WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
October 18, 2026
Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb
Music: Chris Savory

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SONG This Little Light of Mine
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

STORYTIME Every Pumpkin has a Purpose

HYMN It Only Takes a Spark VU #289

OPENING PRAYER
Loving Creator, we gather in this season of harvest and give thanks for the simple beauty of pumpkins – their bright colour, shape and the beauty they bring to the fall. In Waterford the pumpkin brings us together as a community. As we celebrate the bright colours of the fall, may the bright light of your love shine within us. Fill us with Your joy. Carve in us a welcoming smile. Place Your light within us so we shine with kindness, hope, and gratitude in a world that needs it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Psalm 139 VU Page 861
Refrain: God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.
O God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You discern my path and the places I rest; you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely. You guard me from behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it. (R)
Where can I escape from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.
If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,
there also your hand will be guiding me your powerful hand holding me fast.
If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,"
Even darkness is not dark to you: the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. (R)
It was you who formed my inward parts; you fashioned me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made. Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you when I was being fashioned in secret, intricately woven in the mystery of clay.
Your eyes saw my substance taking shape; in your book my every day was recorded; all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be. (R)
How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!
I try to count them but they are more than the sand. I come to the end – I am still with you.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Test me and know my thoughts.
Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error
And guide me in the everlasting way. (R)

Galatians 6: 1 – 10

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chris Savory

MESSAGE: The Attitude of Gratitude

HYMN Come, Let Us Sing VU #222

OFFERING

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation VU #538

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Dedicating Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN How Great Thou Art VU #238

BLESSING

BENEDICTION SONG: We shall Go Out with Joy VU #884

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the fields
will clap, will clap their hands.
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

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THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

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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PRAYERS – It is with sadness that Tara and Tiffanie announce the passing of their mother, **Alice Baker**, on October 12. Alice was a member of Waterford United for many years and was living near her daughters in Waterloo. Please keep the family in your prayers.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD will meet at on Friday, October 23 at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

MAGIC NICKEL collection is Sunday October 25.

CONVERSATION RE BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SPECIAL EDITION with Rev. Kellie following worship on Sunday, October 25. This will be a conversation about small churches. Limited copies are available at the back of the sanctuary if you don't already have one. Come and let's talk about the article and about our church here in Waterford. All welcome!

FREE CONCERT – **The Lynn Valley Voices** presents "Peace and Remembrance" on Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. honouring those who served and gave their lives in times of conflict. Light Refreshments follow. See bulletin board for more information.

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
MEMORIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Official Board is now offering Memorial Plaques to be installed on a Tree of Life which will be mounted on the memorial wall at the front of our church. The plaque chosen by the congregation is the small brass 1" X 3" plaque as shown.

The price is $35.00

In Loving Memory of
TOBI LYNN WOLOSHYN
July 4, 1969 – March 21, 2026

Please refer all requests to Rick Woloshyn at thegoodlife@nor-del.com or phone 519-443-0628

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GOSPEL BAND "FIELDS OF PRAISE"
featuring
The LONDON KIDS COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
---35 children, a full band and whole lotta energy and praise---

Sunday, October 25 ~ 6:00 pm

This is a night to remember and you don't want to miss it!

Tickets are adults $20, under 18 $10 by calling 519-277-1102 with how many tickets you want to be held at the door for you.

