

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, October 19, 2025
Rev. Gary Patterson

PRELUDE
GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?
All: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
One: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;
All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

OPENING PRAYER:

God of the dawn and the dark, You meet us in quiet trust and in restless wrestling. You are present in the prayers we whisper and in the cries we can't hold back. Today we come to you with open hearts, bringing our hopes, our questions, and our longing for justice. Meet us in this place, and by your Spirit, make us ready to listen, to speak, and to act, until your kingdom comes on earth as in heaven. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee VU #232

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presenter: On behalf of the congregation of Waterford United Church, I present Val Jolley for initiation into the body of Christ through profession of faith and Ted Robinson by transfer of membership.

Question: Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Answer: I do, by the grace of God.

Question: Trusting the gracious mercy of God, will you turn from the forces of evil, and renounce their power?

Answer: I will, God being my helper.

Question: Will you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Saviour and Lord?

Answer: I will, God being my helper.

Question: Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this congregation to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ?

Answer: I will, God being my helper.

Presenter: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care.

Congregation: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18: 1 – 9

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Let My Spirit Always Sing MVU #83

MESSAGE

HYMN: O Love that Will Not Let Me Go VU #658

CALL FOR THE OFFERING: Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

Offertory: We Give You But Your Own VU #542

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication: *We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: Lead On O Cloud of Presence VU #421

COMMISSION: May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being – heart, spirit, soul, and body – sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and God will do this. Alleluia. Amen.

CHORAL ENDING: God Be with You (vs. 2, no refrain) VU #422
God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to
Rev. Gary Patterson for leading today's Worship Service

The Council has handed out a typed notice which explains where we are in the process of securing a new minister for Waterford United. We can take any questions you have after the service or at a later time. For those on line you can refer any questions to any of the council members. Marilyn will now advise you of a further development in securing ministry.

NEXT SUNDAY WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH WILL ACKNOWLEDGE OUR 207TH ANNIVERSARY. We hope you can attend this special day and enjoy the celebration following the service with an Anniversary cake and coffee.

AS PART OF OUR PASTORAL CARE DISCUSSIONS, a white board has been placed in the auditorium. If you know of someone who is celebrating a birthday, etc. or who is ill, please add the information to the board.

FOR CURRENT PASTORAL CARE needs, contact the office for an appointment.

OUTREACH will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at 3:00 pm.

OUTREACH SOUP SUPPER – Wednesday, October 22 from 5 – 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

COFFEE HOUR – help is needed to organize coffee hour for the month of November and on December 7. Please sign up!!

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, October 26	led by Rev. Gary Patterson – Anniversary Sunday
Sunday, November 2	led by Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
Sunday, November 9	led by Rev. Harold Walton

SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES of Haldimand-Norfolk is sponsoring a "Snow Buddies" program, a free snow removal service for Seniors and people living with different abilities. They are recruiting volunteers to match a Senior with a volunteer and make a Snow Buddie pair. If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering for this project, see complete details posted for information, contact and to register.

FROSTY FAIR BAZAAR at St. James United Church in Simcoe on November 8 from 8:30 am to noon. See bulletin board for details.

PUB STYLE FISH AND CHIPS DINNER is hosted by Trinity Anglican Church, Simcoe on Friday, October 24 from 5 to 7 pm. See bulletin board for tickets and information.

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Music: Chris Savory



LUKE 18: 1 - 9

Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

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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