

Follow ME!

Celebration of Epiphany



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St. Paul's
United Church

Worship Sunday
January 4, 2026 at
10:00am

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St. Paul's United Church
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Worship Leader: Rev. Kirsty Hunter

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Glenn Erwin,
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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional: VU#93 V4 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

Welcome

Check In: What are you looking forward to in the New Year?

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week, as we enter 2026 we recall that this year will be 10 years since the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Report. There have been many important conversations and changes since that time. And there is more work to do.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
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Call to Worship

On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,
who gathers us together from the farthest parts of the world to worship in joy and hope.

On this day, we remember the simple graces of the bread and the cup,
those plain gifts shaped by God's love into nourishing hope.

On this day, we remember the gifts of water and oil,
cleansing us in the baptismal waters, anointing us as God's children.
And so, filled with God's love, let us worship Creator today in beloved community
Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer **Reader: Carol MacDonald**

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer: As we light this Christ Candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response: VU#87 Chorus

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages: Come With Me by Holly McGhee

Song of Praise: We Three Kings

Listening

Scripture: **John 1:35-51 nrsv** **Reader: Julianna Shaw**

Sermon: Doing Our Part

Song for Reflection: MV#82 Bathe Me In Your Light

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: MV#191 What Can I Do

Celebrations and Concerns

Communion INSERT

Sending

Go forth now, with God's Word echoing in your hearts.

We will go to share God's hope with all who are empty.

Go forth now, with the grace of Jesus filling your souls.

We will go to share the justice of Jesus with all who are forgotten.

Go forth now, with the Spirit's peace resting on you.

We will go to share this peace, placing it like a shawl around the broken, the grieving, the lonely.

Song for the Journey: VU#427 To Show By Touch and Word

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: VU#224 verse 1 and Chorus

Postlude