

WEST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH

April 13, 2025

Palm 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: "Ride On In Majesty" - E. Broughton

Opening Words

***Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud and Honour" VU 122

Prayer and Candle Lighting:

**With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One,
we welcome Jesus—
until he refuses the power we offer him,
choosing to become our servant.
We pick up the faith
we had laid on the ground before him,
and put it back on the shelf where it belongs.
Our fear keeps us from being able to follow him
all the way to that lonely hill
that is his destination and destiny.
Hosanna, steadfast God, save us!
Help us to let our fears, our doubts,**

**slip from our lives to fall at your feet,
so we may stand with our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who comes in your name, in your glory,
and in your grace to save us.**

(five purple candles and one rose are lit)

Response (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,

All: *Kyrie eleison,*

One: Christe eleison,

All: *Christe eleison,*

One: Kyrie eleison,

All: *Kyrie eleison.*

Words of Assurance

Tell the daughters of despair,
proclaim it to the sons of sadness:
Christ has come to save us!
Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Hosanna! He Comes"

- B. Stevenson

Prayer of Illumination

Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm # 118 (Parts 1, 3 &4)

VU 837

"Halleljuah! Hallelujah!"

Second Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9

The Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40

***Hymn:** "When They Heard"

MV 128 (vs. 1-6)

Sermon: "Saving Victim"

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

***Dedication of Offering:**

VU 149 v4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer Refrain:

*We gather here on holy ground to pray.
We hold the world within our hearts today.
Come, Spirit, guide our song as we begin
to let the love of Jesus enter in.*

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Jesus

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn:** "There in God's Garden"

VU 346

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Blessing:** “Jesus, Remember Me”

VU 148

***Jesus, Remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.***

Postlude: “The Shadow of the Cross” - M.E. Dexter

*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

Please keep in your Prayers this week:

The Vandervlist family, Gretchen Harris, Jan Hazelton, Marnie Gaylard, Tillie Hazzard, Joan King, Sarah Chandler, Rev. Philip Gardner, Sheila Thomas-Edge.

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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT WEST PLAINS

April 18 at 10: 30 a.m., **Good Friday** worship with East Plains UC (at West Plains)

April 20 at 10: 30 a.m., **Easter** worship (Holy Communion and reception of new members)

EASTER FLOWERS

It is time to order the lilies and hydrangeas that make up the beautiful garden that we enjoy at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. These flowers can be gifted as memorials to loved ones, or just gifted. Lilies are \$15.00 and Hydrangeas are \$28.25 (tax included). You are welcome to take your flower home at the end of Easter worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Lenten Bible Study

West Plains Faith and Formation committee is hosting a Lenten Bible Study titled "Rocks and Gemstones". Led by Rev. Barbara, everyone is welcome. Tuesdays through to April 15th, we will meet in the Church Parlour (or connect via Zoom) from 1:30 to 2:30pm. You may contact Rev. Barbara at bmorr2@icloud.com for any further information. Come and be welcomed, as we journey together through this Lenten season.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84882205000?pwd=pbu0nmqwm7PG3ko9HHxiU78WN3gkt6.1>

Meeting ID: 848 8220 5000

Passcode: 177276

Spring Tea, Saturday May 3rd, 2025

Fundraiser for Parlour Windows

Grab your hat and some friends and join us for "Tea" featuring a variety of light sandwiches, scones and sweets and then take home your teacup and saucer as a reminder of the day.

Doors Open 1:30 p.m. - Shop the Craft and Honey Tables

Performance starting 1:45 p.m. - the DVO Salon Orchestra

Tea served 2:00 p.m. - (seating is at tables of 4)

Tickets \$40.00 - please contact Chris christinemk@bell.net or Bev bevmurb@cogeco.ca.

Limited seating so get your tickets early. Sales close April 20th

Live!@WestPlains presents AN UNCOMMON THREAD ~ Warmth and Expression

♪♪ **SUNDAY, MAY 18 @ 2:30 PM**

Corey Gemmell & Benjamin Smith Violin & Piano Duo with the Burlington Symphony Orchestra Principal String Quartet, featuring the Brahms Piano Quintet and Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess*. Tickets \$30 (reg) /\$20 (stu/video) at westplains.ca/events or from Lianne or from Wendy in the church office.

Live!@WestPlains presents THE ARROGANT WORMS

♪♪ **SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ 2:30 PM**

Canada's Musical Comedy Trio will feature songs from their new album Canadian Famous!

What better way to celebrate our Great Nation than to laugh together at ourselves!

Treat your friends, neighbours, and even your enemies!

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