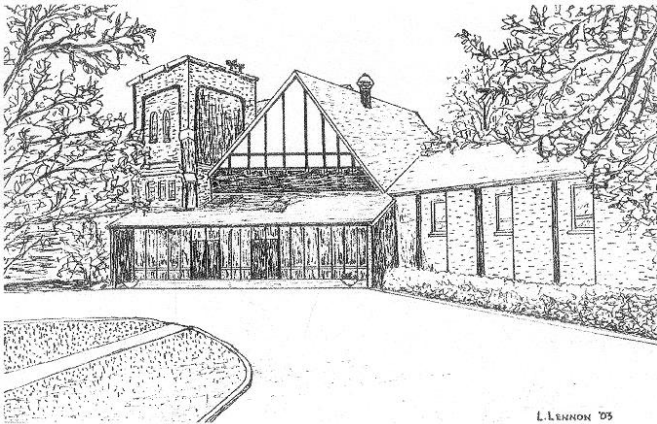


# West Plains United Church

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## *July 7, 2024* Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



### West Plains Mission Statement

*We are an active faith community, seeking to deepen our relationship with God through thoughtful worship, prayer, uplifting music, outreach, friendship and study, inspired by a setting overlooking nature. We are a growing church family welcoming people of all ages to follow Jesus' teachings in their lives.*

*\*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**

**Opening Words**

**\*Hymn:** "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" VU 399

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm #13 VU 734

*"Be still my soul, for God is on your side."*

Second Reading: 2 Samuel 18: 9-12, 31-33

**\*Hymn:** "O God, Why Are You Silent" MV 73, vv. 1, 4, 5

**Sermon:** "A Very Bad Hair Day"

**Musical Reflection**

## **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:** “Lord, Listen to Your Children” VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!*

**Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Jesus** (VU 921)

## **GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymn:** “In Suffering Love” VU 614

**\*Commissioning & Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

*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**  
**Pianist: Christy Lamphier**  
**Office Administrator: Wendy Thomson**  
**Video Technician: Jacob Sadler**  
**Caretakers: Maria DaSilva and Will Fennema**

**Please keep in your Prayers this week:**

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

*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.*

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.

**Lunch in the Park:** Join us Wednesdays at Lasalle Park (picnic benches near the pavilion – bring your lunch) for excellent company & conversation in a lovely setting.