



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, October 19th, 2025

Anniversary Service

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *We don't just go to church, we are the church.*

We Gather in Community

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Choir Anthem – “Sweet Grass and Candle”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship the Holy One,
creator of days gone by and days to come,

ALL: who created us with imagination and memory.

One: We are full of feelings sparked by what we know,
read, and understand of the past.

ALL: We are full of prayers of hope for the future.

One: On this day, as we celebrate the history of this church:

ALL: may the stories warm us, unite us, inspire us, and surprise us.

One: Today, as we celebrate all those

who worshipped and worked here before us.

ALL: May their faith guide us now and in all the days to come.

(Written by Robin Wardlaw, Gatheringworship.ca. Adapted with permission.)

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Oh, most loving God, we come before you knowing of your
covenant made with us. It has been engraved upon our hearts.

Forgiving God, we come to you in humility. You are our God. We
are your people. We love and adore you, for the past 134 years in
this church building, for now, and for evermore, and so we lift our
voices together and pray to you, Our Father.... Amen.

(Prayer written by Kathleen Whyte, p. 34, Pentecost 2, 2025. Adapted with permission.)

Opening Hymn #242 “Let All Things Now Living”

We Listen for God’s Word

Time of Wondering

Hymn VU #365 “Jesus Loves Me”

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT p 766)

Psalm 119:97-104 (VU p. 840)

Reflection

We Share our Love

Hymn MV #79 “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Story of Generosity

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

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

Prayer of Dedication

Special Music “Rainbow” Kacey Musgraves—Dave & Megan Arksey

Prayers of the People

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

Blessing and Sending Forth

Sung Blessing VU #649 “Walk with Me” (refrain)

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

Thank you to:

Janice Have for reading scripture and the Mission and Service story

Dave Hopper & Neelah Irving for technical support

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

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to Heidi Sterrenberg for providing the flowers, to the people that picked and arranged the bouquets, and to all those who delivered bouquets and cards to our shut-ins for Thanksgiving. It was all very much appreciated !



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

REGIONAL UCW GATHERING "Then Let Us Sing" October 20, 2025
10:00 AM-3:00 PM at Drayton United Church. Speak to Jennifer if you are interested in attending.

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

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

BIBLE STUDY Bible Study resumes on Tuesday October 21st at 10:00 AM in the Round Room.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays at 3:30 PM (except November 6th when singing will take place while we work at the Turkey Supper!)

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.

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 1:30 PM. Contributions to help sponsor this event gratefully accepted!

OCTOBER 28 at 2 PM in the CE Hall. Centennial Women are invited to celebrate the changing seasons We will take some time to reflect on the beauty of the shoulder season- the in between time between thanksgiving and the busyness of the upcoming Christmas season. Tea, coffee and treats will be served! For more information, speak to Liz Kraan or Debbie Allen.

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.

NOVEMBER 1, 9:30 – 2:30 the GNE hosts a Craft Fair at the fairgrounds.

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. Every little bit helps make our fundraiser a success. A sign up sheet for volunteers is on the side of the fridge in the kitchen. Or speak to Maxine.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 join New Lowell United Church at their Roast Beef Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction at the New Lowell Legion (5357 Simcoe Rd 9). Dine in or Take Out. Take Out pick up 5-5:30 PM. Dine in begins at 5:30 PM. \$ 30/person. Ages 6-12 \$ 15. Cash, cheque or etransfer to nlunitedchurch@gmail.com. Advance tickets only – call 705-424-1476.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 at 6:30 PM Outreach and Social Action host a wreath making workshop. Cost is \$ 50, all supplies included as well as tasty nibbles and seasonal vibes. Come get your Christmas creative juices flowing! Contact Geoff Allen for tickets. (Geoff.allen.re@gmail.com, or phone 519-546-3991.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Centennial Christmas Sale! Lots of vendors including a Sunday School bake table. More details to follow. Baking contributions welcomed for the Sunday School.

Continue your Christmas shopping with Trinity Primrose United Church Christmas Treats & Treasure Sale, **Saturday, November 22**, 10 Am – 2 PM. Trinity Primrose United (200 Owen Sound St, Shelburne).

Today's regional prayers are for Letterbreen United Church, north of Mount Forest.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH
CELEBRATING 134 YEARS AND COUNTING AS CHURCH!
A SNAPSHOT!**

We were born of Methodist itinerant ministry in the Stayner area. In 1869 Methodist Pastor, Rev James Woodworth, said: "The Stayner Mission embraces parts of 5 townships, some of the worst roads in Canada and many devoted and hearty Methodists".

In 1891 property was purchased on William Street and a Welseyan Methodist church built. It was called "Centennial because it was built in the year of the Centennial of John Wesley's death in 1791.

In 1925 Methodist, Presbyterian and congregational denominations joined together to form The United Church of Canada. Mr. Albert Culham was Centennial's lay representative at the first service of Toronto Conference in September, 1925.

In 1962 Centennial was extensively renovated and in May the building was re-opened with the design we see today.

In 1964 sod was turned on the new Christian Education Wing to provide larger and better facilities for Sunday School and other Church activities.

On June 8, 1975, Centennial United Church celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Church Union with a special service at the Missionary Campgrounds in Stayner.

In June 1981, Centennial celebrated "100 Years in Christian Service". Dr. Robert McClure was guest speaker. A Garden Party and stroll down Memory Lane was followed by a beef barbeque and concert.

This year we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the United Church with special church services in June.

In 1987, Centennial, under the guidance of Rev. Maurice Francis, became a "teaching" church. Many student ministers studied under Rev. Francis enriching the life of Centennial.

You can see more about Centennial United's rich history in a visit to the "Memory Room" – or visit the website "About Us – History Tab".

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CENTENNIAL!
CELEBRATING 134 YEARS AS A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY!



We believe the strongest and most valid aspect of creation is the power of love, exhibited in the nurturing aspect of all of life. This dynamic force, referred over the years as God, is the constant within our universe. We believe that the Christ is the spiritual power to bring healing, wholeness and new life to all aspects of creation. We believe the Christ is ever-present. We believe the teachings and example of Jesus, show us how to live out love in very human ways.

We believe all people are on a spiritual journey. The role of the church is to enable this journey and to allow every person to experience the wholeness and the love present in our world.