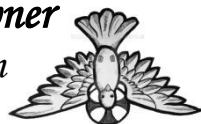




# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:30am*

*Second Sunday After Epiphany*



*Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving*

*Pianist: Megan Arksey*

**Words of Wisdom:** *To lead people, walk beside them.*

*~ Lao Tzu*

## *We Gather in the Light*

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

**The Life and Work of the Church**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

One: In this season of Epiphany in Canada,

**ALL: we are still in the depths of winter.**

One: Blinding snow squalls and long nights

**ALL: keep us inside, longing for spring.**

One: Yet we light this Christ candle,

that it may warm our hearts and light our way,

**ALL: and guide us to faithful discipleship in this time.**

*Beth W. Johnston, Gathering A/C/E 2025-2026, p. 42. Adapted with permission.*

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

**Call to Worship** (*inspired by 1 Corinthians 1:1-9*)

One: We gather as the church of God,

sanctified in Jesus Christ, called to be saints.

**ALL: We gather in grace and peace, enriched in every way.**

One: We gather in gratitude for the gifts we have been given.

**ALL: We gather to be strengthened in partnership with our God.**

**Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Spirit of Truth and Wisdom, you are our comforter, always,  
guiding us, teaching us, showing us the way. We flourish under  
your care and direction and love. Praising your name, forever,  
you pray to you, Our Father/Mother who art in heaven... Amen.

*Pat Clysdale-Cornell, Gathering A/C/E 2025-2026, p. 44. Used with permission.*

**Opening Hymn VU #395 "Come In, Come in and Sit Down"**

## *We Listen for the Light*

Time of Wondering

Sung Response “This Little Light of Mine”

Scripture Readings: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

*Psalms 40:1-11 (VU p. 764)*

*John 2:1-11*

Reflection

## *We Respond to the Light*

Hymn VU #595 “We Are Pilgrims” (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

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 VU #567 “Will You Come and Follow Me” (vs. 1, 4, 5)

Commissioning & Benediction

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*Thank you for joining us in worship this week.*

*Thank you to Liz Kraan for reading Scripture & our M&S Story.*

*Thank you to Neelah Irving for running our live-stream.*



### **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.

### **CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH**

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Thursdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

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

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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** Join us for this lectionary based bible study on Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and ending promptly at 11:00am! Everyone is welcome and no formal biblical education is required!

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

**THEN LET US SING—POSTPONED!** This introduction to our new hymnal celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion will be rescheduled soon for a Sunday in February! 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!

**AFFIRMING COMMITTEE LUNCH & LEARN – Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please plan to stay after church for a delicious lunch, movie and discussion!

**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

**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 (March 6).

**FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11 – 3 PM** WOW UCW host an online event "Walk With Me". This is an opportunity to learn more about the regional council structure and meet women from 5 different regional councils. Zoom link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/81096309097>

**CENTENNIAL WOMEN SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 18** Centennial Women will meet at Blue Mountain Manor for a late winter tea.

**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!

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

Our prayers are with those displaced from their home by the recent fire at The Belmont, a seniors residence here in Stayner. We are thankful Compass Life Church was able to accommodate the residents, providing a warm and safe space, while fire crews worked and alternate arrangements for accommodation were made.

WOWRC are asking for prayers for WOWRC Regional President Rebekah Duncan who was recently admitted to hospital. We pray that God's healing hand be upon her, for wisdom for the medical team, and for strength and peace for her and her family during this time.

**This week's regional prayers** are for Harriston United Church. Harriston is southwest of Mount Forest. You can learn more about Harriston United here <https://harristonunited.weebly.com/>