

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
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January 14, 2024 - *Second SUNDAY After Epiphany*

✠ indicates when those who are able will please stand.

WE CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

Welcome, Announcements

God in My Week – Sharing & Caring, Birthdays & Anniversaries

Traditional Land Acknowledgement (All)

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Each Sunday morning, we gather around this candle, a symbol of Christ. This ritual brings focus to our time of worship, a time when we pause to renew our faith and spiritual life with our Creator. May the light shine, gathering us in and bringing us to a place of calm and shalom.

Jim McKean, Severn Shores U.C., Severn Ont.

WE APPROACH GOD

Call To Worship

One: "Come with me"

All: **We receive the Jesus words in times of great joy.**

One: "Come with me."

All: **We receive the Jesus words in times of stress and difficulty.**

One: "Come with me."

All: **We receive the Jesus words when they are the last words we want to welcome.**

One: "Come with me."

All: **We receive the Jesus words addressed to our church.**

One: "Come with me."

All: **We receive the Jesus words. We take them to heart and we faithfully go to work.**

David Sparks, Summerland. B.C.,

✠ Opening Hymn: VU # 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Passing Of the Peace

Just as infants find comfort being swaddled in a blanket, may we find the peace of Christ as God hems us in, behind and before, with holy love. Let us share signs of peace with one another today. **(the sign of Peace)**

Opening Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Ministry of Music: PUC Choir – Going To Climb The Highest Mountain By. L.M. Emig
EUC Choir – Shepherd of My Soul"
(Common Prayer)

Prayer For Illumination

One: Listen, the voice of God is calling.

All: **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Scripture Reading

Reader: Listen for the sacred story

All: **May our ears and hearts be open to God's Word**

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11- 20) "God calls Samuel"

John 1: 43-51 "Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael"

Reflection: "Come and See"

✠ Responding Hymn: VU # 567 Will You Come and Follow Me
(vs 1,2,4,5)

OUR RESPONSE

Invitation For Offering

Offering Hymn: VU # 510 vs 2, We Have This Ministry

Offering Prayer

God of vision and courage, You call us to be Your hands and feet in the world. In a world full of need, use our gifts and our offerings, our time and our talents, to bless those in need of Your blessings. Through these gifts, may others come to see Your grace and hear Your call in their lives. **AMEN**

Prepare Our Hearts for Prayer: VU # 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying x 2

Prayers of the People /The Lord's Prayer

✦ **Closing Hymn: VU # 299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder**

✦ **Commissioning & Benediction:**

Wherever you go, speak words of love and grace to everyone you meet. We will speak words of hope and faith to gladden the heart and strengthen the spirit. As those who are called by the living God, invite others to hear Christ's call in their lives. We will remind all God's children that God is speaking still.

✦ **Choral Blessing: "Go Now In Peace"**

Postlude PUC: Sine Nomine By Beddard/Wanless

YAHBC

The YAHBC meets Thursday the 18th of January at the Junction restaurant at 9 a.m. One week earlier than usual. If you are going to come let either Clint or Ted know by whatever means you are comfortable with by noon Wednesday the 17th. We had 16 out last month so looking forward to seeing you. 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 Monday evening Bible study group that meets at Portland UC at 6:30 follows a daily personal Bible reading schedule that can be done in as little as ten minutes/day and will complete the New Testament every 6 months. When we meet, we discuss the readings of the past week; we share any questions, comments, or thoughts about them. This week's readings will cover Matthew chapters 12-18. It is an interactive discussion group with the purpose of encouraging one another as we strive to learn and live by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Please join in the conversation, any questions are considered, and everyone is welcome whether new to Bible reading or well-seasoned. Come let us grow together!

January 16, 2024, EUC Council Meeting @ 7 pm

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

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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OUR CHURCHES UNITED

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