

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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O CANADA
VU # 524



Welcome/Announcements/ Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment (together)

This land where we live has been home to countless Indigenous people before us. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships between nations.

✦ Gathering Hymn - MV # 2- "Come All You People"

Passing the Peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We gather in the presence of God, and with Jesus, whose love and peace gives light and hope on our journey.

All: In the lighting of our Christ candle, we are reminded to share Christ's love with everyone.

Call To Worship – From Psalm 71

One: In You, O God, I seek refuge; may I never be disappointed.

All: In Your righteousness save and rescue me; incline Your ear and deliver me.

One: Be a sheltering rock for me; a fortress where I find safety.

All: For You are my Rock and my Salvation.

✦ Opening Hymn – MV # 154 – "Deep in Our Hearts"

Opening Prayer

O Holy God, we still bask in the wonderment of the depth of Your love, of Your forgiveness of sin and in Your patience to walk with us. Grant us this day a Spirit of holiness that we will walk worthy of the name of Christian. Be pleased with our worship this day. Amen

✦ Illumination Hymn – MV # 79 – "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Scripture

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

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

Scripture: Psalm 16; Galatians 5: 1, 19-21. 22-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection: LIVING IN FREEDOM

Prayers of the People

VU # 374 – Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name

Verse 1 – followed by a Prayer for calm and peace within ourselves

Verse 2 – followed by a Prayer of assurance of God's love

Verse 3 – followed by a Prayer of reaching out to others

The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn – VU # 967 – "Amen"

Offertory Prayer

Dear Creator of all – We bring to You the gifts of our hands. Thank You for Your daily provision. Accept this offering and use it for the growing of Your Kingdom. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn

VU # 426 – "Saviour. Again, To Your Dear Name"

Commissioning

Today, as you leave this beautiful sanctuary, I remind you that you go out in the strength of the Lord. May you be compelled this week to share the Gospel with many. And may you feel the encouragement of others as you proclaim your faith to the world.

Benediction

May you know God's abiding love in your heart. Feel His Presence as you walk through the days ahead. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

Choral Blessing - MV # 215 – "Peace Be With You"



CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

We are so pleased to share with you the news that Connie has received 'Senior of the Year Award' from the Township. Congratulations, Connie – well-deserved!

On Friday, June 27, a Bursary was awarded to a student of Smith Falls Collegiate in Memory of Larry Cochran.

Please remember Joan Horsfall in your prayers.

Strawberry Social – Today, June 29th – Forfar Community Hall Dinner includes ham, scalloped potatoes, salad, corn, and roll with berries and ice cream for dessert. 2 seatings: 4 & 5 p.m. \$20 per ticket. Ages 5-12 \$10 Under 5: Free;

County Road 44, Saturday, August 23rd, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m., Portland United Church. This is a Fundraiser for the Portland Foodbank. A free-will offering will be received.

Mary's Merry Minstrels, Saturday, September 27th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m., Portland United Church. This is a Fundraiser for the Portland Foodbank. A free-will offering will be received.

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



June 29, 2025