WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH January 5, 2025 2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / EPIPHANY Peter Scovil

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING HYMN: A Light Is Gleaming

VU #82

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Today we are gathered with gratitude on the traditional territories of several indigenous nations, including the Haudenosaunee of Six Nations. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships,

and our desire to engage in building right relationships.

We are mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR RESTORATION
Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs.
Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance.
Compassionate one, hear our prayer:
Stretch out your hand in healing love.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew your Spirit within us.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Reveal to us your word, O God. May your living and active word enlighten our hearts and open our minds. Amen

SCRIPTURESread by Alma ScovilPsalm 72: 1 - 7, 10 - 14 (parts 1 & 2)VU page 790Refrain: Hail to God's own anointed, who rules in equity.

John 1: 1 – 18 **READER:** This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. **All: Praise to Christ, the Light of the world.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: In the Darkness Shines the Splendour	VU #92
REFLECTION: "A Light for the World"	
Нумм: Will You Come and See the Light	VU #96
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	VU #959
Invitation to the Offering Sung Dedication: In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 4) What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part, Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.	VU #55
CLOSING HYMN: I Am the Light of the World BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH	VU #87
CHORAL CLOSE: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star Hope shines as the solitary star. Faith is the inner light. You and I together mirror the Light of Lights, And illumine the pathway home.	MVU #220

THE OUTREACH SOUP SUPPER (Loaves of Bread) Wednesday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome!

COVENANTING SERVICE, DECEMBER 15

Thank you to everyone who made the covenanting service possible!

These are some of the words that were spoken during the service: curiosity, promises, leap, faith, support, joy. Here are some other words that speak of Waterford's intentional interim ministry time.



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Worship Leader: Peter Scovil Music: Chris Savory



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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