



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday March 1, 2026 10:30am

Second Sunday in Lent



Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Words of Wisdom “You can’t plant a seed and pick the fruit the next morning.”

~ Jesse Jackson

Gathering to be Fed

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: We come in worship, seeking God’s guidance and love.

**ALL: May this time of worship fill us with the Spirit,
to restore our faith and our hope in God’s presence.**

One: Although we are well-intended,
we need God’s word to renew our direction and commitment.

**ALL: May this time of worship strengthen our hearts
to follow God’s way.**

One: God calls us to support each other
and draw on the example of those who went before.

**ALL: May this time of worship comfort us
with the truth of God’s love throughout the ages.**

One: In worship, let us welcome God into our hearts.

**ALL: In worship, let us affirm our love of God
and God’s love for us.**

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Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Loving God, as we continue the Lenten journey, remind us that
with your love feeding us, we have the strength to follow you.

As we worship this day, surround us with your presence.

Make yourself known to us in what we express, in the songs we sing, and in the prayers we offer. Reveal yourself in the people around us, that we might be reassured that we are not alone on this journey. As we follow you, we are aware that you call us to places we may not always want to go. As we seek to grow in faith, be with us and forgive us our hesitation. Renew our resolve and show us the courage to travel with your Son and our Christ, who showed us the way, the truth and the life and taught us to pray together saying:... Amen.

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Hymn VU #382 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Feasting on the Word

Time of Wondering

Sung Response VU #395 “Come In, Come In and Sit Down”

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a (OT p12/13)

Psalm 121 (VU 844)

John 3:1-17 (NT p 119)

Reflection

Sharing the Nourishment

Hymn VU #842 “Unto the Hills”

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Stories of Generosity

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #541 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Feed the World

Hymn VU #633 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Blessing VU #468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues” (vs. 3, Refrain)

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Thank you to Myrna Whitley for reading Scripture & our M&S Story.
Thank you to Olyndra 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.

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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

THEN LET US SING—SUNDAY MARCH 1st at 2:00 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!

CALLING READERS FOR MARCH! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as bulletin sponsorship. Please consider if you can contribute in this way.

MEAT PIES ARE AVAILABLE! \$6/pie Place your order with Maxine - text at 705 888 2797 or leave a message at that number – to order and arrange pick-up.

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

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am-11:00am throughout Lent.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP – Thursdays at 2:00pm Join us for Lenten discussions on the Daily Devotional “Bless, Break, Share”.

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

This week’s regional prayers are for Tottenham United Church.

THE FAST WE CHOOSE—A Lenten Invitation We are inviting you to join us in living out our faith and sharing food with those who are hungry this Lent through Food Cupboard Donations. All welcome!

- Week 2-March 1: Mac & Cheese or Instant Noodle Cups
- Week 3-March 8: Boxes of Mac & Cheese or Pkgs of Noodles
- Week 4-March 15: Be Unique for PIE DAY-everything welcome
- Week 5-March 22: Tab Top Canned Food (eg. Chili, stew, soup)
- Week 6-March 29: Individually packaged snack foods