

## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



### THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

*Leader: Liz Church*

*Pianist: Morgan Wright*

Ministers: All of God's People

✠ indicates when those who are able will please stand

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

Welcome Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Territorial Acknowledgment

Before we lived here, countless Indigenous peoples, like the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee lived and worked here. They cared for the land. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships between all nations.

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 118 Modern English Version – selected verses

**Leader:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
because His mercy endures forever.

**ALL:** The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can people do to me?

**Leader:** It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put confidence in people.

**ALL:** The Lord is my strength and song;  
He has become my salvation.

**Leader:** Open to me the gates of righteousness;  
I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

**ALL:** I thank You, Lord, that You have heard me  
and have become my deliverance.

**Leader:** This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**ALL:** The Lord is God, and He has shown us His light;

**Leader:** You are my God, and I will praise You;

**ALL:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
for His mercy endures forever.

Gathering Hymn - "As We Gather" (Tom Coomes/Mike Fay)

#### Prayer

We come in worship today, our Creator, knowing you are with us. With Your guidance we will do our very best to shine for You. For being our Light in this dark world, thank you. Amen

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus, the light of the World. A Light that shines in the darkness. A Light that radiates through us as we share Christ with the world. May it be so.

✠ Hymn – VU # 501 Break Now the Bread of Life

#### Prayer of Illumination

We pray this day, O Lord, that You will guide our thoughts. Give us clarity as we listen to Your Word. Speak to us we pray. Amen

#### Scripture:

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

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

Matthew 5: 1-12

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

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

#### Ministry of Music



**Reflection – Will I Always Seem So Foolish?**

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✠ Offertory Hymn - VU # 701

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

#### Offertory Prayer

Our gracious Lord, we are offering back to you a portion of the bounty you have bestowed on us. Lead us as we use this money to extend your Kingdom here in earth. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn – VU # 560  
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

**Commissioning – VU # 349**

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

**Benediction**

*God be with you, till we meet again.*

Choral Blessing - MV # 215 – “Peace Be With You”

**Bible Discussions Groups**

Two meetings each week - Monday evenings at Portland UC (6:30-7:45PM) and Tuesday mornings in Elgin at the Guthrie House 10 Perth St.; (10:00AM-11:30AM). All are welcome to join in the friendly discussions and fellowship. For more information contact Jim Barton @ [ccjimbarton@gmail.com](mailto:ccjimbarton@gmail.com) or 613-328-4089.

**Annual reports were due in the office by January 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Treasurers' reports are due by January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

The 2025 Annual Congregational Meetings are scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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