

Oromocto Pastoral Charge

The United Church of Canada

February 18th, 2024

The people of the Oromocto Pastoral Charge welcome you. May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

Please Stand as you are able, sit as you prefer

Greeting:

Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

Thanks be to God

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Introit:** Holy, Holy, Holy **VU 315 Vs1**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** Seek Ye First the Kingdom **VU 356**

Call to Worship

We are beginning our journey through Lent.

God is with us on the way.

We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness.

We will remember God's faithfulness.

We seek God's mercy and truth step by step, day by day.

We trust in God's steadfast love, so we worship with grateful hearts!

Our Minister, **Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles**, is in her Office this week: **Monday-Wednesday 9-12, Thursday (unavailable)**. She is available outside of these hours by chance or by appointment. Rev. Lori Beth can be reached in the following ways:

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If you know of someone who is ill, in hospital or who would like a visit from the Minister, please talk to Reverend Lori Beth.

Next Week's Scripture:

We follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our services. Our service next week will be based on the following scripture: **Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16, Psalm 22:23–31 (VU p. 746 Part Three and Four), Romans 4:13–25, Mark 8:31–38**

The Sympathy and Prayers of the Congregation are the friends and loved ones of Ethel Burpee who passed away on February 14th, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday at 1pm at the Oromocto Funeral home.

Our Annual Meeting will be held downstairs in the hall following our worship service.

Prayer of the Day

Good and gracious God,
Creator of earth and sky,
Maker of rainbows and raindrops,
we praise you for the beauty of the world us,
and for the hope of life with you now and always.
We praise you for your faithfulness and loving
kindness throughout all generations,
for your promise of grace,
for your compassion and redemption revealed to us in
Christ Jesus.
Receive our prayers and praises this day
and teach us how to live by your love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn Teach Me God to Wonder VU 299

Time For All Ages Flood

Scripture

Genesis 9:8–17

1 Peter 3:18–22

Mark 1:9–15 Norma Magee

*Hymn I, The Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

Message: Into the Wilderness

Offertory

*Dedication Verse 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.*

Offertory Prayer

O God, the source of all good things, we bring to you
our gifts:, our earthly things, the love of our hearts,
and the service of our lives. All this we give through
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn Lord Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400 x3

Our Prayers of Thanks and Concern

*Hymn Church in the Pines

Commissioning and Blessing

May the Spirit fill you
with peace,
with ears ready to listen,
with a heart ready to respond;
May Christ live in you and give you his courage;
May God bless your ministry and your whole life;
and may the whole church be transformed by love.
Written by the late Rev. Alison Etter

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Musical Benediction MV 213

*Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take Up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down in love, lay them down, and take up his
song.*