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November 20, 2022

◆ The Reign of Christ ◆

151st Anniversary

**Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able.
VU - Voices United hymn book, MV - More Voices hymn book.*

We follow current Covid-19 protocols; masking is not required. Along with social distancing it is, however, highly recommended.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We begin with a time of reflection.

Prelude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (H. Fleischer)

Opening Words

***Hymn:** "Rejoice the Lord is King" VU 213

A Prayer for the Reign of Christ

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm #100 VU 824

"Enter God's gates with thanks and praise."

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20

***Hymn:** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" VU 210

Sermon: "The Cosmic Christ"

Anthem: "Sanctus" (G. Young)

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

***Dedication of Offering:**

VU 541 v1

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer Refrain: "Bathe Me in Your Light"

MV 82 v1

***Bathe me in your light,
O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul
with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright
through shadows of life's wounding.
showing me the way to live
in faith, in your embrace.***

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Jesus

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

VU 211

***Commissioning, Benediction, & Blessing of our Meal**

***Threefold Amen**

Postlude: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (H. Fleischer)

*(You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude is concluded to enjoy a time of meditation as we conclude our worship service.
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Following worship be sure to join us for a festive anniversary soup lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner
Music Director: Lianne Tan
Office Administrator: Wendy Thomson
Caretakers: Maria DaSilva and Will Fennema

**The flowers In the Sanctuary today are in memory of
Ernest Albert Buxton,
loving dad of the late Keith Buxton,
placed by his family.**

First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are mindful that West Plains stands on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnabe and Neutral Peoples and that we are all treaty people, parties to the Dish With One Spoon and the Upper Canada Treaties. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all who live, work and worship on it.

Next Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please keep in your Prayers this week:

Marnie Gaylard, Lawrence & Tillie Hazzard, Ethel Ballantyne's son Kent, Hayley, Joan & Bernie King, Danvers Leng, the Langford family, the family and friends of Irene Costello, Anna (in Ukraine), her granddaughter Olesya and Olesya's two children.