

Oromocto Pastoral Charge

The United Church of Canada

January 14, 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 and Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Introit:** Praise God From Who All Blizzards Flow
(Printed Sheet)

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** Come In, Come In and Sit Down **VU 395**

Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

Thanks be to God.

(Feasting on the Word Year b)

Prayer of the Day (*Unison Based on Psalm 29*):

**God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong!
Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters.
You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who taught us to pray saying...Our Father...**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Minister, **Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles**, is in her Office this week: Monday-Thursday or by appointment and chance, 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: **Jonah 3:1–5, 10, Psalm 62:5–12 (VU pp. 779–780), 1 Corinthians 7:29–31, Mark 1:14–20**

Session will meet after today's worship service.

Church council will meet on Sunday January 21st following our worship service.

***Children’s Hymn** Teach Me God to Wonder **VU 299**

Time For All Ages The Sweetest Sound

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1–10)

John 1:43–51

Gail Johnson

***Hymn** Here I am **VU 509**

Message: Called

Offertory

***Dedication Verse VU 55 (vs 4)**

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.*

Offertory Prayer (*Unison*)

God of new possibilities, in Christ you create a future for each of us, inviting us to flourish in our faith. Use us and the gifts we offer to create new possibilities for those who are uncertain about what the future holds. For we trust that you hold the future for us all. Amen.

Our Prayers of Thanks and Concern

***Hymn** Will You come and Follow Me **VU 567**

Commissioning and Blessing

The season of Epiphany celebrates God’s light breaking into the world

in Christ Jesus, and so:

May the light of God lead you,
the light of Christ embrace you,
and the light of the Holy Spirit enliven you
So that you know both hope and peace
this day and each coming day.

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

***Musical Benediction** Hope Shines as the Solitary Star **MV 220**

*Hope shines as the solitary star.
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the light of lights,
And illumine the pathway home.*