



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

Reign of Christ Sunday

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"A great leader is one who serves others, not himself"*

~ Anonymous

We Gather in Community

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 *(from the back of the church)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: VU #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy" *(vs. 1)*

Call to Worship

One: Come Christ, it's time! Let your reign begin!

**ALL: Time for us to choose world leaders
who will be faithful visionaries.**

One: Come Christ, it's time! Let your reign begin!

**ALL: Time for us to consider the environment
and work to combat climate change.**

One: Come Christ, it's time! Let your reign begin!

**ALL: Time for us to listen to children
and answer their questions directly.**

One: Come Christ, it's time! Let your reign begin!

ALL: Time for us to work for respect, equality, and justice.

One: Come Christ, it's time! Let your reign begin!

ALL: Time for us to have faithful confidence!

Time for us to love unreservedly!

Come Christ, it's time, let your reign begin!!

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Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

As we seek refuge in God's house today to worship on this the Reign of Christ Sunday, may we leave our worries and tension outside and enter with peace and love. May our hearts and spirits be open to the message we are offered today. May this time of worship have meaning for each of us and may God grant us the wisdom of the Spirit to understand it. Let us worship God to whom we pray as Jesus taught us saying, Our Father... Amen.

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Opening Hymn VU #374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

We Listen for God's Word

Time of Wondering with Welcoming of New Members

Statement of Purpose

Presentation

Commitment of New Members

Will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

As siblings in Christ, will you rejoice in the gifts these members bring to us and pledge to them your love and support as you live out together the mission and ministry of Christ's church?

We will, with God's help.

Corporate Profession of Faith (VU p. 918)

Welcome

Blessing

Hymn VU #595 "We Are Pilgrims"

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (OT p. 755/756)

Luke 1:68-79 (VU p. 900)

Luke 23:33-44 (NT p. 112/113)

Choir Anthem

Reflection

Hymn VU #213 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

We Share our Love

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #575 “I’m Gonna Give So God Can Use Me”

Prayer of Dedication

Service of Communion (*see insert*)

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world
to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now
commissioned to:**

**feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.**

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Closing Hymn VU #512 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (3-5)

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

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

Thank you to:

Wayne Ridley for reading scripture & the Mission and Service story

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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.

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

A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God is with us!

ALL: We are not alone!

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, you are creative and self-giving, generously moving. In all the near and distant corners of the universe. nothing exists that does not find its source in you. *(based on A Song of Faith)*

Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;

your presence never fails us,

your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,

eternal as your love, our bond to one another.

We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,

and with angels and archangels,

to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus and Benedictus *(More Voices 203)*

Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:

loving what he loved

living what he taught, and

striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and said,

“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,

“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching,
his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation (*sung to More Voices 204*)

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,

we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community,
we may taste and see your goodness,

so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in
communion with you and with one another.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Great Amen (*sung to More Voices 205*)

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

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Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

One: The body of Christ,

ALL: the bread of life.

One: The lifeblood of Christ,

ALL: the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion (*see bulletin*)

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

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Catherine Jean Lewis

Deborah Anne Mobbs

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

MILK BAG MAT MAKING Postponed until further notice.

ADVENT STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25 AT 10 AM. Please join us for one, two, three or all four of these sessions exploring what it means when Jesus is born to us bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary

COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Jubilee Presbyterian Church. Join this mass choir to celebrate Christmas in concert on December 14th, 7:00 PM. No auditions required.

CENTENNIAL WOMEN CENTENNIAL WOMEN, come enjoy the annual Christmas lunch gathering at 11:30 AM November 26. A speaker from the Busby Centre will speak about the "Out of the Cold" program. Donations for Out of the Cold welcomed including warm winter wear, socks, track pants, and so on.

Finance, Property and Stewardship meets **December 11 at 2 PM**

We welcome donations for our **CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROGRAM**. We are partnering with the Clearview Stayner Foodbank this year to ensure each child and youth receives a gift or gift-card this Christmas Season. We will also be sharing the hope, peace, joy and love of the Christmas with other families who are struggling this Christmas. Donations can be made on the offering plate on Sundays (please note designation on envelope) or by e-transfer (please note "Christmas Family." In the memo.) If you would like to purchase a gift rather than donate money please speak to Jennifer.

This week’s regional prayers are for Drayton United Church. You can learn more about Drayton United here <https://draytonunited.ca/>.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE
Financial Up-date to October 31, 2025

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To Date	Y-T-D Oct-25	Y-T-D Oct-24
Total Income	\$89,143.11	\$103,288.97
Total Expenses	\$127,899.50	\$135,493.22
Shortfall	<u>\$38,756.39</u>	<u>\$32,204.25</u>
Mission & Service	<u>\$9,986.00</u>	<u>\$11,227.00</u>

CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 at 3:30 gather at 341 Charles St to decorate the float for the Santa Claus parade.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 Youth and Sunday School will participate in the Stayner Santa Claus parade. If you would like to be part of the parade please join us at the church at 9 AM to get ready. Special thanks to Myrna and Jim Whitley, and Shirley and Wally Somerville for their contributions!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10:30 AM will be White Gift Sunday presented by the Youth and Sunday School. Cash to support families is appreciated. Donations can be made by etransfer (please note White Gift in memo) or on the donation plate (please note White Gift on the envelope or cheque).

DECEMBER 14, 7 PM Jubilee Presbyterian Church hosts a community Christmas concert. Come enjoy an evening of carols and choirs! A freewill offering will be taken to support the work of the Clearview Ministerial. Refreshments served after the concert.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 4 PM Centennial United hosts a meditative Blue Christmas service for those who find the Christmas season challenging in partnership with Creemore/New Lowell Pastoral Charge, Badjeros and Rob Roy United Churches.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 worship service will be, as usual, at 10:30 AM. A **Carol Festival** will be held in the afternoon at 2:00 PM with special music. Please speak to Megan or Jennifer if you would like to perform.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 2:00 PM a Christmas Eve Service will be held, followed by Christmas pudding in the CE Hall.