

Welcome to Riverbend United Church!

We're glad you're here. If you're new with us, please feel free to introduce yourself to your neighbour in the pews and fill out a **Welcome Card** in the narthex (foyer) so we can get to know you. We send a weekly email with upcoming events and ministry highlights.

Save the Date: Pancakes and Ashes will be offered on Shrove Tuesday, February 17. Pancakes will be served at 5:30 by our Youth and the Turkey Team, followed by a Services of Ashes at 6:30. Come and get your Lenten journey off to a meaningful start.

Riverbend United Church Staff:

Youth Coordinator:	Nathan Schoenhardt
Children's Coordinator:	Alec Gallant
Care Coordinator:	Holly Ruryk
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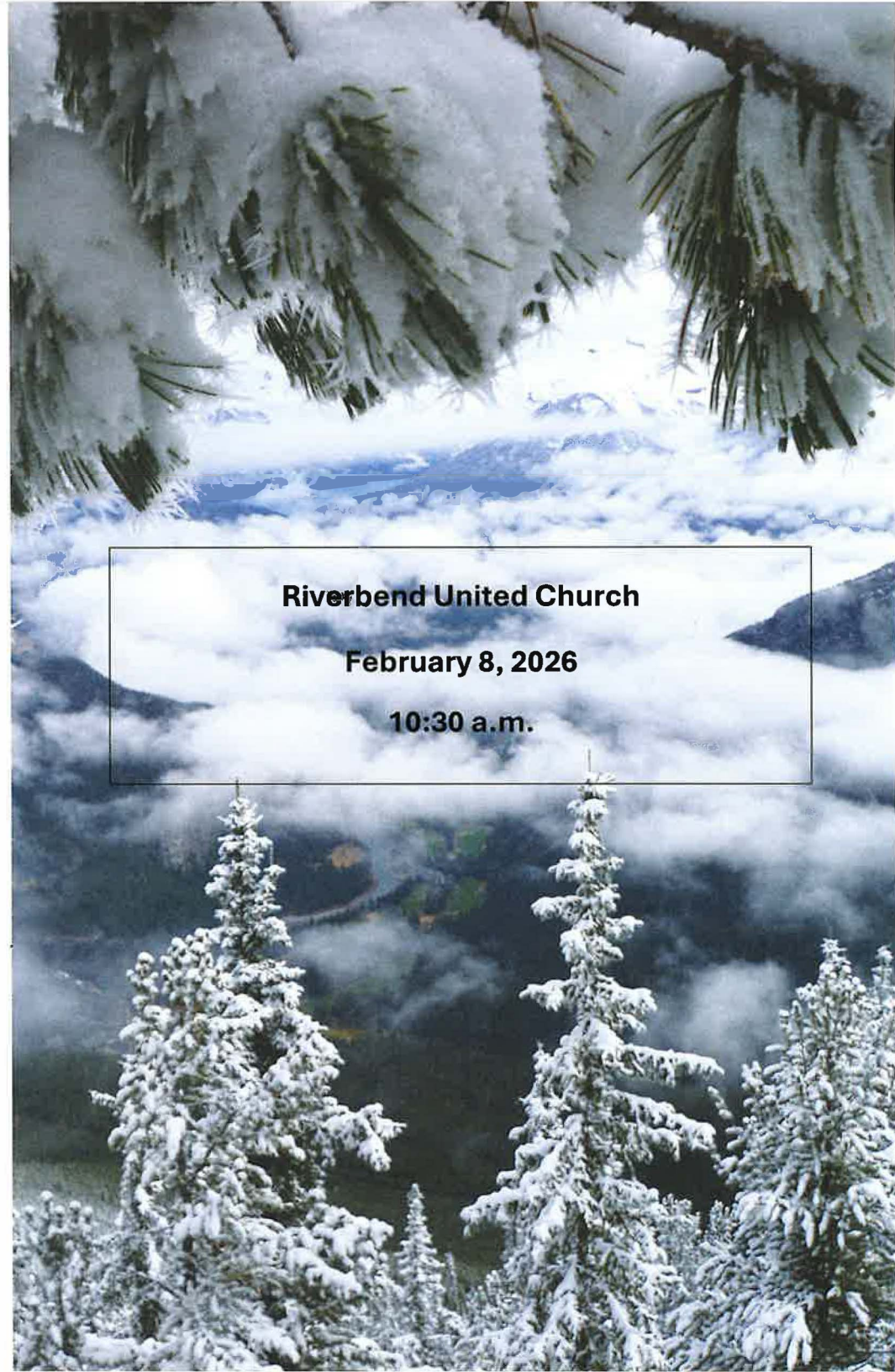
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Riverbend United Church

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.



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We Gather Together

Prelude Sherry Steele

Welcome Rev. Valerie Oden

The Life and Work of the Church

Introit *Come All You People* MV 2

Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls us to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

All: We come carrying both hope and hesitation.

One: But spices don't work on their own, and we don't have to shine alone.

All: In the community of faith, others help us find our seasoning and shine our light. Thanks be to God for that!

Opening Prayer

**Source of life, reach us in this time of worship.
Remind us of our call to be the salt of the earth
and light of the world.**

**Brighten our courage to live what we believe,
so that our lives—quietly, faithfully—
reflect your love in the world. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *God Whose Love* vss 1, 2, 4, 5, VU 399

Children's Time Alec Gallant

*Children's Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

After this hymn, children grades K-6 and Youth can go downstairs. Toddlers and infants are welcome in the Family Room (behind the piano) where the service can be seen and heard and a volunteer will assist you.

We Listen for the Spirit

Scripture Reading Psalm 112 VU 834
Matthew 5: 13-16

Anthem *Light of the World* (S. Schwartz from Godspell)

Reflection "Pass the Salt Please" Rev. Valerie Oden

*Hymn of Response *We Are Pilgrims* vss. 1, 3, 4, 6 VU 595
Vs. 6: "Brother, Sister, let me serve you..."

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* VU 400

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer VU 914

We Go Forth to Serve

Stewardship Moment Christine Ens

Invitation to Offering Our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the foyer. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.

*Hymn *Go Make a Difference* MV 209

*Benediction

Postlude Sherry Steele

**Indicates you are invited to stand as able*

VU refers to the red hard bound hymnal, Voices United

MV refers to the small spiral bound hymnal, More Voices