

Centennial United Church, Stayner



Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Thanksgiving Sunday

“Centennial Says Thanks”

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



To Ponder: *“It is not joy that makes us grateful;
it is gratitude that makes us joyful.” ~David Steinall-Rast*

We Gather In Thanksgiving

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: VU #315 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (vs. 1)

Call to Worship

One: Our lives are a blessing

ALL: and so we give thanks.

One: Our loved ones are a blessing

ALL: and so we give thanks.

One: This earth is a blessing

ALL: and so we give thanks.

One: Each meal we enjoy, every time we share, is a blessing.

ALL: and so we give thanks.

One: In thanksgiving, let us worship God.

(Prayer written by Carol O’Neil, pg 46 Gathering Pent 2, 2019. Used with permission.)

Opening Prayer (in unison)

For what we have received, O God, make us truly thankful.

**For the breath of life, for the tears that fall, for the moments of
love, for the times we are not sure quite what to do next.**

Make us truly thank-full, O God, make us truly thankful.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

(Prayer written by Richard Bott, p. 46, Pentecost 2, 2019. Used with permission.)

Opening Hymn #236 “Now Thank We All Our God”

We Listen to be Filled by God's Love

Time for the Young and Young at Heart *Making a Joyful Noise*

Hymn VU p.820 Psalm 100 "Make a Joyful Noise"

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (OT p 195/196)

John 6:25-35 (NT p 124)

Choir Anthem "Hear Us, Creator, As We Pray"

Reflection & Dramatization "The Thanksgiving Bowl" Virginia Kroll

We Share our Love

Filling our Thanksgiving Bowl

Hymn #VU 249 "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (learn & sing in a round)

Story of Generosity

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Hymn VU #575 "I'm Gonna Give So God Can Use Me"

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU #227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Blessing and Sending Forth (Philippians 4:4-9)

Sung Blessing #884 "You Shall Go Out With Joy"

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

Thank you to:

Dave Hopper for reading scripture and the Mission and Service story
Neelah Irving for technical support

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55th Wedding Anniversary.

Happy Anniversary Norm and Joan!

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.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

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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 9:00am . All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation!

MILK BAG MAT MAKING Mondays 10 AM – Noon! Please join us.

VIRTUAL PRAYER CIRCLE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 7 – 7:30 pm, hosted by Centennial Women. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship zoom room with prayer joys, needs and concerns. If you have a prayer wish and can't join please let Jennifer know. You can use the link for worship in the weekly congregational email.

BIBLE STUDY Bible Study is taking a Thanksgiving Holiday! Join us next on Tuesday October 21st at 10:00am in the Round Room!

CHOIR PRACTICE at 3:30 PM starting Thursday, October 16. All welcome!

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

REGIONAL UCW GATHERING "Then Let Us Sing" October 20, 2025 10:00am-3:00pm at Drayton United Church. Speak to Jennifer if you are interested in attending the entire day and to Liz Kraan if you'd like to go for the afternoon of singing.

OCTOBER 25 5:30 PM Compass Life Church (202 Ontario St, Stayner) hosts a Foodgrains Banquet supporting the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Drinks at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$ 20 for Adults, \$ 10 for ages 6-12 (5 & under free). Call 705-428-3741 or email compasslifechurch@gmail.com for tickets.

ALL-AGES PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT Sunday October 26th at 1:30pm Contributions to help sponsor this event gratefully accepted!

CENTENNIAL WOMEN SAVE THE DATES! October 28 at 2 PM and November 26 at 11:30 with lunch and a Christmas outreach activity to follow. Details to follow!

OCTOBER 29 Grace United in Barrie (350 Grove St) is hosting a Harvest Roast Beef Dinner. Take out 4:30 – 5 PM or 5:30 – 6 PM, 2 Seatings 5 PM or 6:15 PM. Tickets are \$ 35 each. Call 705-734-0760.

CENTENNIAL'S TURKEY SUPPER Thursday November 6th, 2025

4:30pm-6:30pm. Get your tickets early for our fall supper! Only 90 spots for eat-in—Unlimited Take-Out. Those wishing to help offset the cost of ingredients can make a special donation towards the supper with your offering or in the office. \$50-60 would cover the cost of a turkey, \$20 would buy a bag of potatoes, \$15 would cover a couple of pounds of butter! Every little bit helps make our fundraiser a success. Please speak to Maxine Coutts-Reid to volunteer.

THANK YOU! to all those contributing time and energy to the clothing swap. A HUGE amount of clothing was redistributed to people who needed it. 315 food items were donated to the Food Bank and the Food Cupboard. Money was also contributed for future Food Cupboard purchases. **Special thanks** to Leeane and Joanne, swap organizers, whose leadership makes it possible.

REGIONAL PRAYER CYCLE. Today's prayers are for Mount Forest/Woodland Pastoral Charge, a two point charge including Mount Forest and Woodland United Churches. Learn more here <https://www.mountforestunitedchurch.com/>

Please take a moment to complete the Affirming Ministries survey for Centennial. It can be found at the back of the church. Completed surveys can be placed in the rainbow box, also at the back of the church. Thank you!

Hear Us, Creator, As We Pray
by Walter Farquharson/Ron Klusmeier



Hear us, Creator, as we pray
for those who till the soil;
Grant us a sense of growing worth,
give purpose to our toil.

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The world has hungry people yet
our soils produce good grain.
God, use our skills and practiced arts
to take away our pain.



Our heritage of fields and herds
demands our thankful praise.
God, bless our farming enterprise,
the labor of our days.

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Faithful with those who pioneered
these fertile lands we till,
we bless you God of humankind,
whose purpose guides us still.

