



# Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, January 25, 2026 10:30am

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving



Pianist: June Flynn

**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**

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

**Call to Worship** (*inspired by Isaiah 9:1-4*)

One: Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

**ALL: Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.**

**Our losses seem greater than we can bear.**

One: God is our light and our salvation.

God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

**ALL: Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.**

**We come now, seeking God’s face.**

One: Come, behold the beauty of our God.

Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

**ALL: We will sing and make melody to God.**

**We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.**

**Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

Shine on us today, gracious God, for we need the light you offer. Come to each one gathered here, and to all who are a part of this community of faith. Guide us along the way so that we may find the road ahead a little easier to bear. Encircle us with your grace and unite us as we travel forward in your name, praying to you with one voice saying: Our Father/Mother... Amen.

**Hymn VU #336 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (tune VU #81)**

## We Listen for the Light

### Time of Wondering

**Sung Response #562 “Jesus Calls Us” (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

**Scripture Readings:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NT p. 206)

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (VU p. 754-755)

Matthew 4:12-23 (NT p. 6-7)

**Special Music – Congregational Sing VU # 675**  
**“Will Your Anchor Hold”, V 1, 2, 4**

### Reflection

## We Respond to the Light

**Hymn VU #288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**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 #84 “O Radiant Christ”**

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Sung Blessing “Go Now in Peace”**

Go now in Peace, Never be afraid.

God will go 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 us in 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 joining us in worship this week.*

*Thank you to Chris Valentine 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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## **Administrator's Office Hours**

Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

**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

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

**AFFIRMING COMMITTEE LUNCH & LEARN – Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Plan to stay after church today for pizza and conversation!

**BIBLE STUDY** Continues Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and ending promptly at 11:00am! No formal biblical education is required!

**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.

**CENTENNIAL FRIENDS OUTING - Sunday February 1, 2026**

Trinity United Church in Collingwood is hosting the highly anticipated Black History Exhibition: "Here From the Beginning". This inspiring tribute to the profound contributions of Black communities to The United Church of Canada was created in 2025 as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. You are invited to join us after church for lunch at Swiss Chalet at 1:00pm followed by a trip through the exhibit. Everyone Welcome! Please let Jennifer know if you plan to attend so we can reserve a big enough table at Swiss Chalet!

**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.

**CENTENNIAL WOMEN SAVE THE DATE** for a late winter tea at Blue Mountain Manor.

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

**THEN LET US SING—SUNDAY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm!** 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!

**THANKS TO COLLINGWOOD CINEMA CLUB** who have donated \$ 2,000 to support our Food Cupboard. Together we make a difference!

**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!

**This week's regional prayers** are for Clifford Pastoral Charge including Knox United and Alsfeldt United Churches.