

Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday After Epiphany
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering: "This Little Light of Mine"

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: "And on This Path" MV 8

* Call to Worship: (1 Corinthians 1:10-18)
Division hinders
a congregation's purpose,
living faithfully. *Jeff Shrowder, 2026*

* Opening Hymn: "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU 395

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation:

One: For the right roads we avoided travelling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love God by your grace

All: Forgive us

One: For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made, God by your grace

All: Forgive us

One: For all we should be and all we can amend,

God in your love

All: Renew us

One: For all you have in store for us

God in your love

All: Prepare us

One: Hear and believe these words of Jesus:

Your sins are forgiven.

Go in peace.

Come and follow me.

Scripture readings: *(Inclusive Bible - Peter Kite)*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Psalm 27 - VU 754 with refrain

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23 *(NRSVUE - Rev Alison)*

For the word of God in Scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir: "Rockin' The Boat" (Come Follow Me)

Reflection: "Come and Follow Me"

*Hymn: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU 563

Invitation to the Offering

Offering of Music: "Jesus Saw Them Fishing" (Fish with Me)

* **Hymn of Dedication:** "What Can I Do?" MV 191

* Offering Prayer *(together)*

All: We thank you, loving God, that you have called each of us, together, to follow your way in Jesus. Bless these gifts, and those given through PAR and online, as steps that bring us closer to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

* Closing Hymn: "Yahweh Be Praised" MV 51

* Commissioning/Benediction

* Sung Amen VU 431

Music for Scattering: "Go Out With Joy"