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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Communion Sunday – January 25, 2026
10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshiping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude

Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church
We Approach God

Centering: - Choir – Come and Find the Quiet Center

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory++

We gather this morning on land in Little Current. Before we spoke English on this land, we spoke French and called here Le Petit Courant. Before we spoke French here, we spoke Ojibwe, also known as Anishinaabemowin, and called here Waebijewung. Many names. Many peoples. Many generations. One place. In honour of all who have come before us, may we never forget history didn't begin with English here. There are more sacred stories.

In hope of all the people after us, may we weave our lives with the peoples who call this place home.

We are all sacred people – beloved children of the Holy One.

Lighting The Christ Candle:

Martin Luther King Jr. asked us to imagine in the speech just before he was murdered, that God had asked him, "Which age would you like to live in?"

"Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say," now. Now. This age. "Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. And I see God working in this period."

And so we light a candle, a star, during this troubled period and we know - we know - the darker the night, the brighter Christ's light shines to guide us, like stars, to dawn.

(Light the Candle)

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Invocation:

Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud! Be gracious to us and answer us! Our hearts say, "Come and seek God!" So we seek. Turn towards us as we turn towards you! Amen

****Opening Hymn:** "God of the Bible" **(MV 28)**

Learning Time for All Ages:

Communion 101



Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION (MV 172, vs.1)

*God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I'm with you everywhere you go."*

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 4:12-23 (Jesus begins his ministry.)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Overcome divisions and find unity)

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.
And may they awaken in our hearts

SERMON: **Why Are You Sent?**

Communion Hymn: "All Who Hunger" **VU 460**

HOLY COMMUNION:



Minute for Right Relations:

52 Ways to Reconcile #1:

Watch a Movie. Support Indigenous casts, crews, directors, productors, writers and more. Have you ever seen any of the following? *Molly of Denali* (G); *Smoke Signals* (PG13); *Reservation Dogs* (MA); or *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner* (R)?

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose." So Paul writes. And I elaborate, let us knit our different abilities and interests. Let us knit our different resources and needs. Let us knit our different peoples and traditions. Let us knit ourselves together - not so that we stop being the thread of yarn and colour and texture that we are - but so that together, we make a cozy, loving, multi-hued and patterned blanket of love that enwraps us all, wraps our community, and our world. Let us bring our yarns together in offerings of time, talent, terra, treasure, prayer.

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

**Offertory Hymn: (VU 540)

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living,
we may offer faithfully.*

Prayer of Commitment (unison)

Great Knitter Who Ties Together the Universe - Please gather the strands we offer you today and knot us together into your larger picture for a world where all are cared for spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Amen.

Going Forth Into The World

**Hymn for New Week: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" VU 481

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

The message of the cross is pretty foolish. What power is there in following a weakling who got himself killed, got no one rich, sparked no political revolutions and only ever wore a crown of thorns? Following him seems like a losing investment. And yet, for those of us drawn toward the realm of God, we know... this is the very saving power of God. May you go out and be very, very foolish, and in doing so, live into the realm of God. Amen

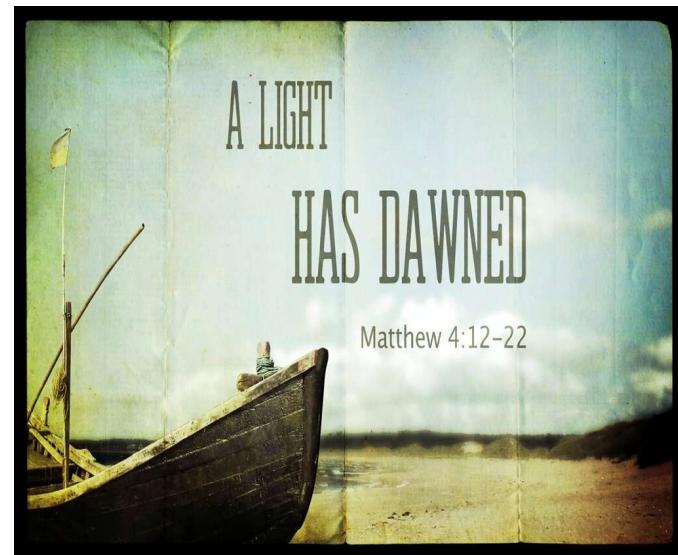
Light is extinguished, we carry the light in our hearts

Go now in the peace of Christ!

Welcome to Worship

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Third after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Choral Benediction: MV 218 *May the Love of the Lord
May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.*

Hymns for Jan 25, 2026 – LCUCPC

#1. 28 MV “*God of the Bible*” (Fresh as the Morning)

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain:

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful you do not change. (2X)*

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding sustaining, from your own heart. **Refrain.**

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. **Refrain.**

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. **Refrain.**

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross. **Refrain.**

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#2 460 VU All Who Hunger

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.



2. All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.



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#3 481 VU Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall untie us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.