



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist: Morgan Wrightly

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

JANUARY 11, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment

We gather today, on God's land. We acknowledge that we work, worship and live on the lands that our Indigenous brothers and sisters cherished and maintained for many generations. We wish to express gratitude for the resources we are using, and honour all by learning and understanding the Indigenous history of this area.

✦ Hymn – VU # 10 – Prepare the Way of the LORD

Opening Prayer

Dear Creator, we offer our praise and worship to you this day and always. May our offering be acceptable to you, our Redeemer. Amen

✦ Hymn – VU # 412 – This is the Day

Call to Worship – Psalm 29

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones

ALL: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name

ALL: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness

Reader: The LORD gives strength to his people

ALL: The LORD blesses his people with peace

Scripture:

Isaiah 42:1-9 Easy-to-Read Version

✦ Hymn – VU # 336 – Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to celebrate the constant presence of Christ, who broke through the darkness and gave His light to us. May this light shine through us into the lives of others.

✦ Hymn – VU # 100 – When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

Scripture

John 1: 1 – 34 Living Bible

Ministry of Music



Reflection: "Who Is This Man"?

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn – VU #538 – For the Gift of Creation

Offertory Prayer

Dear Holy One, we have gladly returned a portion of what You have provided. 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 # 330 – Jesus Shall Reign

Commission

Jesus said: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14 - May the amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you, now and forever. Amen

Choral Blessing – Go Now In Peace

Bible Discussion Groups

This week the Bible Discussion Groups will reconvene at Portland UC on Monday Evening at 6:30 and at the Guthrie House in Elgin on Tuesday morning at 10am. If your New Year's resolutions included building a stronger bond of understanding between you and the Lord, then these groups are just what you need. They are filled with lively spiritual discussions, friendly fellowship and encouragement. Everyone is welcome. For more info contact: Jim Barton 613-328-4089 or ccjimbarton@gmail.com

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.

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.

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



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