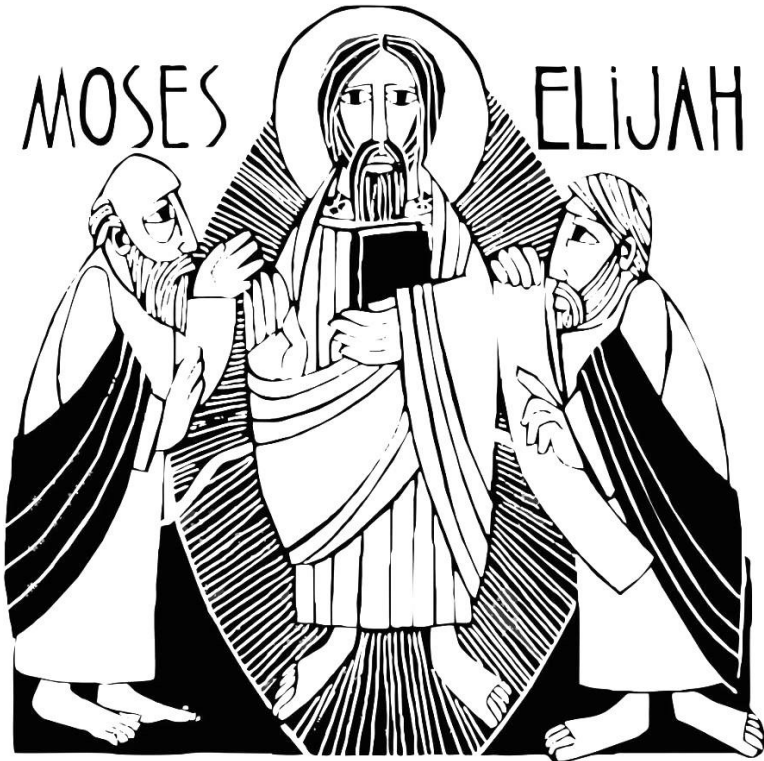


# West Plains United Church

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*February 11, 2024*  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

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

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*We begin with a time of reflection.*

**Prelude:** "Tu Solus Altissimus" -A.F.P. Boely

### **Opening Words**

**\*Hymn:** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" VU 103

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm #50 VU 775

*"The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and summons the earth."*

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Mark 9: 2-9

**\*Hymn:** "Bathe Me in Your Light" MV 82

**Sermon:** "And Good Luck with That"

**Anthem:** "The Light, The Christmas Light"  
-J. Marshall/SE Murray

## ***GIVING THANKS TO GOD***

**\*Dedication of Offering:**

VU 541

*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:** "Christ, be our light!"

- B. Farrell

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Pastoral Prayer and Paraphrase of the Prayer of Jesus:**

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done**

**by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power  
that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME***

**\*Hymn:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" VU 104

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Postlude:** "Toccatà on Rejoice Greatly" -J. Mansfield

*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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***Minister: The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner***

***Music Director: Lianne Tan***

***Office Administrator: Wendy Thomson***

***Video Technician: Jacob Sadler***

***Caretakers: Maria DaSilva and Will Fennema***

<p><b>JOIN US FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IN THE CHURCH PARLOUR</b></p>
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**Please keep in your Prayers this week:**

Tony Vandervlist, Christina Vandervlist, Jan Hazelton, Marnie Gaylard, Tillie Hazzard, Joan King, Danvers Leng.

Please join our weekly **newsletter** to get the latest West Plains news as well as news from the surrounding community! Go to [www.westplains.ca](http://www.westplains.ca) and click on the **newsletter** icon on the front page.

*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 and Anishnabe and that we are all treaty people, parties to the Dish With One Spoon. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all who live and work and worship on it.*

Mark on your calendars the  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of WEST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH**  
Sunday, February 25 following morning worship



**February 14 at 2:00 pm**, the West Plains Community of Faith is cordially invited to join with the congregation of East Plains United Church for a service of worship and the imposition of ashes led by the Rev. Jan McCormick, the Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner and Lianne Tan **at East Plains** (375 Plains Rd. E.).



**LENT is coming!** West Plains Faith and Formation committee is hosting a Lenten Bible Study titled “Wandering and Wondering”. It will be led by Rev. Barbara and

everyone is welcome. Beginning on Tuesday, February 20th, it will be held for six Tuesdays, ending on March 26th. We will meet in the Church Parlour at 1:30 for an hour. Come and celebrate our journey through Lent in this very intentional way.

**Upcoming Event, Live@West Plains:**

**Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024, 3-4:30 pm with intermission**

**Two Families Band**

This talented and versatile band will entertain with a Family Day musical variety programme for kids of all ages!

Free admission (Donations gratefully received to support the musicians and the Live!@WestPlains concert series)

**An Invitation**

The Rev. Jan McCormick of East Plains United Church, (375 Plains Rd. E.) cordially invites the community of West Plains to a public presentation of her research paper titled, “An Unknown God: Are the Letters of the Apostle Paul Relevant in a Postmodern World?” This presentation is called a “Capstone Project,” the final requirement necessary for Rev. Jan to complete the Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies degree at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax. The presentation will take place in the sanctuary of East Plains on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 2 p.m. (in the case of inclement weather, the talk will take place at the same time on the following day, Feb. 22).