

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, September 14th, 2025 10:30am

Worship Leader: Penny Squirrell

Music Leader: Megan Arksey



Words of Wisdom: *"Don't let decisions made in the past prevent progress in the present or dreams for the future".*

Gods People Gather

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as we begin our service so as to invite Jesus into our Midst in all the work of our church. As we now bring fire to this candle wick, making it glow with light, may we also bring the fire of love to this time of prayer and worship. Open your hearts to the light of God's presence.

ALL: We will walk in the light.

One: Christ is a light to the world.

ALL: We will follow his example and show our light to the world and as we receive God's light and peace, may we also reflect it out into our world.

Sharing our Life & Work and our Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship

One: For land and soil, crops, forests and wilderness anchoring our homes and hopes, restoring our awe and mystery in our beautiful world.

ALL: We rejoice with God in the land.

One: Do not worry over what you do not possess.

ALL: Remember Jesus, who was sent to be our Saviour.

One: Do not fear that too much may be asked of you.

ALL: Remember God is with us always and will never forsake us.

One: Do not be afraid of what the future will bring.

ALL: Remember God will lead us in the way we should go.

One: Come, let us worship the God who has promised to love us always and never forget us throughout all the days of our lives.

Hymn VU #264 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer of Approach and Praise

For the Young of Heart – “The Lost is Found”

Hymn VU #356 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You call us to gather together as Christ’s Body, loving God, and send your Spirit to unite us as one. In our freedom to make choices in life, we have not always chosen wisely for ourselves or for others. As stewards of your creation, we have not always honoured the land and cared for its inhabitants. We have not always walked lightly on this earth or protected it. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. As a community filled with many gifts, we have not always seen those gifts in others or called them forth for the good of all. Ready our hands, our hearts, and our minds to freely give and receive the goodness of new life with you. In the moments of this worship, may we experience your call, your community, your Grace and be led to respond. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

CHOIR ANTHEM – “Give to Us Laughter”

Listening for God’s Word

First Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NT p. 263)

Responsive Reading Psalm 14 (VU p.735)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10 (NT p. 99)

Meditation – “Its Not Lost”

Our Thankful Response

Hymn VU #703 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Story of Generosity

Offering Invitation

Offering Response VU #540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Go Live a Difference In the World

Closing Hymn VU #626 "I Heard the Voce of Jesus"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace" (*Don Besig & Nancy Price*)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every 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.

Amen. Amen. Amen!

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

Thank you to Penny Squirrell for leading our worship.

*Thank you to Liz Kraan for reading scripture
and the Mission and Service story.*

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.

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

LOOKING FOR SCRIPTURE AND M&S STORY READERS! Sign up at back of church!

Welcome and thanks to Penny Squirrelrell for leading us in worship today.

And a warm welcome to special guests Rev Maurice Francis and his wife Ruth! Please join us after the service for a chance to chat with them.

SIP 'n' SERVE Join us Monday mornings at 9:00am as we test the theory that cleanliness is next to Godliness! All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation.

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

VIRTURAL PRAYER CIRCLE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15 Centennial Women host a zoom prayer room on the 15th of each month from 7-7:30PM. Everyone is welcome to join us with prayer joys, needs and concerns. Join us in the worship zoom room as we gather to pray for each other, our community and our world. You can use the link for worship in the weekly congregational email.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86245516433?pwd=LzFQaGpicHJORjM4QWcwTE>, Meeting ID: 86245516433, password: WORSHIP

CENTENNIAL READS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 7 PM. Join us to hear what our avid readers thought about our selected summer reading: **The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World** by Robin Wall Kimmerer, **Bootstraps Need Boots: One Tory's Lonely Fight to End Poverty in Canada** by Hugh Segal, **The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor** by Sally Armstrong, **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt, **The In-Between Bookstore** by Edward Underhill, and our bonus book: **Tress of the Emerald Sea** by Brandon Sanderson. Whether you read none, one, or all, come share your thoughts or find out which ones are recommended by our avid readers for your Fall booklist. Please join us for a lively discussion. Readers of all age welcome.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, September 16 at 10 AM in the Round Room. Join the group for faithful reflection and discussion.

STEWARDSHIP, PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE meets Wednesday, Sept 17th at 3 PM.

CENTENNIAL BOARD meets Thursday, Sept 18th. The meeting is currently set for 3:30 PM.

NEW TIME! CHOIR PRACTICE resumes Thursday Sept 18th at **5:00pm** in the Sanctuary! All are welcome—no auditions required.

EDUCATION AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM.

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY September 28th, 2025 plan to wear your orange shirts as we commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and live into our commitments to right relations.

REGIONAL PRAYERS this week are invited for Wesley United Church in Cambridge. You can learn about Wesley United here

<https://www.wesleyunitedcambridge.ca/> .

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Please note slight change in Thursday office hours for September and October.

Office Hours

Tuesdays: 9:00am-1:00pm

Thursdays: 9:00am-12:00pm

Online and in person worship Sundays at 10:30 AM