

## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People  
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*Lay Worship Leader: Charlotte Hoy*

**January 7, 2024**

✠ indicates please stand in body or spirit.

### WE GATHER

Welcome, Announcements

God in My Week - Sharing and Caring - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Acknowledging the Land

We live, work, and worship on treaty land. As we celebrate the cold days of winter, we are reminded that we are called into the right relationship with the land and our neighbours. We affirm the need to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to strive for reconciliation.

Minute for Mission

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us that God is nearer to us than our very breath. We are not alone. God is with us. Amen

Spiritual Focus – Christ's Light!

### We Approach God

Call to Worship

One: Christ's light is shining,

All: **Calling us to respond with joy.**

One: Christ's light is shining,

All: **Calling us to worship and love.**

Opening Prayer

✠ Hymn: PUC: VU # 81 As with Gladness Men of Old  
EUC: MV # 220 Hope Shines as The Solitary Star

### We Listen for Wisdom

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV  
Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

✠ Hymn: VU # 82 A Light is Gleaming

Reflection: Light and Hope?

Ministry of Music: PUC Choir: As The Deer Pants For Water  
By: Martin Nystrom  
EUC Choir: Epiphany Medley  
By: Traditional

Offertory Invitation

✠ Offertory Hymn: PUC: VU # 541 Praise God  
EUC: VU # 542 We Give You But Your Own

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### We Go Forth as God's People

✠ Closing Hymn: PUC: VU # 87 I Am the Light of the World  
EUC: MV # 89 Love Is the Touch

✠ Commissioning, Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now In Peace By: Don Besig

Postlude: PUC: Minuet In G By: Archez

*Welcome to all who have joined together in worship today.*

**Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. May God be with You every step of the way.**

#### **YAHBC**

The next Young at Heart Breakfast Club meeting will be Thursday the 18th of January at the Junction. Further information will come the week before the event. We had 16 out at the December breakfast, our biggest turnout. This is the second last Thursday rather than the last for reasons I will answer if asked. Ted.

It was decided at the last Official Board meeting after much discussion that the annual reports should be in Annette by the 17th of January with the treasurer's reports by the 24th of January. All AGMs will be held on Sunday the 18th of February. Both churches right after their regular services and the O.B. probably about 3 pm.

Our prayer list is still growing. Please keep the Pastoral Care Director, Liz Church, or Clint Halladay updated. The following names are still on our prayer list.

**Sheila Campbell, Kay Seward, and Bradley Edwards** is still in the hospital.

Bible study resumes on January 8th. All are welcome, no matter your current level of Bible knowledge. Contact Jim Barton at 613-328-4089 or at ccjimbarton@gmail.com; Liz Church at lizchurch1@hotmail.com

**January 16, 2024, EUC Council Meeting at 7 pm**

**January 30, 2024, PUC Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.**

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