

# EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH



**November 19, 2017  
Children's Sunday**

10:00 a.m.

**THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

**...TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

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*\*indicates where we stand in the service  
(Feel free to remain seated if that helps you to worship better)*

### **\*Passing the Peace**

(A time of greeting with signs and words of welcome and peace.  
When you hear the music start, we invite you to re-gather in the pews  
and prepare for worship)

The Peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

**Choral Introit:** Lord, Lift Up Our Hearts by W. M. Harris **EPUC Choir**



### **A special welcome to you today.**

We're glad you are here. If you have any questions,  
please ask one of the ushers who handed you this  
bulletin, or use the yellow/white envelope in the pew

## 2.

### TO WORSHIP GOD...

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#### Call to Worship:

One: Beloved of God, we are called here today.

**All: We are called at every age, from every corner, to gather.**

One: Children of God, let us playfully worship together,

**All: worshipping God who made each of us and loves all of us.**

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**\*Hymn: I Have Called You By Your Name MV #161**

#### Prayer:

God of All the Ages, we thank you for this day, for caring for us beautifully in this time. We praise your name for the gift of children in our lives and in our community. Forgive us for times when we discount their voices. Help us share your story with one another that we may remember your love written on our hearts. Remind us to follow children, as they lead us to living the kin-dom way.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance:

In the story of Genesis, when God created humankind—they were created in God's image! And indeed, God blessed them so they might grow and flourish along with creation.

As children of God, we are blessed again and again with the love of God, and we are welcomed into relationship with Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### Celebration Time

**\*Celebration Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #357**

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD...

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**First Testament: Deuteronomy 11:18–21 Josephine Braun**

This is the witness of the Church

**Thanks be to God**

**Special Music: Flying Free by D. Besig #29 EPUC Choir**

### 3.

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-15 **Rev. Alison**

For the Word of God in scripture  
For the Word of God among us  
For the Word of God within us  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON:** **CHILDREN AT THE CENTRE** **Rev. Alison**

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

Life and Work of East Plains  
(Announcements, Minute Person(s), Mission Minutes)

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**Minute for Mission** Wider Work **Bill Berry/Gail Lorimer/  
(various) Gayle Burnison**

#### **Offering Invitation:**

Let us commit our hearts and our treasures to serving God with the whole Body of Christ throughout the world.

**\*Offering Song:** Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving **MV #185**

#### **Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:** **Rev. Alison**

Gracious God, We thank you for the gifts of this day, for the time to gather with all ages, as part of the Body of Christ in the world. Most of all, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, as he came to be guest and host at our tables.

We pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your service. We pray for the church, for our witness and action together in and around Canada and with our global partners. May we support partners working with children, such as the Wesley Centre in Hamilton and the Wi'am Centre in Palestine and Israel...

May we continue to love and serve as Jesus taught, calling those on the margins to gather together for God's blessing. O God, know our hearts. And love us, we pray.

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nation that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. We pray that our leaders — national, provincial, and local — might serve with humility and grace, remembering the needs around them of all peoples and all ages.

## 4.

We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed or violence that the heart of your humanity may warm with your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion, and for all refugees. We pray for children of the world who face emotional, sexual, or physical violence. Help us challenge behaviours and attitudes that cause harm, and help us become advocates for a world that values children.

We pray for the land, the sea, and the sky, that we may live with respect in creation and use your gifts with reverence. We pray that the generations beyond us will love and respect your blessings of creation. O God, know our hearts. And love us, we pray.

We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone may receive strength and courage.

And in the silence of our hearts, we name those dear to us and those we meet yet do not know.... O God, know our hearts. And love us, we pray.

Now, let us use the words Jesus taught us, praying...

### The Lord's Prayer

VU #960

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

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\*Closing Hymn: I Am Walking a Path of Peace

MV #221

### Blessing

Closing Song: Sung Amen

### Musical Postlude

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Liturgy adapted from

— *Rev. Miriam Spies is Minister of Young Families and Young Adults at St. Paul's United Church in Dundas, Ontario*

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### Assisting with today's service:

<b>Welcoming Team</b>	:	<b>The Purple Grape Team</b>
Team Leader(s)	:	Grace and Craig Boogers
Reader(s)	:	Josephine Braun
Screen & Sound	:	Bill Lorimer

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Our sympathies are extended to Dave and Carol Nettle whose son, Alan, passed away on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Joseph Brant Hospital. Cremation has taken place. Visitation is at Smith's Funeral Home (Brant Street) on Monday, November 20 from 5-8 pm. Remembrance will be held in the funeral home chapel, Tuesday, November 21 at 1:00 pm.



The gifts of this world will not last past our lifetimes, but God's gifts to us — and our gifts to God — will last through this life and beyond.

Thank you to Bill and Gail Lorimer for painting the Minister's office. If you haven't seen how fresh and bright the office is, drop by.

**Rev. Alison**



Lloyd Dearing will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

To recognize this amazing milestone in Lloyd's life, the staff at Maple Villa are having a celebration from 2-3 pm on the actual day of his birthday - Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - and everyone is welcome!

Parking is very limited, the staff have suggested that anyone wishing to attend should carpool.

Maple Villa is located at 441 Maple Avenue, Burlington, and the telephone number is (905) 639-2264.

**Next Sunday, is Communion Sunday, and the BENEVOLENT FUND boxes will be set up at the back of the Church. Your Offering will provide much needed support for our Thursday AGAPÉ (Outreach) program for those living in our community**

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### UPCOMING MINISTRY MEETINGS

#### Week of November 20, 2017:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	1:30 pm	Meat Pie Preparation	Upper Kitchen
	7:15 pm	Finance Committee	Tuck Library
Tuesday	8:30 am	Meat Pie Preparation	Upper Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7

#### Week of November 27, 2017

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	9:30 am	Building & Property	Tuck Library
	7:00 pm	Official Board	Campbell Room
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
	7:00 pm	Arts & Crafts	Campbell Room
	8:00 pm	Support Group	Campbell Room

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**The next OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING is  
Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Campbell Room**

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### VACATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Church Administrator, Alyson Atkinson will be on vacation from **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 through FRIDAY DECEMBER 1**. The office will have volunteers covering the telephone and forwarding messages on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm. Notices will be placed on the doors informing visitors to our church of the adjusted hours during this time.



Orders are due Sunday, Nov. 26th. **Only two order dates remain in 2017, Nov 26 and Dec 11.** Gift cards make an easy way for giving a little something to special people in your life. With each card ordered,

East Plains receives a percentage back as Rebate. New this season are iTunes & Payless Shoesource, and don't forget Amazon cards! Corporate giving is a bonus for us... spread the word. Order forms are in the Gathering Place along the wall. Hand completed orders to Gayle Burnison (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Delivery will be the following Sunday unless earlier by special arrangement. If you are unable to be in church on the order date, just call or email Gayle with your order. Payment can be worked out later. Our YTD Rebate is now \$1,807.23



**Canadian Foodgrains Bank donation envelopes are now available in the pews. Please consider taking home the envelope provided and mail in your donation direct to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. They will provide you with a tax receipt ~ be sure that your name and address are both on the cheque, and write *ROHINGYA REFUGEE APPEAL* in the memo line.**

600,000 children, women and men have abandoned their homes and all their belongings, seeking safety in Bangladesh. Exhausted and living in deplorable conditions, they need our help.

We are already there, supplying oil, lentils, sugar and salt – essentials for more than 60,000 families.

**In response to the need, the Canadian government just announced a special 1:1 match for donations. This is on top of our regular 4:1 match from the government.**

**A gift of \$100 will result in \$600 of emergency food assistance! The match runs until November 28. Please give today!**

Thank you for your support! ~ Jim Cornelius, Executive Director.

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## **CASSEROLES and CAROLS**

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm ~ Hot Cider

6:15 pm ~ Pot Luck Supper (bring your favourite dish)

After supper, we'll have our regular carol singing.

**!! EVERYONE WELCOME !!**



## **CALLING ALL KNITTERS to CHASE THE CHILL!**

Once again, we are knitting scarves to hang on the trees at Bolus Park January 31, 2017. So....get those needles clicking! Wool is available now in the Gathering Place.

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## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017 AT EAST PLAINS

Mon, Nov.20	<b>8:30 am Men's Coffee Hour</b> 8:45 am Badminton <b>1:30 pm Meat Pie Preparation</b> 6:00 pm Brownies 6:00 pm Beavers 6:30 pm Scouts/Venturers <b>7:15 pm Finance Committee</b>	<b>Campbell Room</b> Peart Hall <b>Upper Kitchen</b> Gathering Place Rooms 10/11 Fellowship Hall <b>Tuck Library</b>
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Tues, Nov.21	8:30 am Badminton <b>8:30 am Meat Pie Preparation</b> 6:00 pm Sparks 7:00 pm Trillium 7:00 pm B.A.R.C.	Peart Hall <b>Upper Kitchen</b> Room 12 Peart Hall Rooms 10/11
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Wed, Nov.22	<b>9:30 am Ladies' Workshop</b> 6:00 pm Girl Guides 6:00 pm Little Kickers 7:00 pm AA (Glenhaven Group) 7:00 pm Trillium <b>7:00 pm Arts &amp; Crafts</b> <b>8:00 pm Support Group</b>	<b>Rooms 6/7</b> Peart Hall Fellowship Hall Rooms 10/11 Choir Room <b>Campbell Room</b> <b>Campbell Room</b>
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Thurs, Nov.23	8:30 am Badminton 6:30 pm Cubs 7:00 pm Badminton 7:30 pm N.A. (Steps to Freedom)	Peart Hall Fellowship Hall Peart Hall Rooms 10/11
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Fri, Nov.24	NO EVENTS	
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Sat. Nov.25	9:00 am Little Kickers	Fellowship Hall
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<b>Sun, Nov.26</b>	<b>10:00 am Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
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### PRAYER CYCLE FOR THE CHURCHES IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE FOR THE COMING WEEK

As a Church, we have a ministry of intercessory prayer, a call to pray for each other and for the mission of the church in the world.

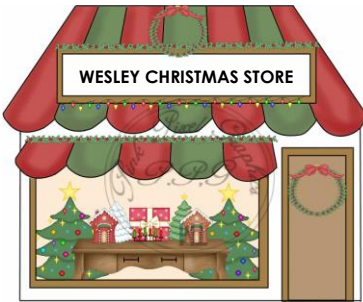
Please pray for...***Dublin Street, Guelph (Waterloo Presbytery)***

#### ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Please pray for... ***East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines***



## WESLEY NO CHARGE CHRISTMAS STORE



Our **White Gift Sundays** for the Wesley No-Charge Christmas Store will be November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This year, our Church has been assigned two difficult age groups – teens and adults. We have given this much thought and have decided that gift cards would be most appropriate for both of these groups.

Monetary donations (cash or cheque) can be made using the envelopes in the pews (please write “**WESLEY GIFT CARDS**” on both your cheque and envelope). The funds generated will be used to purchase suitable Vista gift cards for teens and adults (Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart or Giant Tiger), and you will receive an Income Tax Receipt for your donation. This is a win-win for you, Wesley and EPUC! Please note that we cannot issue tax receipts for gift cards NOT purchased through the Church’s Vista program. **We can only issue receipts for monetary donations.**

In order to allow for delivery times of the cards from VISTA, the order dates for purchasing them are **TODAY**, November 12 and Sunday, November 26.

We will gladly accept wrapped gifts and monetary and food donations for the **White Gift Sundays up to and including December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Thank you for helping this very worthy cause.





**EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH**

Aldershot, Burlington, Ontario

*Southern Ontario  
Lyric Opera*

Join us for an evening of operatic arias  
& sacred music

**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**375 Plains Rd. E., Burlington L7T 2C7**

*Featuring:*

**Soloists, and members of the SOLO  
chorus,**

**accompanied by**

**Maestro Sabatino Vacca**

**Tickets \$30**

**Available at the door or Call: (905) 465-4013**