



West Plains United Church

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May 11, 2025
**Fourth Sunday
of Easter**

*Good Shepherd
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: "The Lord's My Shepherd" (Brother James' Air)
- arr. S. Walters

Opening Words

***Hymn:** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" VU 273

Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Men's Choir: "You'll Never Walk Alone" - R. Rodgers

Prayer of Illumination

Scriptures:

Psalm #23 (sung by all) VU 747

Revelation 7: 9-17

John 13: 31-35

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

Sermon: “Lamb and Shepherd”

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: “Great Shepherd of Your People” (VU 398)

***Great Shepherd of your people, hear!
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.***

Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

(VU 921)

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn:** “Mothering God You Gave Me Birth”

VU 320

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Blessing:** “May God’s Sheltering Wings”

MV 214

***May God’s sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you,
May God’s nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,***

***and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.***

**Postlude: “What A Wonderful World” - B.Thiele, GD Weiss
Randell Browne, solo**

*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 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.

Kindling the Fire

West Plains Faith Formation Committee is hosting a **Bible Story Time** which is being led by Rev. Barbara. It runs until June 3rd each Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30pm in the Church Parlour. It is also available on Zoom. Contact Rev Barbara at bmorr2@icloud.com for the Zoom link or for any further information. Come and be nurtured through both story and meditation as we journey together through Easter to Pentecost.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87101236584?pwd=rzkBLKAtXeyt8RoautlEq6Y6yTWB7E.1>

Meeting ID: 871 0123 6584

Passcode: 796574

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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