

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
February 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.



This Little Light of Mine

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music

Speak Lord, Your Servants Listen
Arr. Valerie Mackenzie

Nan Winsell

Welcome

Centering Time

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (UMH # 206)*

All

Opening Prayer:

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice,

to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry and to shelter the homeless poor.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly.

So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honour be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Rev. Iona MacLean, First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia, in Change is Happening, <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>.

Sharing the Peace

Children's Moment *This Little Light of Mine*

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Matthew 5:13-20

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

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Pastor Penny Bonsell

Hymn: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (UMH #581)*

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concern

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit,

so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven.

May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Thanks be to God; Amen.

Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website, <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/confession-light-of-world.html>.

Offering

Come! Live in the Light arr. David Haas

Nan Winsell

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95) All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Liberating God, you call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing.

You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual.

Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken.

May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. ([Isaiah 58:1-9a \(9b-12\)](#))

And the prayer which unites us...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed 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 forever. Amen.

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord (UMH #593)

All

SENDING

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim. And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you so that a stranger will see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you. The Spirit fills you. Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. God Bless!

Go in hope, peace, joy and love. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude *Go, My Friends.... go to the world, proclaim the great love of God...*

Arr. Cesareo Gabarian

Nan Winsell

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop
Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Fri, Feb. 13, 5:30-8pm: Youth group

Wed, Feb 18, 7 pm: Ash Wednesday

Wed, Feb 25, 5:30 pm: Lenten Soup Suppers begin

See our website for more details at www.littleprairieumc.org



Website



Online Giving