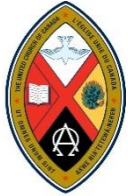


**GROWING, CARING,
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The United Church of Canada
in Elgin and Portland

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March 17, 2024

Welcome, Announcements

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

Land Acknowledgement

We live, work, and worship on treaty land. 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

Spiritual Focus

God's love is in our hearts. Look deep and find God.

Call to Worship

One: Are you tired and worn out?

ALL: Call on the name of the Lord.

One: Are you the person you wish to be?

ALL: Seek God's help and it shall be granted.

One: Are you looking for a better path?

ALL: Ask Christ to show you the way.

One: Come let us worship.

Opening Prayer

✦ **Opening Hymn:**

EUC MV # 106 I am the Dream

PUC VU # 266 Amazing Grace

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

**All: Our ears and hearts are open, for God's story is
our story.**

**Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 1-12**

✦ **Hymn:**

EUC MV #40 Never Ending Joy

PUC VU # 509 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Reflection

**Ministry of Music: PUC: The Vesper Hymn
By Sherwin-Hadler**

Offertory Invitation:

✦ **Offertory Hymn:**

MV # 191 What Can I Do

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of The People/ The Lord's Prayer

✦ **Closing Hymn:**

**VU # 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of
Resurrection**

Benediction

✦ **Choral Blessing:**

Thank You Lord

**Postlude: Londonderry Air (Traditional Irish Melody)
By: John Wanless**

Bible Discussions Groups

Discussions will be centred on this week's Bible reading schedule from Luke chapters 3-9. Any and all Bible questions are welcome. Please join us for lively discussions and warm fellowship on Monday evening at the Portland UC at 6:30pm or on Tuesday morning at the United Church in Elgin at 10am. All are welcome. For info contact Jim at ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089. God bless, Jim.

Young at Heart Breakfast Club

The YAHBC meets again next Thursday the 21st of March at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. As usual, would you let either Clint or Ted know by whatever means you are comfortable with by noon on Wednesday the 20th if you are coming so the restaurant has room and staff for us? See you then.....Ted

Mark Friday, March 22nd on your calendar for a fabulous turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Bring your families, friends and neighbours. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

As always, you are invited to drop in weekly on Thursdays to Chit Chat, downstairs between 10:30 and 12:00 noon.

We keep Kathleen Seward and family in our prayers. She is in palliative care in Smiths Falls Hospital.

Looking for a pleasant activity for a Sunday afternoon? The Bells of St. Paul's, and guests Don McLean, Brad Mills, and High Octane are pleased to invite you to Perth on Sunday, April 21st for this lovely afternoon filled with wonderful music. This community bell choir welcomes ringers from the wider community, including Jane Pickard and Jan Haskin of Portland. We do hope you will join us!

Thursday, April 11th is the UCW AGM in Carleton Place at Zion United Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Rodney (former minister at Elgin/Portland United) is the guest speaker. If you would like to join us at this meeting, please contact Connie Cochran at 613-220-7914 to participate in a carpool. Cost is \$20.00 for lunch and snacks. A donation to the Food Bank would be appreciated.

We are sad to announce that John Wanless will be leaving us effective March 24th. John has been a most welcome addition to our Sunday worship, and he will be missed. Thank you, John, for sharing your talents with us over the past 2 years! We have thoroughly enjoyed having you lead our music. Please join us after church this Sunday, March 17 for cake after the service.

The Portland Pealers will be performing in Newboro United on Palm Sunday at 10 a.m..

Please remember both our churches scent-free Church.

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