

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
July 19, 2026
Rev. Kellie McComb
CHRISTMAS IN JULY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1) VU #60

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.

Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.

Let us pray to the One who offers peace in the form of a child.

May our hearts be filled with hope, peace, joy and love as we gather.

May we discover the meaning of Christmas in our midst.

Let us worship God with gratitude!

OPENING PRAYER

Dearest Immanuel, God with us, we are so glad that we can celebrate again how you have come to be with us. We needn't look up to heaven to search for you. We need only to look back to the baby Jesus and around to others to see you. In our neighbours we see your face reflected in their joys, sorrows, needs, and struggles. As we remember the powerful truths of the first Christmas, help us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in the ordinary of every day, for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN: Joy to the World VU #59

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 7: 10 – 16

Matthew 1: 18 – 25

HYMN: Away in a Manger VU #69

REFLECTION: Why Christmas in July?

HYMN: The First Nowell

VU #91

DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

Offertory: As They Offered Gifts Most Rare (vs. 3) VU #81

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger crude and bare,

So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Offering Prayer:

We offer our gifts, O God; the angels offered praise.

We offer our time, O God; the shepherds offered an amazing witness.

We offer our talents, O God; the Magi faithfully, fearlessly offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The offerings of that first Christmas are a blessing to us today, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 4) VU #64

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: Go Tell it on the Mountain VU #43

BLESSING

GOING FORTH: Go Make a Difference MVU #209

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.





BOOK STUDY – The Worship and Faith Committee is holding another book study “The Wisdom Jesus” written by Cynthia Bourgeault to be led by Rev. Kellie in the fall, date to be determined, so you have the summer to read the book which is available for purchase through Amazon. If you need help accessing the book, please speak to Kellie.

THE M & P COMMITTEE needs new members. Please see Marilyn if interested.

THE BULLETIN BOARD in the auditorium has several postings of upcoming events and other information. Also posted is “A Song of Faith” as provided by the United Church of Canada. Please take some time to read. . .

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

(to finance major projects and the paving of the parking lot)

Soon the Official Board will announce the commencement of various fundraising events to finance major projects for our church. We are facing major repair expenses plus our desire to complete a long hoped for paved parking lot. These are a few ideas the Official Board is suggesting:

Small Memorial Brass Plaques
for sale and display



Events planned by OB Committee Groups:
i.e. Christmas Turkey Dinner, Pie Sales, Chili during Pumpkinfest, etc.

Donations by square foot of payment for parking lot

Long Term Investment opportunity for congregation and others

**We welcome any and all ideas and invite your participation.
More to follow**

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

July 19, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb

Music: Chris Savory



Christmas in July

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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