

**GROWING, CARING, MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
Guest Clergy: Rev. Shaun Seaman

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

September 15, 2024

WE WELCOME GOD

Welcome, Announcements

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

Acknowledging the Traditional Territories

We acknowledge the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We acknowledge this territory in recognition of and respect for Aboriginal Peoples. Holy Spirit help us enter a constellation of relationships beyond territorial acknowledgments. Help us to move forward in achieving right relationships with Indigenous Peoples, with the land, and with the environment. **Amen.**

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: VU 399 – God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light this candle, we remember God's love for us...

All: **And that we will take the light of Christ with us out into the world, to share God's love in all that we do and say.**

✦ Hymn: VU 356 – Seek Ye First the Kingdom

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Ministry of Music:



Prayer of Illumination (All):

Healing God, You who through countless ages respond to the cries and yearnings of all Your children, hear our questions today, as we wonder and discern, as we seek our inspiration to become new beings in Christ. Imitating Jesus' teaching and example, we would be renewed. Help us to hear with open ears and see with unveiled eyes. Amen.

Scripture: John 17:20-26, Isaiah 55:6-9, Isaiah 40:27-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: **The Greatness of God**

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 264 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ **Offertory Hymn: VU 538 – For the Gift of Creation**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

No matter how we try, God of All, we can never give to You what You have given to and for us. But with these gifts, take our hearts, our minds, our strength, and our spirit and add them to the building blocks of Your kingdom, that there may be room for all, that all may be welcome and that all may find comfort in the Kingdom You build. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

✦ **Closing Hymn: VU 238 – O Lord My God**

✦ **Commissioning and Blessing**

✦ **Choral Blessing: VU 422 – God Be with You till We Meet Again
Vs.1 and Refrain**

Bible Discussion Groups

Reason to read the Bible #18: The Bible helps us to enrich our relationship with Jesus, so He may become fully formed within us. Galatians 4:19 Paul wrote to the Galatians: "[You are my] my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!" Two meetings each week: Portland UC on Monday at 6:30; Elgin meeting this week will be at Marian Cooper's home in Chaffey's Lock (1555 Chaffey's Lock Road), Tuesday 10 am. Please join us. For info contact Jim at ccjimbaron@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

Portland UCW Apple Pie Sale. Please place your order before September 25th. \$18.00 Call Sheila @ 613-272-3531 or Connie @ 613-220-7914, Order form is placed on the board in the Friendship room.

The Y@HBC will meet at 9 am Thursday the 19th of September. Clint will be away so the best way to let Ted know is via phone or text at 613 340 3527. That should be by noon on Wednesday the 18th and then I will call the restaurant. I already have a decent list started so looking forward to seeing everyone.....Ted

Festival of Small Halls, presenting Jeff Rogers on Saturday, October 5th @ 7 p.m. at Elgin United Church. Tickets are \$25.00 + HST & Fees. Tickets and Information: ontariosmallhalls.com

Many, many thanks to everyone who had any part in our very successful "We're Singing for Your Supper" concert. Performers, donors, workers, audience members, bakers - all of you. Not only was it a wonderful concert, it was a financial success as well. You all helped to raise \$2,432. for the Food Bank which is awesome! Thank you so much! Louise and Norma

Norma your dedication and hard work in organizing this event have left PUC & EUC members in awe. Thank you for an exceptional experience! Thank you for turning a simple gathering into an extraordinary event.

The Official Board is called to meet at 7 pm at Portland United on Sept 24th.

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