

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Lena Medeiros

PRELUDE
WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG: Worship the Lord VU #401

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, radiant with grace,
thaw our fears and snow-bound spirits; make us shine with your Word,
our hope; shine with your communion, our life; shine with your peace,
our joy;
we pray through Christ, who is our Light. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of Light: you call us out of night's darkness
to live in the radiance of your love.
You have sent Jesus, Sun of Righteousness
to illuminate the way!
You have trusted us to be reflectors of your light in all the world.
But, forgive us, God: too often we have chosen shadow
rather than the light of day;
too often we have chosen other stars to follow;
too often we have heard the promises of earthly rulers,
and believed them, to our peril and the peril of the world.
Forgive us God,
and fill us once again with the radiant promise of your Love. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN: Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design VU #623

SPIRIT SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God offers to us, through prophets and apostles,
words of life which in faith become the Living Word.
Let us listen for that Word.

SCRIPTURES: Peter Mitchell

SCRIPTURE READING 1: 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11

Reader: There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.

All: God's gifts overflow in us.

Reader: There are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

All: God's gifts overflow in us.

Reader: There are a variety of activities, but it is the same God who
activates all of them in everyone.

All: We praise the God from whom we have received overflowing gifts!

Reader: This is what the Spirit is saying to the Church this day.

SCRIPTURE READING 2: John 2: 1 – 11

Reader: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: All Things Bright and Beautiful VU #291

REFLECTION: "A Nice Chianti"

HYMN: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven VU #240

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) VU #959

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

SUNG DEDICATION: In Gratitude and Humble Trust (tune #518) VU #544
*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share
your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ,
your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: To Show by Touch and Word VU #427

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSE: Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light MVU #211
*Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ, so you may be nourished by the Word
of Life.*



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Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros

Music: Azrael Hackshaw

Announcements

REV. LANA'S JANUARY SCHEDULE:

January 21 and 22 working from home
January 28 and 29 working at the church

OUTREACH SOUP LUNCH

Next Sunday, January 26 – please plan to stay after the worship service for some fellowship over a hot lunch and to support Outreach initiatives.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year celebrates the Cooke Islands and will be held at Waterford United Church on March 27, 2025.

A meeting of those interested in participating will be held at WUC, in the parlour on January 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. to plan out the service and assign roles. Those interested can contact me (Joyce Stover) via text or call 519-429-8672 and you will be included. Those who have participated before know that this is an empowering event. Peace has to be practiced now more than ever and the prayers articulated by women most particularly. If you cannot take a planning role, please come and bring your friends and join in the hope.

Thank you to all who donated to THE MITTEN TREE this year. We distributed some mittens, scarves and socks to the local schools. The remaining articles have been delivered to Ganohkwasra Family Support Services (Six Nations Reservation Women's Shelter).

FREE CONCERT - Friday, January 31, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. featuring the talents of **Pianists Stuart and Eric Eigler**. Please join us to enjoy the beautiful acoustics of our church sanctuary. Light refreshments follow.



JOHN 2: 1 - 11

The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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