



# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Sunday, January 11, 2026 10:30am*

*First Sunday After Epiphany*



*Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving*

*Pianist: Megan Arksey*

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**Words of Wisdom:** *“Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift... It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own.” ~ St. Augustine*

## *We Gather in the Light*

**Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

One: The season of Epiphany begins with the magi from a distant land following the light of a star to the child Jesus.

They were the first sign that Jesus was a gift for everyone.

**ALL: We continue to seek Christ’s enlightening spirit in the company of all people.**

One: So we gather in the light of Christ. *(The Christ Candle is lit.)*

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**Sung Response VU #315 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (vs. 1)**

**Call to Worship**

One: When the ways of the world wear us down  
with constant demands or unrealistic expectations,  
we are invited to find refuge in God’s grace.

**ALL: Together, in worship, this is where we find our home.**

One: When the morning sun is reflected off the snow  
and the skies open like a blue gift of joy,  
we are invited to notice God’s creating presence.

**ALL: Together, in worship, we are being made new.**

One: Come, find refuge, find hope. Pay attention!  
The Spirit calls us beloved.

**ALL: Together, in worship, let our souls sing praise.**

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**Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**  
**Holy God, could you help us?**  
**Could you help us to know, deep inside,**  
**that we are loved, that we are your beloved?**  
**Could you help us to love one another, our family, our friends,**  
**the people we will never know, and the ones we can’t stand?**  
**Could you help us to be all that you desire us to be?**  
**Because we could really use the help**  
**even as we pray as Jesus taught us saying, Our Father... Amen.**  
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**Opening Hymn #442 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (1, 3)**

*We Listen for the Light*

**Time of Wondering**

**Hymn MV #87 “Water Flowing from the Mountains”**

**Scripture Readings:** *Isaiah 42:1-9 (OT p 704)*  
*Psalm 29 (VU p. 756)*  
*Matthew 3:13-17 (NT p 5/6)*

**Reflection with TLUS #11 “The River is a Healer”**

*We Respond to the Light*

**Hymn VU #626 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

**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 MV #144 “Like a Healing Stream”**

**Commissioning & Benediction**



*Thank you for joining our worship this week*

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Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

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

**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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# LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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*\*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

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

**BIBLE STUDY** We resume this lectionary based bible study on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and ending promptly at 11:00am! Everyone is welcome and no formal biblical education is required!

**FINANCE, PROPERTY & STEWARDSHIP MEETING** Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Round Room.

**JANUARY BOARD MEETING.** Thursday, January 22 at 2PM, in the Round Room, weather permitting.

**THEN LET US SING** An introduction to our new hymnal celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion. Join us for an afternoon of song brought to you by our Affirming Committee and Worship & Music.  
**January 25, 2026 at 2:00pm.** All are welcome!

**ANNUAL REPORTS** The time has come around again. We are asking for submissions to the Annual Report to be into the office by Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 so that we can have the reports completed by the Annual Meeting

**NEW SIGN UP!** There are new sign up sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the Mission and Service story, as well as bulletin sponsorship. Please consider whether you can contribute to our worship in these ways!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PLANNING MEETING** January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church back hall. Please speak with Valerie Willock if you are interested in helping plan or taking part in this ecumenical service which will be held on the first Friday in March.

**ANNUAL MEETING** Will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship.

**This week's regional prayers** are for our neighbour, Wasaga Beach United Church! You can learn more about Wasaga Beach United here <https://wasagaunitedchurch.com/>.