT p. 721)*

Psalms 112 (VU p. 834)

1 Corinthians 2 (NT p. 206/207)

Matthew 5:13-20 (NT p. 7)

Reflection

We Respond to the Light

Hymn VU #87 "I Am the Light of the World"

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" (*from AGCS vs. 1*)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

We Go Forth in the Light

Hymn TLUS #30 "We're the Light of All the World" (*see insert*)

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Blessing VU #646 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*Thank you for joining us in worship this week,
Thank you to Geoff Allen for reading Scripture & our M&S Story.
Thank you to Neelah Irving for running our live-stream.*

*This week's bulletin is sponsored by Greta Horton
"In remembrance of my Mum, Emmie Johnson,
whose birthday was February 3, 1911"*

Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We gather to worship and witness within the boundaries of Treaty 18 of 1818. This is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati, Wendat, and home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples as part of an intricate nationhood that reaches across Turtle Island. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages and our desire to seek a new relationship with the Indigenous Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

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On-Line & In Person Worship: Sundays: 10:30am

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

Charitable Tax Receipts for 2025 available for pick up! at the back of the church. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed after the congregational meeting February 22.

ANNUAL REPORTS Have been printed! Pick yours up today and see all we've been about this past year at Centennial as we plan for the future at our Annual Meeting on February 22, 2026.

NEW SIGN UP! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as bulletin sponsorship.

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

BIBLE STUDY HOUR Continues Tuesday February 10th at 10:00am.

FEBRUARY 10, 11 am – 3 pm WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN host "Walk With Me", an online event and opportunity to learn more about regional council structure and meet women from five regional councils. Contact Pat for the zoom link.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY (February 15) in a virtual prayer circle hosted by Centennial Women, 7 – 7:30 PM. We pray for each other, our community and our world. Special prayer requests welcomed. Please contact Jennifer. Use the zoom link in the weekly email.

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN! Meat pie assembly is February 16 (prepping) and February 17 (filling). If you have some time and energy, and an urge to make pie please contact Maxine. Place your order with Maxine - text at 705 888 2797 or leave a message at that number - Pickup will be available on February 17th after 1:00 until 4:00 pm.

GAMES NIGHT February 17th 6:00pm Join us Shrove Tuesday for a Mardi Gras style night of playing games to mark the beginning of Lent. Bring a game you want to play and a snack you'd like to eat! Those hankering for a pancake supper before can catch the one at New Lowell United Church

CENTENNIAL WOMEN February 18th at 1:30 pm. Join us for a hymn sing led by June Flynn followed by a late winter tea in the activity room at Blue Mountain Manor (entry is from the lower level).

ANNUAL MEETING Will be held February 22nd following worship.

THEN LET US SING—SUNDAY MARCH 1st at 1:30 pm! An introduction to our new hymnal celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion! We hope you will be able to join us then for an afternoon of song brought to you by our Affirming Committee and Worship & Music. All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 6th, 2026 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 2:00pm

This week's regional prayers are for Pine River United Church in Ripley. Ripley is southeast of Kincardine. Learn more about Pine River United on their Facebook page.

CENTENNIAL STEPPERS is officially registered as a participating team in this year's Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY), Saturday February 28th. Now we need some 'steppers' to walk with us. There is a 2 km or 5 km distance - depending on your energy level. If you are interested in walking please reach out to Alice Grottsoli at alicegrotts@gmail.com

Start/End Location: Trinity United Church

Start Time: Gathering Time - 4pm

Walk Start Time - 5pm

Refreshments and snacks after the walk back at Trinity

Most importantly we need financial support to the cause. Locally, the funds raised from this event will support Home Horizon and the Barbara Weider House located in Collingwood providing a range of support services to youth who face precarious housing situations. Donations can made online at cnoy.org/location/collingwood and search by team name (Centennial Steppers) Payment by credit card or PayPal accepted online. Cheques also accepted. (Cheques payable to Coldest Night of the Year, note team name in Memo)

Let's Make Our Steps Count!!

“We’re the Light of All the World” (TLUS #30)

We’re the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
we’re a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,
we will shine a ray of hope that’s burning bright.

Refrain: *We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
for the flood of tears will finally cease.*

*Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.*

We’re a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,
covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said, “Let there be light,” created every varied shade,
in the rainbow each of us can find a place. **Refrain**

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow’s better day,
we are peace in a world that’s torn apart,
we are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
we are love that blooms and grows in every heart. **Refrain**

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
for our God will be with us on the way.
Hand in hand, side by side, we won’t be frightened anymore
as the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **Refrain**

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