

## 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*

February 25, 2024-*Second SUNDAY In Lent*

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand.

### WE CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

*"A Village Church with A Heart for The World"*

Welcome, Announcements

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

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

✦ Gathering Song: VU#108 "Throughout These Lenten Days  
and Nights" vs 1

Call To Worship

### WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting of the Christ Candle (In Unison)

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One: In times of struggle,

**All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

One: In times of wonder,

**All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

One: In times of anxious anticipation,

**All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

One: In this time and place, here and now, and in all the days of  
our lives,

**All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

As we continue to journey toward the cross, let the light of this Christ  
candle remind us of who we are and whose we are: struggling,  
wondering, and anxiously anticipating people of the Way.

✦ Opening Hymn: VU # 288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Understanding

### WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Ministry of Music: PUC Choir – My Creed  
By M.L. Fisher  
EUC Choir- Wherever He Leads I'll Go  
By: BB McKinney

Scripture Reading

Reader: Listen for the sacred story

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

Psalm 22:23-31 VU p. 746 Parts three and four

Scripture: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 NRSV

Reflection:

✦ Responding Hymn: VU 634 "To Abraham and Sarah"

### OUR RESPONSE

Invitation For Offering

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

Offering Prayer

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Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with  
Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives,  
that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love  
and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by  
the power of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are  
yours. Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People /The Lord's Prayer

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

## Commissioning and Benediction:

✠ Choral Blessing: “Go Now in Peace”

Postlude PUC: Postlude Noel Nouvelet (French Carol)

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

### Bible Discussions Groups

That's right, we said “groups”—plural. In addition to the Monday evening Bible discussion group meetings in Portland at 6:30, we are pleased to announce the formation of a second group to meet in Elgin on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the community room of the municipal complex (next to the post office and library). Like our Portland group, we will follow a short daily (ten-fifteen minute) Bible reading schedule and meet to discuss parts of those readings that we wish to understand better. Those Bible reading schedules are available at the tables near the entrances of both the Elgin and Portland churches. The Bible chapters for this week's discussion will be 1 Corinthians, chapters 1-11. All interested people are welcome to come share in the warm fellowship, lively discussion, and spiritual growth.

Psalm 119:105 *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

**EUC** is having a **Free-Will (Pay-as-you-Can) Chili Dinner** on March 1st at the Elgin Municipal Complex - 4:30-6:00 p.m., or until we run out. Chili, salad, buns, dessert, beverage. Eat-In or Take-Out.

### Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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