

**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*

October 27, 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 563 - Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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 603 - In Loving Partnership We Come**

Ministry of Music:



WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination

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: Matthew 10:1-15

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Sending Out Disciples

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 567 - Will You Come and Follow Me

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ **Offertory Hymn: VU 537 - You Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

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 509 - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

✦ **Commissioning and Blessing**

✦ **Choral Blessing: MV 212 - Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

Bible Discussion Groups

Reason to read the Bible #24: The Bible teaches that our discipleship requires more than a verbal profession of faith. Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Two meetings each week: Portland UC on Monday at 6:30; Elgin meeting this week will be at the Elgin community Hall next to the post office, Tuesday 10am. Please join us. For info contact Jim at ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

This is a gentle reminder that the need at the Elgin Food Bank is continuing to increase. You can donate in different ways. You can donate via e-transfer to United Church Of Canada-Elgin <treasurer-euc@eppc-ucc.ca> You can also donate in your envelope under "other" or by PAR.

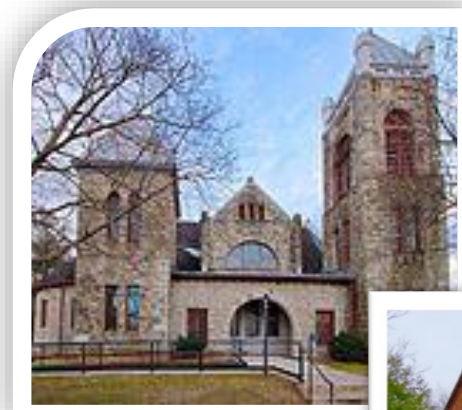
A celebration of Life will be held for Jim Rowat on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chaffey's Lock Community Hall. All are welcome.

Pre-Order Your Christmas Tourtieres before November 13th, 2024. The Seventh Annual Tourtiere Sale By Portland United Church UCW. Pies are frozen and ready to bake. 8" pies @ \$20.00 and 4" pies @10.00. Please order: Call Sheila @ 613-272-3531 or Connie @ 613-220-7914.

UCW Meeting November 26th at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

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