

**GROWING, CARING,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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November 9, 2025 – Remembrance Service

**Last Post
Moment of Silence
Reveille**

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Spiritual Focus: "God comforts our hearts and strengthens
our souls in every good work and word"**

Welcome, Announcements

God in My Week - Sharing and Caring
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Land Acknowledgement

For the keepers of this land who came before us, we give thanks.
May we learn from them and be reconciled with them. We are all
children of God.

Gathering Prayer

Compassionate God, today we remember all who were lost in
defense of our country and its freedom. Help us to honour their
sacrifice. Send your Holy Spirit to help us to let go of false
impressions, hatred and prejudice so that we may grow together
as one family. Help us to live peacefully. We ask this through
Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Remembrance – A Candle Lighting Litany (Please see the insert)

Opening Hymn: "O Canada"

Passing of the Peace

As children of God, let us show peace and love to our brothers
and sisters in Christ.

READING OF THE HONOR ROLL

POEM - IN FLANDERS FIELDS

Opening Prayer

We pray for peace, Holy One – peace in our hearts, peace in our
homes, peace in our families, peace in our world, peace for all
peoples. May your realm of justice and peace be known
everywhere. AMEN

Ministry of Music: PUC Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Gentle God, help us as a church to respond to the Gospel
message, to be peacemakers and love one another because we
are your children. AMEN

WE SEEK WISDOM

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

ALL: Our ears and hearts are open, for God's story is our story.

Scripture: Luke 7: 1-10 (NRSV)

"Jesus Heals the Centurian Servant"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Remembrance Day

✠ **Responding Hymn: VU # 806 O God Our Help in Ages Past**

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

Merciful Jesus, we proclaim you as the Lord of our life, but we
do not always live out that claim in our thoughts and actions.
We have not obeyed your commands. We have pursued our own
will, rather than embody the prayer that your will be done.

Identifying with the powers and principalities, we have forgotten
our true citizenship in your coming kingdom. Remind us of your
promise that you will come again and bring your reign of justice,
peace, grace and shared abundance as our Prophet, Priest and
King,

For those who are feeling alone; lost and forgotten; those with
addiction; estranged; anxious and worried; those who are
grieving, losing their friends and loved ones through illness;
those who are displaced; may your love be felt and peace be
given.

On this Remembrance Day, our heroes, family and friends are brought to mind; and gratitude is felt for all they did for us.

But most of all, we thank you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us because you loved us and taught us to say.... Our Father....

GOD'S MISSION — OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

God has blessed us; let us share our part with others.

✦ Offering Hymn: VU # 541

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Offering Prayer

As the poppies of Flanders’ fields display life and beauty, may you, O God, bless what we have to offer back to you from our abundance. In that blessing, O Christ, may what we scatter abroad, in your name, become sources of new life and beauty for an aching world, rooted in your peace, which passes all understanding.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD’S PEOPLE

✦ Closing Hymn: VU #337 Blessed Assurance

Commissioning

It is time to go forth as God’s people. We have feasted on the Scripture, and we are well nourished!

ALL We have heard the good news proclaimed. We are sustained to live faithfully. We have prayed fervently, and we are attuned to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

May the God of justice guide you in the path of peace.
May the Christ of liberation reveal to you the way of new life.
May the Holy Spirit awaken in you the desire to work in harmony.
Go now in peace as we sing together:

✦ Choral Blessing: VU # 958 – ‘Halle, Halle, Halle!’

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



November 9, 2025

REMEMBRANCE – A CANDLE-LIGHTING LITANY

One: *Loving God, on this day in which we remember and hope ...promise of armistice and peace.*

ALL: **We acknowledge that we, as individuals, and as a country, what we have done and said, and with what we have left undone and unsaid. We pray for forgiveness and for the strength to call for peace and for the transformation of all aspects of our way of living in support of peace. May we always remember those who have died as we seek to be peacemakers, so that their deaths may be honored with the building of a truly peaceable kingdom. AMEN**have supported the furtherance of wars and rumors of wars with

One: *And so, no matter the question, we light this candle to remember those of all genders at the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

ALL: **We will remember them.**

One: We light this candle to remember victims of war on all sides...at the going down of the sun and in the morning,

ALL: **We will remember them.**

One: We light this candle to remember the service animals.... at the going down of the sun and in the morning,

ALL: **We will remember them.**

One: We light this candle for the families of all service people.... at the going down of the sun and in the morning,

ALL: **We will remember them.**

One: We light this candle for our earth and all of creation, recognizing that it requires too ...restore the on-going devastation of our natural world.

ALL: **Loving God, make us co-creators with you.**

One: We light this candle for the hundreds of thousand of refugees ... A safe and peaceful place to live and a fresh start.

ALL: **Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.**

One: We light this candle as a candle of love to remind us...to be reconciled to one another.

ALL: **Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.**

One: We light this candle because we believe Jesus is the light of the World... and nothing will ever put it out.

ALL: **Loving God, let the light of Christ shine in and through our lives. (lighting of the Christ candle)**

Tuesday, November 11th is Remembrance Day. The day we consciously acknowledge the sacrifice of our young men and women, who valiantly defended our freedom. **WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM.**

The Elgin United Church Council meets 7pm on Tuesday, November 11th at Elgin United Church

The Portland United Church is having a Council Meeting on November 11th at 7:00 pm.

Please announce our UCW meeting at 1:30 on Tuesday, the 11th. All are welcome.

Henry Reinders, the Ontario Regional Director of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is speaking at Elgin United at 11 AM, November 23rd. We invite you to join us to hear about the important issue of food security and hunger in our world, and what we can do to help. Please share this invitation with others that you feel might be interested.

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping or just pamper yourself (you're worth it!). The Elgin United Church 6th annual on-line auction is gearing up. The auction runs on the Elgin United Church Facebook channel from **November 26th to December 3rd**, and pickup will be **Saturday December 6th**. Details of pick up will be given to the successful bidders. Proceeds are being shared with the Elgin Food Bank. Donations of **NEW** items will be received until Sunday November 22nd.

Tomorrow, November 10th is your last day to order tourtières from the PUC-UCW. 4" \$10; 8" \$20. Call MJ @ 613-222-9070 or Connie @ 613-220-7914

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