

DECEMBER 7, 2025
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist Janet McKeage

✦ indicates those who are able will please stand

Welcome, Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge those who were on these lands in ancient times. Today, in this sanctuary we give thanks to those who were the custodians of the land where we worship, work and where we live. May we continue to strive for reconciliation.

Gathering Hymn: "Christ, Be Our Light"

Reading for Second Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Passing the Peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

ONE: We invite the Prince of Peace to walk with us.

ALL: Christ is the Prince of Peace!

ONE: Christ invites us to share His light & peace with the world.

ALL: We will share Christ's Light with all!

✦ Hymn – VU #684 "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

Call To Worship

ONE: In these tumultuous days, we long for peace – in ourselves, in our families in our world.

ALL: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray that our hearts are open to the true peace that comes from a right relationship with God and one another.

ALL: Let us worship God, who is the source of all peace, and prepare our hearts to receive the Prince of Peace.

✦ Illumination Hymn – MV # 95 "How Deep the Peace"

Prayer of Illumination

This day, O Lord, we stand in awe of your great mercy, given to us. Knowing how much You love us, we praise You for your healing in our lives. We thank You for your Most Precious gift, the Prince of Peace. And as we listen to Your Word, continue to speak to us. This we pray in your most Holy Name. Amen

Scripture:

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ALL: We listen with hope as the Scripture is read this day.

Isaiah 11:1-10 Good News Translation

Romans 15:4-13 Good News Translation

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music : "Star-Led and Wonder Bound" by Mary Kay Beall

Reflection: Peace – As A First Choice

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn: VU # 541

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

O Holy One, we offer back to You a portion of the bounteous gifts you have bestowed on each of us. Accept our offering, we pray. Amen.

✦ Closing Hymn: VU # 426 "Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name"

Benediction

Today you will walk out into your world and it is my prayer that God's peace sustains you. Remember always that Christ is the source of Peace.

Commissioning

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times, in all ways. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thess. 3: 16

Choral Blessing - "Go Now In Peace"

Christmas in Portland
1:30 pm Sunday, December 7, 2025
Portland Community Hall, 24 Water Street
Wagon Rides around the Village start at 1:30 p.m.
After a ride, meet back at the Hall for cookie decoration and hot chocolate.
At 3:00 p.m. Santa will arrive for a visit and photo.
All are welcome.

Sunday Dec 7th, 2:30 PM Christmas Ecumenical Choir at Knox Presbyterian Church, Westport. Wonderful music, fellowship and refreshments.

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