

## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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November 24, 2024

✦ 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

Land Acknowledgement

✦ Gathering Song: VU # 222 "Come, Let Us Sing"

Call to Worship:

**One:** Friends, this is a time we have set aside to remember who we are and to whom we belong.

**ALL:** We have come to remember who Christ is.

**One:** Yes, who Christ was, is, and will always be.

**ALL:** The Alpha and the Omega—Halleluiah!

### WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God calls forth new beginnings all the time. We light this candle reminding us to look in the ordinary and in the unexpected places for those times to be revealed and lived.

Opening Prayer - *Gathering Pent. 2, 2021, page 47, Richard Bott, used with permission.*

You are the source of all things.

You are the beginning and end.

You are the great "I am."

And we are blessed in knowing you,

God of all things. We ask for your help.

**Help us.**

We ask for your wisdom.

**Guide us.**

We ask for your compassion.

**Love us.**

So that we might be

Compassionate and wise as we help in your world.

**May it be this way,**

**By your grace. Loving God. Amen**

✦ Opening Hymn: VU # 511 "Before You Now, O God"

Ministry of Music: PUC Choir -The Greatest Gift is Love  
Mark Hayes

### WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

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**Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to receive a word of truth, then set us free to follow the power of Christ's love. Amen**

Scripture Reading:

Reader: Open your hearts and minds to God's Word.

**All:** We listen with joy as the Scripture is read this day.

Revelation 1: 4b-8 NRSV "I am the Alpha and the Omega"  
Gospel: John 18: 33-37 "Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Reader: May God Bless our understanding of these readings

**All:** Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: The Fullness of God

### OUR RESPONSE

Hymn: VU #271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Response:

**One:** Lord Jesus,

**ALL:** Reign among us in love.

The Lord's Prayer

## INVITATION FOR OFFERING

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

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Dear God,

We offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honour are due to you now and forever. Amen.

✦ **Closing Hymn: MV #216 “Wherever You May Go**

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**Go in peace to love and to serve. May the blessing of God, the One who creates, redeems, and restores be with you now and always. Amen**

**Choral Blessing: “Go Now in Peace”**

### **Bible Discussion Groups**

Reason to read the Bible #28: The Bible helps us become spiritually mature and feel fully assured in the will of God. Colossians 4:12 “Epaphras, ...a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.” [see also: Colossians 1:28] Two meetings each week: Portland UC on Monday at 6:30; The Elgin meeting will be held every week at: The Guthrie House (10 Perth Street, Elgin). Tuesday 10am. Everybody is welcome. For info contact Jim at ccjimbaron@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

UCW Meeting **November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome

**Elgin United's on-line auction** wraps up on **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Go to Elgin United Church Facebook page to view the many quality items and bid often and freely. Thank you

### **Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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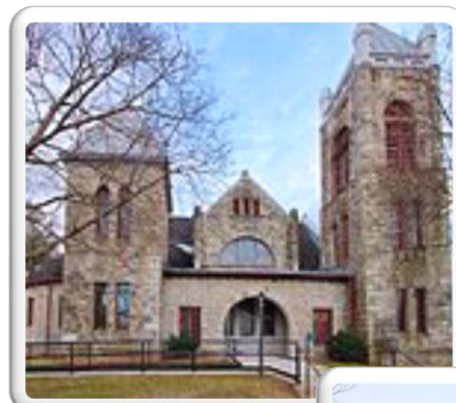
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# OUR CHURCHES UNITED

## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



November 24, 2024

**Happy Birthday to Carl Leggett, November 28th.** I'm sure Carl will appreciate a card or phone call.

**Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, the Hospice Hub, is hosting a Palliative Care Education Day: “essential keys to Palliative Care”, Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> , 12:30pm** (light refreshments & networking) and the session from 1:00pm– 5:00pm, at Oakfield Rugby Park, 2585 Drummond Con. 2, Perth. Register online at [tinyurl.com/PCED-2024](http://tinyurl.com/PCED-2024)

**The Tipped Ship** hosts a concert featuring **Rob Lute's, 7 pm on Friday November 29th at Elgin United Church.** Tickets \$25 [trish@redleafmusic.ca](mailto:trish@redleafmusic.ca)

**Annual Community Christmas Celebration with Rideau Lakes & Westport Community Christmas Choir Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.** Knox Presbyterian Church, Westport.

**Portland Council meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

Happy birthday wishes to **Anna Greenhorn**, who will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on **December 4<sup>th</sup>!** She is finally leaving twenty-nine behind for this milestone event! We invite you to join in the celebration at the **Delta Old Town Hall on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m.** \*(Please note the change of date and time) Best wishes only, please.

**OB Meeting December 10th at 7 p.m.** A light agenda is expected so we will meet via Zoom.

