



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist: Liz Theobald

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January 4, 2026 – Epiphany Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment

This is first and foremost the land of our Creator. For generations before us, it was shared by the indigenous nations who found sustenance and shelter. We give thanks for their wise and conscientious care. We strive to continue to nurture this land for future generations.

✠ Opening Hymn – VU # 81 – ‘As with Gladness Men of Old’

Opening Prayer

Dear Creator, we have come into Your House to worship You. Help us to clear our minds from distracting thoughts. May You be pleased with our offering of love this day. We honour You. We adore You. We worship You. Amen.

Call To Worship

Reader: Radiant Lord, you are the light.
ALL: The Magi came to worship you; we worship you!

Reader: Hallelujah! You who serve God, praise God!
ALL: Just to remember God is a blessing—
now and tomorrow and always.

Reader: From east to west, from dawn to dusk,
keep lifting all your praises to God!
ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord.

✠ Hymn – VU # 220 – ‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty’

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Light came into the world. And the world rejected Him. Christ broke through the darkness and gave His light to us. We light this Christ Candle to remind us that we will carry His Light to others and allow His light to shine through us. Amen

✠ Illumination Hymn – MV #21 – Open Our Hearts

Prayer of Illumination

As Your Scriptures are read this day, we ask You, our Lord, to guide our thoughts and give us understanding and wisdom. May Your words transform us as we walk our spiritual journey.

Scripture

Reader: Open your hearts and minds to God's Word.
ALL: We listen with joy as the Scripture is read this day.

Psalms 150 – The Message
1 Peter 4: 12-19 New Living Translation

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection: “What’s in a Name?”

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer - VU #959

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

✠ Offertory Hymn – VU #537 – ‘Your Work, O God’

Offertory Prayer

To you, our Lord, the Giver of Life, we have gladly returned a portion of what You have provided us. Accept our gifts this day, given from grateful hearts. May this offering be used to grow Your Kingdom. This we pray in Your name. Amen

✠ Closing Hymn - VU # 235 ‘O Worship the King’

Commissioning

It is my prayer that you are more fully equipped to go out into this world. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God.

Benediction

May the love and grace of God, the gift of salvation given us through Jesus Christ, and the intimate friendship and presence of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you, now and forever.

Choral Blessing – MV #218 – May the Love of the Lord

The 2025 Annual Meetings scheduled for March 1st

PUC: following worship service, EUC: following worship service

EPPC: following EUCs ACM

Annual reports are due to the office by January 20th, treasurers' reports by January 27th.

Bible Discussion Groups

Bible Discussion Groups will resume their meetings in the new year on January 5th and 6th. This past year the groups have completed reading the New Testament two more times and have read the first half of the Old Testament (up to Job). In the new year, we will resume our study in the second half of the Old Testament, while reading again the New Testament. If you would like to start your new year with greater understanding of God's word, please join us for lively discussions and encouraging fellowship. Contact Jim Barton at ccjimbarton@gmail.com or (cell) 613-328-4089.

The **Young @ Heart Breakfast Club** meets next on Thursday January the 15th at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. If you are coming and everyone is welcome, let Clint or Ted know by what ever means you are comfortable with by noon Wednesday the 14thTed

Portland Church Council will meet on January 13th at 7:00 pm.

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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