

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
Pianist: Liz Theobald

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

May 25, 2025

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 562 - Jesus Calls Us

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.

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12 -25 NRSV

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Calling All Disciples

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

✦ Hymn: VU 597 - Simon, Simon, a Fisherman

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ Offertory Hymn: VU 603 - In Loving Partnership We Come
Vs 1 and 2

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 576 - Will You Come and Follow Me

✦ Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

The Bible Discussion Groups meet on Monday at 6:30 pm at Portland UC & Tuesday at 10:00 am in Elgin at the Guthrie House. All are welcome. Info: ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

Halladay Burial Place Annual Memorial Service, Sunday, June 1, 2025. At 2:30 P. M. in Elgin United Church.

The Portland Hall is open, and take notice that Chit-chat moved as of Tuesday, May 20th, to the new hall on a new day, TUESDAYS from 10:30 to 12:00.

UCW Meeting on June 10th @ 1:30 p.m. Portland United Church.

Plans are underway for Elgin United Church to host the livestreaming of the E.O.O.R.C. 100th Anniversary Service on June 15th. Details for the livestream will follow closer to the event. There will not be a regular service in Elgin on either of those Sundays. June 1st - 100th Anniversary is being held at the Delta Fair Grounds (inside).

June 15th service at the EY Center in Ottawa. Anyone wanting to attend that service has to register by June 2nd. You can register individually or by the church, but only one. For information on registering, if you contact me at ted302@live .com I will send you the information. ...Ted

Portland United Church will have a Baptism service for Lilyana Mustard and Ellsy Mustard (Cucheran Family) on June 15th @ 9:15, Rev. Sean Seaman.

Mark Lee VanLuven - After a short illness Mark passed Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at Smiths Falls Hospital. Mark leaves to mourn his mother Loretta and brother Paul, both of Portland. Friends will be received at the Lyons Funeral Home, Westport, Sunday, May 25, from 4-7 pm, where the funeral will be conducted Monday, May 26, at 11am. Interment to follow at Desert Lake Cemetery.

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW – 83rd Summer Event July 25, 26, 27, 2025 is being held at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre, Cornwall, Ontario. If you want more information, please see the bulletin board.

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge
PO Box 251, Portland ON K0G 1V0
Web site: www.eppc-ucc.com (or.ca)
Church Office: (613) 272-2002

Office Hours: Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secretary: Annette Clarke, E-mail: office@eppc-ucc.com

Chair of the Official Board: Katy Gibson

Church Council Chairs:

Elgin: Clint Halladay 613-359-5607 Portland: Katy Gibson (613) 929-9351

Pastoral Care Director: Liz Church (902) 441-5357

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



May 25, 2025

**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
Pianist: Morgan Wright

✠ indicates when those who are able will please stand

May 25, 2025

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 562 - Jesus Calls Us**

**Ministry of Music: The Old Rugged Cross
performed by: Wright & Lowe**

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.

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

All: **We listen to the Sacred Word.**

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12 -25 NRSV

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Calling All Disciples

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

✠ **Hymn: VU 597 - Simon, Simon, a Fisherman**

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✠ **Offertory Hymn: VU 603 - In Loving Partnership We Come
Vs 1 and 2**

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 576 - Will You Come and Follow Me**

✠ **Commissioning and Blessing**

✠ **Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace**

The Bible Discussion Groups meet on Monday at 6:30 pm at Portland UC & Tuesday at 10:00 am in Elgin at the Guthrie House. All are welcome. Info: ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

Halladay Burial Place Annual Memorial Service, Sunday, June 1, 2025. At 2:30 P. M. in Elgin United Church.

The Portland Hall is open, and take notice that Chit-chat moved as of Tuesday, May 20th, to the new hall on a new day, TUESDAYS from 10:30 to 12:00.

UCW Meeting on June 10th @ 1:30 p.m. Portland United Church.

Plans are underway for Elgin United Church to host the livestreaming of the E.O.O.R.C. 100th Anniversary Service on June 15th. Details for the livestream will follow closer to the event. There will not be a regular service in Elgin on either of those Sundays. June 1st - 100th Anniversary is being held at the Delta Fair Grounds (inside).

June 15th service at the EY Center in Ottawa. Anyone wanting to attend that service has to register by June 2nd. You can register individually or by the church, but only one. For information on registering, if you contact me at ted302@live .com I will send you the information. ...Ted

Portland United Church will have a Baptism service for Lilyana Mustard and Ellsy Mustard (Cucheran Family) on June 15th @ 9:15, Rev. Sean Seaman.

Mark Lee VanLuven - After a short illness Mark passed Tuesday May 20, 2025 at Smiths Falls Hospital. Mark leaves to mourn his mother Loretta and brother Paul both of Portland. Friends will be received at the Lyons Funeral Home, Westport, Sunday, May 25, from 4-7 pm, where the funeral will be conducted Monday, May 26, at 11am. Interment to follow at Desert Lake Cemetery.

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW – 83rd Summer Event July 25, 26, 27, 2025 is being held at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre, Cornwall, Ontario. If you want more information, please see the bulletin board.

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge
PO Box 251, Portland ON K0G 1V0
Web site: www.eppc-ucc.com (or.ca)
Church Office: (613) 272-2002

Office Hours: Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secretary: Annette Clarke, E-mail: office@eppc-ucc.com

Chair of the Official Board: Katy Gibson

Church Council Chairs:

Elgin: Clint Halladay 613-359-5607 Portland: Katy Gibson (613) 929-9351

Pastoral Care Director: Liz Church (902) 441-5357

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



May 25, 2025