



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Worship Leader: Liz Kraan

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"Epiphany: the celebration of God showing themselves to the world beyond the Jews. This important day highlights two events in the Bible: the visit of the Magi, and later, the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. In today's usage, an Epiphany is an "Aha! moment".*

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. 4)

Call to Worship

One: Holy God, you call us together

ALL: To reflect on your word and our life in your world

One: Be with us now

ALL: as we sing and pray together

One: that we may hear your voice

ALL: and understand your way. This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Radiant God, light for all people and all places,

by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child.

By the light of faith, lead us to worship you in peace and love,

and guide us in your way. We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world, who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father,...

Opening Hymn VU #93 "When Heaven's Bright With Mystery"

We Listen for God's Word

Time of Wondering: Who are the Magi?

Hymn – “We Three Kings” (*see insert*)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 (*OT p. 722/723*)

Psalms 72 :1-7, 10-14 (*Parts One and Two VU 790*)

Ephesians 3 :1-6 (*NIRV*)

Matthew 2 :1-12 (*NT p. 4*)

Reflection: Why Do the Magi Matter?

We Share our Love

Choir Anthem – “No Obvious Angels”

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #81 “As With Gladness Men of Old” (V3)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #79 “Arise Your Light is Come”

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

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

Thank you to:

Liz Kraan for leading worship

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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 Liz Kraan 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!

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.

WE THREE KINGS

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

(Refrain)

***O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.***

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]**

**Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]**

**Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]**