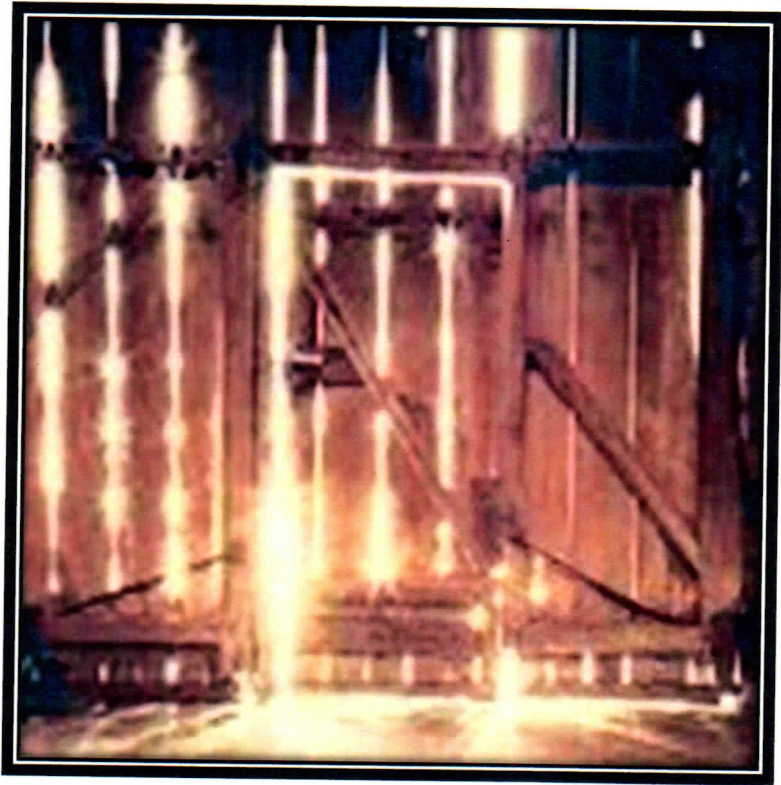


SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH

225, 50th Avenue, Lachine



Epiphany Sunday with Communion

January 4, 2026

10:30am

Welcome to our community as we worship together.
Bienvenue à l'Église Summerlea. Venez nous rejoindre pour les
rafraîchissements dans la salle de l'église ce matin, après le service.
Please join us for fellowship hour in the church hall following the service.
There are no visitors here, for we are all part of the family of God.

Summerlea United Church is located on land that has long served as
a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations.
We honor, recognize, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards
of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Introit *"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"* **VU 98**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Inviting the Light

***Jesus said: I am the way, I am the truth, I am the light.
Those who follow me will never walk in darkness but
will walk in the light of life. Amen.***

Call to Worship

From many different roads and circumstances, we come to
this place to be together. ***May we set aside our cares and
worries for at least this little while.*** The word spoken at
the beginning of time has been born once again and is here
in our midst. ***May we open our hearts to this presence.
May we recognize the Christ in each of us and open our
arms to one another. Let us raise our voices in praise!***

Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, January 04

2026

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION

Opening Hymn *"Arise, Your Light Is Come"*

VU 79

Opening Prayer

God, who came as a child to dwell with us, to be one with us, open our hearts and minds that we might feel your presence. Where difference and separation exists, let the walls come down so that we may meet one another face to face, heart to heart, and soul to soul. We are created in the image of the Divine; we are each beloved and made holy through the power of Christ, in whom all are made one. Amen.

Prayers for Grace and Transformation

In Christ we are blessed with every spiritual blessing, but what separates us from each other most often is fear. From fear of security, we often take advantage of others, acting mainly to protect what we have. Out of fear of loneliness, we manipulate others into relationships which are not always mutually satisfying. Fearing that others may want more than we are able to give, we shut them out or refuse to see their needs. Holy One, we long to be healed of our fears. Hear our prayers and help us to do better. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn *"A Light Is Gleaming"*

VU 82

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Undeg Edwards

Prayer for Illumination: God of wisdom, illumine our minds; God of light, shine into our hearts. In the reading of the Scriptures today, we ask that the Spirit guide us to see “in your light and find your wisdom and your truth”. Amen

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

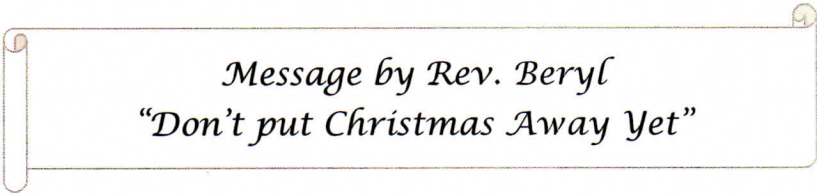
I will turn mourning into joy

Psalm 147; 12-20, VU 869

God sends God's word to earth

John 1: (1-9) 10-18

The Word became flesh; we have seen his glory



*Message by Rev. Beryl
“Don't put Christmas Away Yet”*

Anthem

Holy Communion (see insert)

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

In this season of Light, we are asked to bring the best of ourselves. As God has so freely given to us, let us give to others so that light and life may flourish in this community, and in the world at large.

Offertory Prayer

God, from you come all the gifts of life. The gifts we offer in return keep the circle in motion. Receive these tokens of our gratitude. May they be used in service of your love for all people. Amen

Offertory Hymn

VU 544

***In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.***

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn "I Am the Light of the World"

VU 87

Extinguishing the Light

As the candle is extinguished and the smoke rises upward, we remember that in our fears, in our yearnings, in our anger and in our losses, we embrace you, God-with-us. Amen.

Commissioning and Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Mission Statement

At Summerlea United Church, our Christian faith and love of God inspire a keen sense of community. We seek to worship together, care for each other and reach out to those in need, near and far. In partnership with others, we support action to address food security, poverty, education, social justice and the care of refugees and new immigrants. We share our green church home with organizations that serve the local community.

We are committed to welcoming all people regardless of age, race, ability, language, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic background.

January

11	10:30am	Baptism of Jesus, First after Epiphany
18	10:30am	Second after Epiphany – Food Sunday
20	1:00pm	Summerlea Council meeting in SW Conf.
21		Reports due for 2025 Annual Report
25	10:30am	Third after Epiphany

February

01	10:30am	Fourth after Epiphany
08	10:30am	Fifth after Epiphany – Guest speaker From Bread & Beyond
15	10:30am	Last after Epiphany – Food Sunday AGM Sunday – please bring a lunch
22	10:30am	First Sunday in Lent – Baden Powell

