

**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

✦ *indicates when those who are able will please stand*

September 28, 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 move forward in achieving the right relationships with Indigenous Peoples, with the land, and with the environment. **Amen.**

**Call to Worship:**

✦ **Opening Hymn: MV # 10 - Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

**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.**

**Ministry of Music:** Solo Janet McKeage, accompanied by  
Lynne Cottrell  
"Hold Thou My Hand" by C.S. Briggs

**WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM**

✦ **Hymn: MV # 169 - When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides**

**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: Acts 4: 1-22**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Confrontation**

**Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer**

✦ **Hymn: VU # 642 - Be Thou My Vision**

**GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Invitation**

✦ **Offertory Hymn: MV # 191 What Can I Do**

**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 # 586 - We Shall Go Out with Hope  
Resurrection**

✦ **Commissioning and Blessing**

✦ **Choral Blessing: Solo Janet McKeage, accompanied by  
Lynne Cottrell  
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"  
- arr. by Mark Hayes**

## Announcements

**We're sold out!** Thank you for your pie orders and to all who helped make them. Portland UCW.

Official board on **Monday at 7:00** in Portland.

“THREE! A Musical Adventure “ an event by the Tipped Ship – Trish Bolechowsky, and hosted at Elgin United Church, 7:30 PM October 4th. Thomas Bethune (Pontoon Tom) is an opera-trained tenor known around Broadway and Sand Lake. Anne Lewis is a Rideau Lake musical treasure who shares her singer-song writer music from her perch at the grand piano. Campbell Woods is a true folk singer who sings and writes soft songs about hard luck. Tickets are \$25, available at the Tipped Ship, online at <https://thetippedship.ca/events/6220964/732444814/three-a-musical-adventure> or at the door.

### Bible Discussion Groups

Two meetings each week. Monday evening at Portland UC at 6:30-7:45 and Tuesday mornings at Guthrie House in Elgin (10 Perth St.) at 10:00-11:30. All are welcome to join in the friendly discussions and fellowship. For more information contact Jim Barton at [ccjimbarton@gmail.com](mailto:ccjimbarton@gmail.com) or 613-329-4089.

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