

**GROWING, CARING,
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

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✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

February 22, 2026

Welcome, Announcements

God in My Week - Sharing and Caring
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Land Acknowledgement

We live, work and worship on treaty land. We are reminded that we are called into right relationship with the land and our neighbours. We affirm the need to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to strive for reconciliation.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Spiritual Focus *God's Blessing*

Lenten Practice

Reflection Extinguish First Candle

Prayer (All)

Holy God, you know how we face temptations every day to ignore you and abandon the mission you have given us. During this season of Lent, we ask that you purify our hearts and minds. Help us to grow in love for you. Make our commitment to your mission even deeper. Protect us when we are tempted. Root us in your Scripture so we might fight the devil with your truth. Give us the grace to repent so we might seek first your good, true and peaceful kingdom.

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship:

One: Temptation surround us every day.

All: **God is our delight and our focus.**

One: Through this Christ strengthens us.

All: **We can live as God intends.**

One: Let us worship the one who gives us strength.

Opening Prayer:

✦ **Opening Song: VU # 376 "Spirit of the Living God"**

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

All: Our ears and hearts are open,
for God's story is our story.

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: May God bless our understanding of these readings.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

✦ **Hymn: VU # 508 Just as I am**

Reflection Challenges

Ministry of Music:

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ **Offertory Hymn: MV # 191 "What Can I Do"**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

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

Commissioning Blessing:

Choral Blessing "Go Now in Peace"

UCW meeting Tuesday Feb 24 at 1:30 to plan for the turkey dinner please.

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 or 613-328-4089.

The 2025 Annual Congregational Meetings are scheduled for March 1st.

PUC: following worship service
EUC: following worship service
EPPC: following EUCs ACM

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