

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: Janet McKeage

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May 18, 2025

WE WELCOME GOD

Welcome, Announcements

God in My Week - Sharing and Caring - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Acknowledging the Traditional Territories

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Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: MV 28 - God of the Bible

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.**

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Ministry of Music:



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

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Scripture: James 2: 14-26 NRSV

Reader: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Walking by Faith

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Hymn: VU 512 - Lord, You Give the Great Commission

GOD'S MISSION — OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ Offertory Hymn: MV 191 - What Can I Do?

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

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WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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✦ Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: MV 214 - May God's Sheltering Wings

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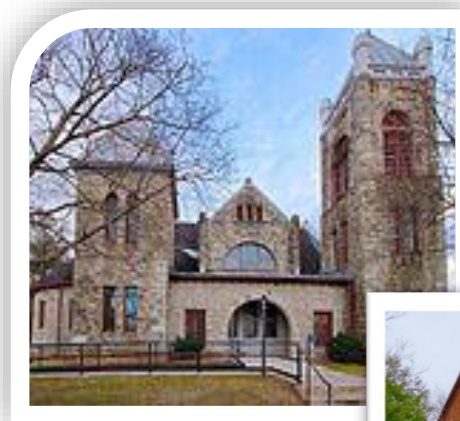
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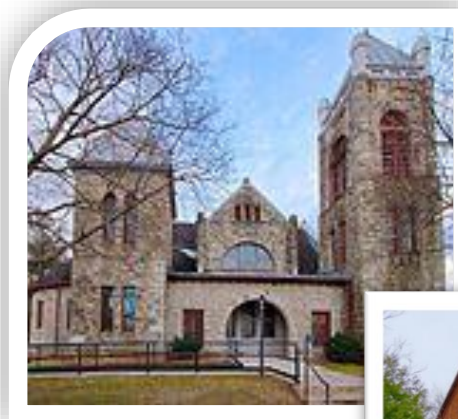
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