



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Proper 25

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself."* ~ Mother Teresa

We Gather in Community

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: So much pain in our world is caused by arrogance.

ALL: We can easily think we are the only ones who are right.

One: Let us be open to the holy in other people,
the light of Christ shining in each one.

**ALL: Let us rejoice that God's grace is for us all
as we light the candle of Christ. (candle is lit)**

One: In this light we rejoice and sing!

(written by Beth Johnston, Gathering Pentecost 2 2025, p. 31)

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

Call to Worship

One: Come to worship God.

Come to be inspired to live lives of faith and action.

Come to be renewed personally, spiritually, & as a community.

ALL: We gather as a people of faith.

We seek to live as servants of Christ.

One: The Spirit moves among us.

We are open to being transformed.

ALL: The winds of new opportunity blow among us.

We are not alone, for God is with us.

Thanks be to God.

(Written by Bill Steadman, Gatheringworship.ca. Adapted with permission.)

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Blessed are we, as we worship you, our Gracious God. Blessed are we who come to humble ourselves before you. Blessed are we who acknowledge that we do not know everything. Blessed are we who yearn for your restorative love. We come together today to be attentive to your presence, to receive and delight in your word and in the teachings of Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying: Our Father... Amen.

(Written by Sandra Litt, GatheringWorship.ca. Adapted with permission.)

Opening Hymn #382 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"

We Listen for God's Word

Time of Wondering

Hymn MV #30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" *(see insert)*

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:23-32 (OT p. 882/883)

Psalm 65 (VU p. 782)

Luke 18:9-14 (NT p. 103)

Reflection

We Share our Love

Hymn VU #508 "Just As I Am"

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Generosity

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #381 "Spirit of Life"

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Blessing "Time Change Song" *Centennial Choir*

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

Thank you to:

Wendy Whalen for reading scripture and the Mission and Service story

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CENTENNIAL BROCHURE Please pick up a copy for yourself and some to share with others you think might be interested in what is happening at Centennial United Church in Stayner!

OFFICE Hours NEXT WEEK. Pat will be in the office 9 AM – 1 PM on Monday (Oct 27), not Tuesday of next week.

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

ALL-AGES PUMPKIN CARVING EVENT This afternoon at 1:30 PM.

Come one, come all—there are plenty of pumpkins for everyone!

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

MILK BAG MAT MAKING postponed til further notice!

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday October 28th at 10:00 AM in the Round Room.

OCTOBER 28 at 2 PM in the CE Hall. Centennial Women are invited to celebrate the changing seasons, reflecting on the beauty of the shoulder season- the in between time between thanksgiving and the busyness of the Christmas season. Tea, coffee and treats will be served! You are invited to bring bar soaps (hand or shampoo) that can be put in the Food Cupboard. 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.

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.

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

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. A sign up sheet for volunteers is on the side of the fridge in the kitchen. Or speak to Maxine.

WOWRC FALL MEETING November 7-8, 2025 Jennifer & Greta will be attending this online meeting. Ordination Service for Aidan Legault will take place at Westminster in Orangeville Nov. 8th at 4pm.

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 e-transfer to nlunitedchurch@gmail.com. Advance tickets only – call 705-424-1476.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 True North Christian Academy (202 Ontario St) is hosting a FUNdraising All You Can Eat spaghetti dinner. First sitting is at 5 PM, second sitting at 6:30. Takeout available after 5:15. Cost is \$ 25 for adults, 10 and under \$ 15. Also featuring a bake sale, 50/50 and raffles. Book tickets by calling 705-428-5144 or by email (info@truenorthacademy.ca).

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025 Reign of Christ Sunday with Celebration of New Members and Communion. If you are interested in making your membership in Centennial's United Church family official through transfer or confession of faith, please reach out to Jennifer at jennifer@ucstayner.ca or text/call 1-306-327-7776.

This week regional prayers are invited for Grace United Church in Tavistock. You can see more about Grace United here <https://www.graceunitedtavistock.com/>

IT'S A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE MAKER

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker
The gray whale sings in the sea.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a call of life to the Giver,
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
When high tides break on the shore

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The summer breeze joins the song.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

It's the chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
A song the universe sings.

*And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too*

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