



STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

February 8, 2026

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! – PASTOR SHERRYL

This past Sunday I had the privilege of going for a nice long hike in Birds Hill Park. It was a most glorious day and the longer I hiked, the more the sun came out bathing the forest in beautiful light and shadows as well.

Since I love to take photos, I ended up taking many that were fully illuminated by the sunlight, and others that were a mix of light and shadows, for the contrast was so stark.



As we are reading through the book of John and the many stories of who Jesus Christ is, one of the ways He describes Himself is that He is the **Light of the World**. John 8:12 from the New Living Translation reads *“Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, ‘I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.’”*

These words of Jesus bring me great comfort as I navigate through my life. Jesus wants us to live in the light, not the darkness—where things can trip us up, where we can easily fall, where it can be scary, where we can feel utterly alone. Jesus



wants to illuminate the way before us, comfort us, accompany us and remind us of His love for us in a myriad of ways, including that He is the Light of the World.

However Jesus does not only make this claim of Himself and what awaits those of us who follow Him. He then speaks in Matthew 5 as a part of the Sermon on the Mount and after the Beatitudes about how we are to be the light of the world if we are followers of His. Here are verses 14 to 16:

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Jesus reminds us that our lives are to bring light to the world that points to Him—those in our family, our friends, our neighbours and all we come in contact with!

McIvor Worship



AFFIRMATION VOTE

Council is recommending the following individuals for the identified positions:

- Dr. Pierre Gilbert—Interim Teaching Pastor
- Bruce Wiebe—Council

There will be an **Affirmation Vote Sunday, February 15** following the service. If you will not be present, and would like to cast your vote, please contact the office at 204.339.1691 before Friday, February 13. Thank you.

GIVING

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