

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist: Morgan Wright

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

Welcome

Announcements/ Birthdays/ Anniversaries

✦ Exultation Hymn: VU #59 'Joy to the World!'

**Territorial Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge this land God has created. We are grateful to those before us, who cared for this land. By learning and understanding we pay respect to the rich Indigenous history of this area. We wish to honour all by showing our responsibility for the care and stewardship of this land.

✦ Hymn: MV #18 'Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary'

**Opening Prayer (All)**

Eternal God, these past few weeks we have focused on how you brought Light into the world – the mystery of your Word made flesh. As we move from the fulfilled promise of a Messiah to the reality of our world, may we Lord, be prepared to share this truth with those we meet. Help us to be courageous. Strengthen us we pray. Amen

**Call to Worship – Psalm 96: 1-4a**

**One: Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!**

**ALL: Sing to the Lord; praise His name. Each day proclaim the good news that He saves!**

**ONE: Publish His glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things He does!**

**ALL: Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!**

**Passing the Peace**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**One: God is with us. We are not alone.**

**All: We light this Christ candle to remember Christ is the Light of the World and we will share this Light with the world! (Sing VU #967) Amen, amen, amen.**

✦ Illumination Hymn: MV #154 'Deep In Our Hearts'

**Prayer of Illumination (All)**

O Holy One, as we open your Word today, send us new insight as we listen, as we read, as we absorb what you are telling us; that our hearts might overflow with thankfulness and praise for the mighty works you have done. Amen

**Scripture:**

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

**All: We listen to the Sacred Word.**

Psalm 90: 1-4, 12

Romans 5: 1-8

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

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**



**Ministry of Music**

**Reflection: 'I'll Go in the Strength of the Lord'**

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn - VU # 541 -

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Offertory Prayer**

For Your bounteous gifts to us, we give You thanks, O Lord. With gratitude we return to You a portion of these gifts. Bless them and use them for the growing of Your Kingdom. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn: MV # 216 'Wherever You May Go'

✦ **Commissioning**

As you leave today, I remind you that you leave in the strength of the Lord. You are never alone. Walk boldly. Walk forward with faith. Share the message of hope with all.

✦ **Benediction**

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, remain with you always. Amen.

✦ Choral Blessing: 'Go Now In Peace'

# OUR CHURCHES UNITED

## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



December 28, 2025  
Elgin United Church – 10:00 a.m.

**Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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