

**DECEMBER 24, 2024**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE / COMMUNION**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People  
Leader: Liz Church

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**Ministry of Music – A Simple Stable (Price/Besig)**

**Welcome**

**Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful – VU # 60 – Verses 1,3, 5**

**Scripture # 1: An angel speaks to Mary - Luke 1:26-38**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, our hearts sing with praise because of Jesus. We rejoice that Jesus came among us. By His birth, life and death, we have been shown the depth of love You have for us. Help us to remember Christmas all year long by giving to others the message of hope, peace, joy and love as we share the Good News – Jesus, the Saviour is here.**

**Ministry of Music – The Birthday of a King (Neidlinger)**

**Scripture # 2: Joseph and the Angel - Matthew 1:19-25**

**Carol: Joy to the World – VU #59**

**Scripture # 3: The journey, the Birth – Luke 2:1-20**

**Carol: Away In A Manger – VU # 69**

**Scripture # 4: Plans of an evil king – Matthew 2: 1-12**

**Communion**

**Carol: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly - VU # 58**

**Preparing to Receive the Sacraments**

**On the night before He died, Jesus sat at the table with His friends, took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "take and eat, this is My body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

**Leader: The Body of Christ, broken for you**

**All: The Bread of Life**

**After supper He took a cup of wine and, after giving thanks, gave it them and said: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'**

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**Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Reflection**

**Solo: 'O Holy Night' – Janet McKeage**

**Lighting of Tealight Candles**

✦ **Closing Carol: Silent Night, Holy Night - VU # 67**

*Have a Blessed Christmas*



**Reminder:** Sunday the 29th is a joint service in Portland at 10 am. We return to 2 normal services and times on January the 5th in Portland and Elgin.

**Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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Ministry of Music – Still, Still, Still – VU # 47

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