

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
Pulpit Supply: Norma Wright, LLWL
January 28, 2024 - *Fourth 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

✦ Gathering Song: VU # 402 “We Are One” vs. 1

Call To Worship

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ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: Let us join our whole selves in songs of praise.

ONE: Let us bring our hurts and concerns to God's gentle love.

ALL: Let us receive God's word for our lives.

ONE: Let us commit our lives to live for God's kingdom.

All: Thanks be to God! We gather to worship.

Amen

WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting of the Christ Candle (In Unison)

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We light the Christ candle this morning in witness to the fact that Christ, who is our light, is here among us.

We light the Christ candle because we also know that the light of God's Spirit dwells within us.

✦ Opening Hymn: VU # 585 “Jesus Bids Us Shine”

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Understanding

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Ministry of Music: PUC Choir – My Friend
By R. Johnston
EUC Choir- Thank You Lord for Your
Blessings on Me

Scripture Reading

Reader: Listen for the sacred story

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

Psalm 111 VU Page 833

Scripture: Mark 1: 21—28

Reflection:

✦ Responding Hymn: VU 82 “A Light Is Gleaming”

OUR RESPONSE

Invitation For Offering

✦ Offering Hymn: VU#537 “Your work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

Offering Prayer (In Unison)

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Holy One, bless all that we offer:

Our time and our finances,
our energy and ideas,
our care and compassion,
our praises and prayers.

Together may we create a community of
faith, hope, and love, in Jesus name. Amen

Prayers of the People /The Lord's Prayer

✦ Closing Hymn: VU # 120 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Commissioning and Benediction:

✦ Choral Blessing: VU # 974 “Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!”

Postlude PUC: Postlude In G – By N.D. Williams

Council ACM's and Official Board AGM.

Sunday, February 18th is the date for all 3 meetings.

The Plan is that Portland will have their meeting right after their service. Elgin will have their meeting right after their service.

That leaves the Official Board. Elgin figures no more than 30 minutes for their meeting. Then we will take a break for lunch which the Portland members of the O.B. have been invited to and then we will have a short O.B. AGM. The only business at that meeting will be approving the reports and the budget which is in the reports.

Ted A/Chair O.B.

Our prayer list is still growing. Please keep the Pastoral Care Director, Liz Church, or Clint Halladay updated.

The Bible reading group meets every Monday evening for a little over an hour starting at 6:30 p.m.. We follow a daily New Testament Bible Reading Schedule that can be done in as little as ten minutes per day. This week will be discussing readings from Matthew chapters 25 to 28 and Romans 1-6. If you read along during the week and have some questions, then please come, and join us for a lively discussion and fellowship. The complete reading schedules will be available at the tables just inside the doors of the Elgin and Portland churches for any interested people to pick up and give it a try. Let the word of God grow in your heart.

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

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OUR CHURCHES UNITED

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