



# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

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✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

**JANUARY 19, 2025**

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Territorial Acknowledgment

As we gather, we take a moment to remember that the land we call, Rideau Lakes, Portland/Elgin Pastoral charge, Ontario, is the territory of the Indigenous peoples. We seek to learn about past wrongs, act with justice in the present, and pray for a better future together in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader: Comfort in sorrow,

ALL: The light of Christ.

Reader: Challenge in lethargy

ALL: The light of Christ.

Reader: Courage in uncertainty,

ALL: The light of Christ.

Reader: Hope when all else fails,

ALL: The light of Christ.

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.

## WE WELCOME GOD

### Call To Worship

Reader: Come let us gather together in expectation.

ALL: We come hoping to find Jesus in our midst.

Reader: The one who opens our hearts,

ALL: and helps us discover God.

Reader: The one who calls us to faith,

ALL: and reminds us of God's love.

Reader: The one who delights in surprising his people,

ALL: a giver of good gifts,

Reader: turning water into wine,

ALL: giving hope when our hope has run out.

Reader: Come, let us gather together in expectation.

ALL: We come searching for Jesus in our midst.

Sue Webb, Faith Centennial U.C., Selkirk, Ont.

Opening Hymn – VU # 332 “The Church’s One Foundation”  
(vs 1,2,4)

## Passing Of The Peace

Let us fill the emptiness of our lives with the abundant love of God, watch for the miracles that follow and give one another the sign of God's peace.

## Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music - Love Divine by Lani Smith

## WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

### Scripture

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

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

Psalm 36: 5-10 VU pg 762 “God's steadfast love extends to the heavens”

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 “Different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit”

John 2: 1-11 “Wedding in Cana”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen

## Reflection - “Love Notices!”

✦ Responding Hymn–VU#603 “In loving Partnership We Come”

## GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

### Invitation For Offering

As we offer our material gifts in this time of offering, let's also reflect and rejoice in the time, talents and spiritual gifts with which we are blessed. Let us share abundantly from every aspect of our lives. Amen

✦ Offertory Hymn – VU # 542 “We Give You but Your Own”

## Offertory Prayer

You turn water into wine, Jesus. You make miracles everywhere we turn. Take these gifts of ours and turn them into wine for your world, a blessing and a promise, bringing your love. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

**Prepare Our Hearts For Prayer - VU # 400 "Lord, listen to your children praying" (x2)**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

✦ **Closing Hymn – VU # 559 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"**

**Benediction**

**Reader:** As miracles of God, go to be God's miracles for the world.

**ALL:** We are blessed with God's gifts

**Reader:** Let's share those gifts with the world.

**ALL:** Amen and amen.

**Choral Blessing – VU # 962 "May the blessing of God go before you"**

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Sylvia French – Celebration of Life - Saturday, January 25, 2-4 pm – The French Family are inviting friends and family to PUC to remember the life of Sylvia, a mom, grandmother, friend, and active member of her community. Please join us as we celebrate her life.

Advance notice January 25, 2025 - our Canadian Women in Song troupe plays at the Joshua Bates Centre, Athens. Get your tickets early. [joshuabatescentre.com](http://joshuabatescentre.com)

Annual General Meetings (PUC/EUC/OB) are scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 16th, 2025. OB will be in Elgin. General reports are due by Jan. 20th, and financial reports are due by Jan. 27th, for the Annual Report to be done. Please forward your reports to [office@eppc-ucc.com](mailto:office@eppc-ucc.com).

Bible Discussion Groups meet on Monday at Portland UC (6:30 PM) and Tuesday in Elgin (10:00 AM) at the Guthrie House. All are welcome. Info: [ccjimbarton@gmail.com](mailto:ccjimbarton@gmail.com) or 613-328-4089.

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## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



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