

# West Plains United Church

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*October 26, 2025*

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

◆ **Reformation 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:** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"  
- Morecambe, arr. D. Hustad

### **Opening Words**

**\*Hymn:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" VU 262

### **Opening Prayer**

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

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Anthem:** "Incline Thine Ear To Me" -F.H. Himmel

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm #65 VU 782

*"Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion."*

Second Reading: Luke 18: 9-14

**\*Hymn:** "Unto the Hills" VU 842

**Sermon:** "Two Men Went to the Temple to Pray"

## ***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: “I’ll Praise Eternal God”**

MV 57

*I’ll praise eternal God  
with all my heart  
and I will recount your marvellous works  
and glorify your name.  
I’ll praise eternal God  
with all my heart.  
I’ll make you, my Lord,  
the subject of my joy. Alleluia!*

**Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Jesus**

(VU 921)

## ***GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME***

**\*Hymn: “Go Forth for God”**

VU 418

**\*Commissioning & Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Postlude: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

- Ein Feste Burg, arr. D. Hustad

*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**

**Interim Caretaker: Neil Strickland**

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

Audrey Underwood, Gretchen Harris, Jan Hazelton, Marnie  
Gaylard, Joan King, Sarah Chandler, 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.*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Johannes Linstead CD Release**

**CANDLELIGHT CONCERT!**

**TODAY @ 2:30PM, Doors open @ 1:45pm**

Juno-nominee and Guitarist of the Year (Canadian Smooth Jazz Awards), legendary Latin guitar sensation **Johannes Linstead** is internationally recognized as one of the best-selling guitarists in the Instrumental, Latin Jazz, and World Music genres. Garnering over half a billion streams, seven top-10 US Billboard charting albums, and the “People’s Choice” award in the UK, Linstead and his collaborators, Jordan Abraham (accordion) and Geoff Hlibka (guitar), will leave a sizzling trail at West Plains with music from Spain to Cuba!

**General Admission Tickets Going Fast!**

**\$35 in Advance or \$40 at the Door/\$20 Video**

**YULETIDE BAZAAR, SILENT AUCTION &  
COOKIE WALK,**

**Saturday November 15, 9:30am-1pm**

A variety of crafts, our annual cookie walk, silent auction items to bid on, West Plains honey, cakes, loaves & preserves, used books & puzzles, live music by the DVO Salon Orchestra, and Santa will be here for kids young and old!

Admission is FREE. Please bring a non-perishable food item if you are able, to be donated to local food charities.

**West End Studio Theatre (W.E.S.T.)  
production of 'Waiting On A Parade'  
November 6-11, 2025.**

Details and tickets at [westplains.ca/events](https://westplains.ca/events)