

## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



### THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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**Ministers:** All of God's People

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November 23, 2025

#### Welcome, Announcements

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

#### Territorial Acknowledgment

We live, work, and worship on treaty land. We are reminded that we are called into the right relationship with the land and our neighbours. We affirm the need to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to strive for reconciliation.

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Call to Worship

**One:** Another year passes.

**ALL:** Things end and things begin.

**One:** Everything changes except God.

**ALL:** God's love is with all creation.

**One:** All creation is transformed in that love.

**ALL:** Let us worship the God who loves us.

#### Opening Prayer

✠ Opening Hymn: VU # 331 The Church's One Foundation

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

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

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 1:1-6, Colossians 1: 11-20

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** VU # 713 I see a new heaven

#### Reflection

**Ministry of Music:**



#### GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

#### Offertory Invitation

✠ Offertory Hymn: VU # 540 Grant us God the grace

Prayers of The People/ The Lord's Prayer

✠ Closing Hymn: MV # 145 Draw the Circle Wide

#### Benediction

✠ Choral Blessing: Go Now In Peace (Don Besig)

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Saturday, December 6 – Portland Build a Mountain 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at Portland LCBO and RBC. Our village of Portland and surrounding area has been amazing over the years, in answering the needs of our community. Your continued support will put food on the tables of so many, who might otherwise go without. Thank you in advance. See you then.

#### **Bible Discussion Groups**

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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**Welcome ~ Announcements ~ God in My Week**

**Land Acknowledgment**

O God, we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims and connection to the land.

Let us give thanks for this ground on which we stand, and for the wisdom we learn from Indigenous people: that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants. Help us to become good neighbours and stewards together of the community of creation. Amen

**Spiritual Focus:**

The table is the place where we remember: we belong to each other.

Ask who is missing from your table. Then make room.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle and Call to Worship**

**One: Circle us Lord. Circle this world**

**All: With your light and your joy.**

**One: Where there is sickness and disease**

**All: Bring healing.**

**One: Where there is hunger and despair**

**All: Bring hope.**

**One : Lord of creation, lord of salvation**

**All: Circle this world with the light of your presence**

✦ **Opening Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table VU # 457**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Living God, you feed us not only with bread from the harvest, but with your word, which sustains us in every circumstance. Nourish us with your hope, challenge us with your truth, and comfort us with your presence as we listen for your voice. Amen

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 58:6-9; 1 John 3: 16-20; Matthew 25: 35-40

✦ **Hymn: Come, Now, You Blessed VU # 592**

**Message-** Henry Reinders, Canadian Foodgrains Bank

✦ **Offertory and Ministry of Music**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, food to those who hunger, and hope to those who live in despair. Grant to each giver a hunger for justice as we share your love with the world. Amen

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

✦ **Closing Hymn: Praise God For The Harvest VU # 517**

**Benediction:**

So small a seed, so small a hope, so small an act: to plant the dream of food for all.

But it is an act of faith, an act of justice, and an act of worship.

Go forth and sow the seeds of love.

✦ **Choral Blessing: For Food In A World VU # 551**

Happy Birthday to Carl Leggett, may he have an enjoyable, special day.

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