

The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025

Gathering Music

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Welcome





Announcements

All **Men** are
welcome in
Erin's
"Coffee Guys"

Wed. Nov. 12th
at 7 pm
by Zoom





ERIN REFUGEE ACTION CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

A Christmas Carol

by
Charles
Dickens



Featuring Ontario
actor and town crier
Andrew Welch
delivering his
celebrated dramatic
reading of this
Holiday Classic

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 2025
Erin United Church | 115 Main St. Erin
7:00 to 9pm
Doors Open 6:30

ADULTS \$30
TEENS \$15
12 & under FREE

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AND LIGHT
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waiting to come to Canada.

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Thank you to our performers Andrew Welch, Elswyth Fryer and
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Light the Christ Candle



We light the Christ candle, reminding us of the Christ light, present with us, within us, within each other. Amen.

Jesus Loves the Little Children

— BIBLE SONG FOR KIDS



Prelude

“Jesus Loves the Little Children/Jesus Loves Me”

Prayer and Call to Worship

God of the living, we thank you for your presence with us today.

We thank you for the ways you are with us as individuals.
(*A time for silent reflection and thanksgiving.*)

We thank you for the ways you are with us as a community.
(*A time for silent reflection and thanksgiving.*)

We thank you for ways you are with all of your Creation.
(*A time for silent reflection and thanksgiving.*)

We thank you, God. Amen.

Hymn VU # 365

"Jesus Loves Me"

**1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

**R Yes, Jesus loves me ! Yes, Jesus loves me !
Yes, Jesus loves me ! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**





**3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.**

***Refrain* Yes, Jesus loves me ! Yes, Jesus loves me !
Yes, Jesus loves me ! The Bible tells me so.**

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, your presence, the wonders of your Creation, your blessings in our lives. We become focused on memories of the past, and we get distracted from your presence, from the wonders of your Creation, and from your blessings in our lives.

We find ourselves worried about the future and about death, and we get distracted from your presence, from the wonders of your Creation, and from your blessings in our lives.

May you forgive us, God; Help us to notice your presence; Help us to realise your goodness; Help us to remember how you guide us and may help us to trust you with our futures. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear and receive this affirmation from the prophet Haggai: “Take courage, all you people of the land... for I am with you. According to the promise that I made when you came out of Egypt, my Spirit abides with you. Do not fear.”

Thanks be to God !



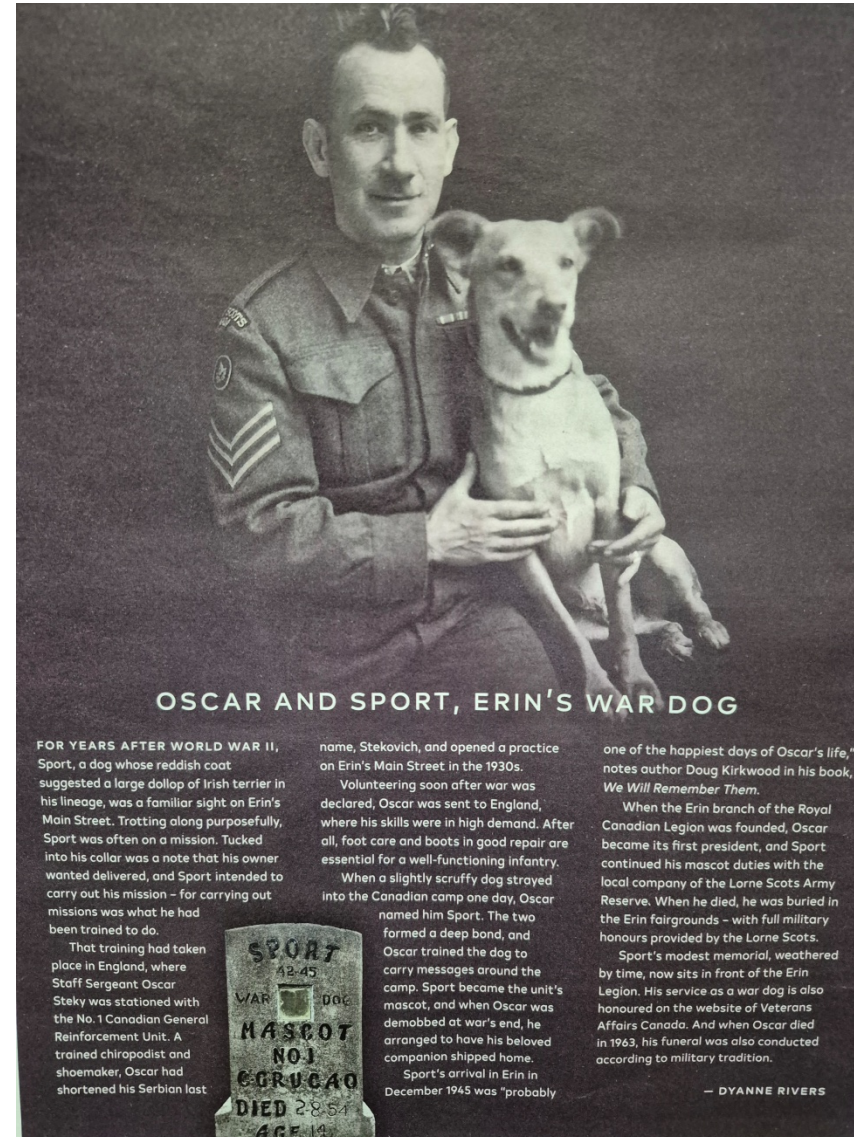
Time with the Young People

by Diane

Children Song

*“Jesus Wants Me for a
Sunbeam”*

*(The children may now proceed
with their guardians to have
sharing time.)*



The Scriptures

by Rev. Derek

Today's Reading

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.

Message

by Rev. Derek

Hymn VU # 508

1

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2

Just as I am, poor, wretched,
blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Just as I Am

Prayers of the People

Gracious and loving God, Creator and Redeemer and giver of all good things, we come before you as we are. We acknowledge that sometimes we find it hard to feel thankful. Sometimes pain or regret or fear or sadness or anger or anxiety seem to fill our hearts and leave no room for gratitude.

So we come before you today asking for the gift of a grateful heart, for the ability to be cheerful givers, and for the comprehension of your blessings to fill our hearts.

At this time, we pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain...

all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger...

for all whom the world counts as last and least...

We pray for the Church and its varied ministries for
peace and justice...

for all our families and friends...

We pray your blessing on all those whom we love, on all
those whom you love, and in all the places of the world
that need your peace.

God, may we approach each moment of the day, each encounter with another, each opportunity that comes our way, with a spirit of love and power, peace and joy, knowing that you have looked into our hearts, claimed us with your love, and called us your own. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering HYMN VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.



Offering Prayer

O merciful Creator, we see your hand open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Create in us thankful hearts, for all your loving providence. May you help us to be faithful stewards of the gifts you have given us, to share your love throughout all the world. Amen.

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.



2

All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and Heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.



3

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest !
Source of Grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.



4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.



Blessing

Knowing that you are loved, go with full and thankful hearts. Have hope for what is ahead. Our Triune God goes with us.

Amen.





Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of
every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong
and true. Know God will guide you
in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you
believe. Reach out to others so all
the world can see.*

*God will be there within, around,
above. Go now in peace, in faith
and in love.*

Amen, amen, amen.

**God, we thank you for
being with us.**



**We honour those who
have given their lives.**



Lest We Forget



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