

**Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany
(*please stand in body or in spirit)
Bold** words are for all to share

Music for Gathering: "How Majestic Your Name"

Territorial Acknowledgement and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

Centering Music: "O God We Call" VU 411

* Call to Worship: *(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)*

Your congregation,
faithful, even with its faults,
so, give thanks for it.
Jeff Shrowder, 2026

* Opening Hymn: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" VU 336

*Opening Prayer:

God of life.....
...grant us your forgiveness.

Lamb of God TLUS 81 *(a sung refrain)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

God and Jesus....
....of the stormy world

Scripture readings:

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Psalm 40 VU 764 with Refrain

John 1:29-42 (*NSRVUE - Rev Alison*)

One: For the word of God in Scripture
For the word of God around us
For the word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir: "We Are Here, Lord"

Reflection: The first disciples

*Hymn: "Like a Healing Stream" MV 144

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

* Hymn of Dedication: "As with Gladness Men of Old" VU 81 verse 3

* Offering Prayer (*together*)

All: Gracious God, you call us to deep spirituality, bold discipleship, and daring justice. May these gifts help us be the people and the church you long for us to be. Bless these gifts and those offered through PAR and online, and multiply them for the sake of ourselves and the world. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

* Closing Hymn: "Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song" VU 205

* Commissioning/Benediction

* Great Amen: TLUS 18

Music for Scattering