

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH



September 24, 2017

10:00 a.m.

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

...TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

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

**Our worship leader this morning is Garth Smith.
Welcome, Garth.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

(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.

Choir Introit

Lead Me, Lord by S. S. Wesley

EPUC Choir



We extend 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.

Opening Prayer

Garth Smith

Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: Friends, let us gather together in the Creator's presence.

All: we come to learn. We desire to be changed.

One: Christ invites us to see the world through new eyes.

All: Take away the things that keep us from seeing the beauty of god's world changing.

One: These are not easy teachings, for they would have us go beyond familiar horizons of belief and action.

All: Come, then, let us journey on this road together; open to new insight and willing to entertain a new vision for a new way.

***Opening Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

VU #395

Lighting the Christ Candle

...TO WORSHIP GOD

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Garth Smith

Great creator, we have walked the familiar paths of the old forest. ow as we approach the new forest, covered with saplings and thickets. We do not see the beauty of the new forest with its bright colours and winding paths. We pray that our sight be restored so we can see the new beauty and can step forward with assurance that the new paths will lead us to a different vision and understanding of what the forest should be.

Assurance of Pardon:

Garth Smith

Because we know that we live in the Grace of God, we are assured that our ears will hear and our eyes will see the paths before us, through the new forest.

***Celebration Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me**

**VU #567
verses 1,2,4,5**

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD...

First Reading:	Psalms 27 ~ vs. 1,3,4 Herein is wisdom Thanks be to God	Marlene Pomfret
Special Music:	Love Grows Here by D. Besig	EPUC Choir
Second Reading::	Mark 2:21-22 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	Garth Smith
Sermon:	W5 + one; the Invitation	Garth Smith
*Hymn:	Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah Bob Panabaker on Trumpet	VU #651

...GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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

Invitation to Offering

***Offertory Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541**

Offering Dedication

Prayers of the People


The Lord's Prayer (sung) VU #960

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME...

*Closing Hymn:	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (verses 1, 2 and 4) <i>"A Hymn of Martin Luther"</i>	VU #262
Benediction	Three-fold Amen	

Assisting with today's service:

Welcoming Team	:	Plum Pink Team
Team Leader(s)	:	Gwen Wilby
Sound & Screen	:	Bill Lorimer & Bob Panabaker
Reader	:	Marlene Pomfret
Trumpet	:	Bob Panabaker



OCTOBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

- October 01 ~ **Garth Smith**
 Communion – Rev. Harold Wells
- October 08 ~ **Rev. Harold Wells (Thanksgiving)**
- October 15 ~- **Rev. David Windsor**
- October 22 ~ **Rev. David Windsor**
- October 29 ~ **Rev. David Windsor**
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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...

Bethel-Cook's Mills (Niagara Presbytery)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Please pray for...

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru



EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

UPCOMING MINISTRY MEETINGS

Week of September 25, 2017:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
	7:00 pm	Official Board	Campbell Room
Wednesday	8:30 am	Meat Pie Preparation	Pearl Hall Kitchen
	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7

Week of October 02, 2017:

Monday	8:30 am	Men's Coffee Hour	Campbell Room
Wednesday	9:30 am	Ladies' Workshop	Rooms 6/7
	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Tuck Library

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD IS TOMORROW,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 7:00 PM IN THE CAMPBELL ROOM**

MEAT PIES BACK IN PRODUCTION!



The Support Group is baking up a storm with their delicious 4" meat pies. They contain ground beef, carrots and onions (no preservatives!) and the price is still \$3.50 each. You can order them freshly-baked on Wednesdays with pick-up in the Church kitchen between 12:30 and 1:30 pm, or by alternate arrangement. Baked pies are also available frozen. Order forms are available in the Gathering Place. Payment is due upon pick-up. (Please...cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Enquiries/Orders? Call or email Gayle Burnison, 905-632-3525 or kgburnison@cogeco.ca.

Production dates: Wednesdays September 27 & October 4, 2017.

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Orders are due Sunday, October 1, 2017. These gift / cash cards are so easy to use and your purchase will help the EPUC Operating Fund. Order forms are in the Gathering Place beside the Vista thermometer. You can see that our YTD Rebate is now \$1,494.20. Please hand completed orders to Gayle Burnison (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Delivery is the following Sunday, unless needed earlier by alternate arrangement. Future order dates: Oct 1, 15 & 29; Nov 12 & 26; Dec 10.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

East Plains' 44th Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, 'A CANADIAN CHRISTMAS', including the 20th Annual Silent Auction, will be held Saturday, November 4th, from 9 am - 3 pm.

Donations are sought for:

Jewellery

Tasteful, unique and funky pieces.

Silent Auction

interesting, unique, classic items, including fine art

Books

2010 and newer, Classic, Collectibles, Large Print and Global Issues appreciated

Granny Bargain Bonanza

garage sale items of "reasonable" quality's

VACATION / SABBATICAL

Rev. Alison will be away on the following dates:

Vacation: July 1 to July 31

Sabbatical: August 1 to October 31 inclusive,
returning on November 1

FUNERALS AND PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

**Rev. Harold Wells will be available during September for
Funerals and Pastoral emergencies.**

Tel.: 905-639-4125

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Week of September 25, 2017 AT EAST PLAINS

Mon, Sept.25	8.30 am Men's Coffee Hour 8:30 am Badminton 6:30 pm Brownies 6:30 pm Beaver 6:30 pm Venturers 7:30 pm Scouts	Campbell Room Peart Hall Peart Hall Rooms 10/11 Choir Room Fellowship Hall
Tues, Sept.26	8:45 am Badminton 6:30 pm Sparks 7:00 pm Trillium 7:00 pm B.A.R.C.	Peart Hall Room 12 Peart Hall Rooms 10/11
Wed, Sept.27	9:30 am Ladies' Workshop (TBC) 6:30 pm Girl Guides 7:00 pm Trillium 7:00 pm AA (Glenhaven Group)	Rooms 6/7 Peart Hall Choir room Rooms 10/11
Thurs, Sept.28	8:30 am Badminton 6:30 pm Cubs 7:00 pm Trillium 7:30 pm N.A. (Steps to Freedom) 7:30 pm Badminton	Peart Hall Fellowship Hall Choir Room Rooms 10/11 Peart Hall
Fri, Sept.29	NO EVENTS BOOKED	
Sat, Sept.30	NO EVENTS BOOKED	
Sun, Oct.01	10:00 am Worship Service	Sanctuary

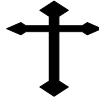


STEWARDSHIP SECOND

*Stewardship asks us to share God's love with all
God's people not just a select few.*

Welcome to East Plains United Church!

“At East Plains, we like to believe that strangers are friends we have yet to meet.”



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community in Christ, we celebrate God with us and all creation, and commit ourselves to sharing the work of the spirit with our families, our neighbours and our world.”

~ Who Some of Us Are ~

Minister	:	Rev. Alison Nicholson
Chair of the Board	:	Jim McMaster
Music Director	:	Sabatino (Sam) Vacca
Church Custodian	:	Ken Pelletier
Church Administrator	:	Alyson Atkinson

SERVICES AVAILABLE



A nursery is available for your babies and toddlers. The nursery is located in the Christian Education wing of the Church. Please ask for assistance.



An elevator is available for your convenience, and can be accessed from the Plains Road parking lot.



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We would ask if you could avoid using any scents at Church, and thank you for helping others to worship better and breathe more easily.