Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, November 1, 2026 10:30am

All Saint's Day

Unexpected Jesus – Week 3

Minister: Jennifer Irving *Pianist: Megan Arksey*

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To Ponder: *"A saint always knows that there is more than enough for our need but never enough for our greed."* ~ Richard Rohr

We Gather

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

You don't have to be productive
and you don't have to change the world.
We're already so loved.
You don't have to conform
to someone else's ideas of holy or acceptable.
We're already so loved.
You don't have to love yourself or even like yourself,
We are loved.
Whether your life looks well put together from the outside while hiding a hot mess inside or vice versa, sometimes on the same day
We are loved.
Morning lark, night owl, sinners, saints, children of God,
siblings all of us.
We are loved.
Whether we feel it or not,
We're so loved. We're so loved. We're so loved.
And as God's beloved, we pray:
Let your love change us, O God, and bring us more in line with who we were meant to be all along. Celebrate with us as we are transformed even as you keep us mindful this isn't a pre-requisite or a requirement for your love. Fill us with knowing we are beloved, intimately, faithfully, wholly, with delight and

abundance so that filled with this love we turn to you as children to a beloved parent saying, Our Father… Amen.

adapted from "A Reminder" by Sarah Bessey in A Rhythm of Prayer

Hymn VU #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer. *(time of silence)*

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely places,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven!
We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sung Response VU 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

We Listen for God's Word

Time of Wondering

Hymn VU 365 "Jesus Loves Me"

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11a

Reflection *"Unexpected Abundance"*

We Respond in Love

Hymn MV #138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

Our Generosity at Work *(A Mission & Service Story)*

Responding with our Offering

Offertory VU #605 "Jesus Teacher, Brave and Bold" *(vs 2, adapted)*

Jesus, friend, so strong and true, show us good, brave work to do.
Show us those who need a friend, all things broken, help us mend.
Bless these gifts and stretch our care,
teach us to serve you everywhere.

Prayer of Dedication *by mihee kim-kort in A Rhythm of Prayer by Sarah Bessey, adapted*

Heart of my own heart, be my sight, be my song, be my light. Soften my heart that it would break for Your world. Lead my hands and feet to do work that is poured out for the sake of Your children. Bless what my hands offer here and through these gifts may Your Church be brave, may it be a sign of Your love in the world, in Jesus' sweet, sweet name I pray. Amen

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #705 "For All the Saints" *(vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)*

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Sending Forth "Go Now in Peace" *Don Besig & Nancy Price, adapted*

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, filled with love.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Thank you to Wendy Whalen for reading Scripture
Thank you to Dave Hopper for Tech Support & Sound

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Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have lives, hunted and fished on this land and these waters, gifts of the Creator.

We acknowledge as a community of faith we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic and spiritual connection to this land. We gather in the light of that history and honour their ancestors and stories.

We also recognize the contributions that Metis, Inuit and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country. We acknowledge we are all treaty people and this land in particular is subject to Treaty 18 of 1818.

We commit to the journey of right relationship which includes ongoing learning and action with our lives and faith.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SCENT SENSITIVE SPACE We ask that you please be mindful that we are trying to keep our church scent free and refrain from applying perfume or wearing scented deodorants in the building.

INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A UNITED CHURCH 2027 CALENDAR? Let Pat know if you would like to purchase by November 10. $ 12.

You are invited to an All Unity Service **NOVEMBER 1, 7 PM** at Clearview Community Church, 1070 County Rd 42, Stayner featuring LCol (ret'd) Rev Gordon Mintz as speaker & hosted by Joshua Cabral.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Round Room.

CENTENNIAL CHOIR PRACTICES Thursdays at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary for anyone and everyone!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSALS! Thursdays at 7:00pm at JUBILEE until the Concert-Sunday December 13th at 7:00pm! Join the mass choir at Jubilee Presbyterian Church to prepare for this special evening of celebration and song.

NOVEMBER 4 TURKEY DINNER IS ON! Dine in (limited) or Take out, 4:30 – 6:30. Cost is $ 30/meal. Pre-order by November 2 (call 705-422 1201 or email fundraisers@ucstayner.ca). Payment can be made by etransfer to office@ucstayner.ca, or by cash/cheque at the door.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! We need lots of volunteers to make the turkey dinner a success. Get your peelers ready! There will be many tasks, suitable for all abilities (!), in the week leading up to the dinner, and the day of. Please consider helping out. More information to follow. **Still need people for the 5:30 – 7 PM shift on November 4!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 NEW LOWELL UNITED CHURCH is hosting a Roast Beef Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction at the New Lowell Legion (5357 Simcoe Rd 9). Dine in (begins 5:30 PM) or Take Out (5 – 5:30 PM). $ 30/person. Advance tickets call 705-424-1476.

BRACELET WORKSHOP Saturday November 14 2:30 or 6:30. Create your own one of a kind, or a gift for that special person. Register with Jen Gerrior (gerriordutka@rogers.com, 705-888-1188). $40/person. All supplies provided.

AFFIRMING MINISTRY CELEBRATION Sunday November 15 10:30am Join us as we celebrate becoming an Affirming Ministry in worship followed by a Potluck Lunch and Rainbow Cake! Bring your favourite dish as we celebrate our individuality! Contribution to the Potluck is not a requirement - everyone is welcome to join in our celebration!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday November 21 9:30am-3:00pm. Lots of vendors, including a Sunday School Bake Table. If you would like to contribute to the Bake Table please feel free to drop off goodies at the office, or on the day of.

NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 6:30 PM. Outreach and Social Action Committee are organizing **Wreath Making Workshops**. Registration is limited to 30 people per night. Cost is $ 50 per person All supplies and goodies provided. Contact Geoff Allen to reserve a space. Geoff.allen.re@gmail.com or 519-546-3991.

CENTENNIAL WOMEN SAVE THE DATE! A Christmas lunch is planned for December 9. Stay tuned for details!

Other things to look forward to!

Saturday December 5 Centennial United will be participating in the Stayner Santa Claus parade. 9 AM at the church for those wanting to be in the parade. Parade starts at 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 6 10:30 AM White Gift Sunday

Sunday, December 13 7 PM Community Christmas Concert hosted by Jubilee Presbyterian.

Sunday, December 20 10:30 AM Carols and Comfort Food. A service of music and story followed by a soup lunch.

Monday, December 21 Longest Night Service (time TBD)

Thursday, December 24 3 PM Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 27 10:30 AM Breakfast Church (peameal bacon on a bun, and worship!)

REGIONAL PRAYER CIRCLE This week's regional prayers are for **Brucefield Community United Church.** Brucefield is northwest of Stratford. Learn more at https://www.brucefieldchurch.ca/.