

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Leader: Norma Wrightly, LLWL

Pianist: Morgan Wright

Ministers: All of God's People

✦ *indicates when those who are able will please stand*

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Welcome Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment (together)

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As we gather, we take a moment to remember that the land we call Portland/Elgin is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people. We seek to learn about past wrongs, act with justice in the present, and pray for a better future together in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Spiritual Focus: Seeing the Divine in the Ordinary

✦ Opening Hymn - VU # 104

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

Call to Worship

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God, as this new day dawns, may your Spirit guide our feet and reveal you to us in new ways, as we walk through your world today. Amen.

Sung Prayer – VU # 232

“Joyful, joyful, we Adore Thee” – verse 3 only

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Gathering 2025/2026, Yr. A, pg. 49, Bill Perry, adapted. Used with permission.

Leader: We believe that Jesus shines with the glory of God.

ALL: We can nurture our relationship with Jesus, so that our living reflects that Christ light, so that we shone in small ways and large

Leader: We light this Christ candle as a symbol of the light that shines through us as we live.

✦ Illumination Hymn – VU # 661 – “Come to My Heart” – vs.1

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Matthew 17: 1-9 New Revised Standard Version -Updated

Reader: May God bless our understanding of this reading

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection

Hymn – VU # 299 – “Teach me God to Wonder”

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

✦ Offertory Hymn - VU # 541

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Leader: God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you, clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts in those being given all around us.

ALL: Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn – VU# 264
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Commissioning/ Blessing

Choral Blessing - “Go Now in Peace” (Besig)

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.

UCW – We will have a meeting on Feb 24 at 1:30 to plan the turkey dinner?

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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Announcements (continued)

The 2025 Annual Congregational Meetings are scheduled for March 1st after the service for each congregation. The EPPC Official Board will meet following the Elgin Annual Congregational meeting.

The Young at Heart Breakfast Club meets Thursday the 19th of February at the Junction restaurant. If you are coming let Clint or Ted know by the means you are comfortable with by, noon Wednesday the 18th. Looking forward to seeing you there.....Ted

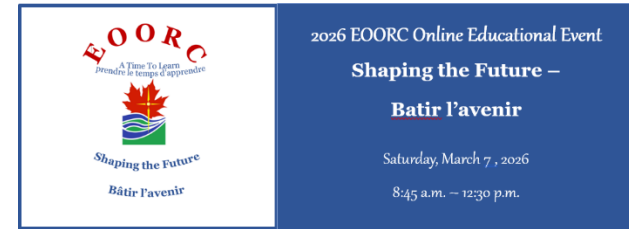
Happy Birthday to Gary Petro and Morgan Wright. May your special day bring you more enjoyment than you can imagine. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Saturday February 21st at 1:30pm. - Local historian, Sue Warren, shares the life of her grandfather, Herm Warren, a native of the Rideau Lakes Area, WWI veteran, Rideau Canal man, lockmaster, fishing guide and much more. Hosted by the Elgin and Area Heritage Society at the Elgin Community Room Free admission, light refreshments.

Time travel back to the good old days with C.A. and Sonny. This popular folk duo's performance style includes, "...witty banter peppered with tales of yesteryear and good old folk music and their own original tunes...". Hosted by Tipped Tunes at Elgin United, February 28th. Doors open at 7:00pm, showtime 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$25 available at www.thetippedship.ca, in-person at the Tipped Ship, 3 Main St., Elgin, or at the door, Elgin United Church, 77 Main St., Elgin, Ontario. Light refreshments available by free-will donation at intermission.

You can preview them at www.caandsonny.ca or find their videos on YouTube.



Draft Agenda:

- 8:30am Zoom opens for gathering
- 8:45am Gathering music
- 9am Opening words from the President, Land Acknowledgement
- 9:10am Opening worship
- 9:30am EOORC Accountability Report from the Regional Executive Minister
- 9:40am Shaping Ministry Leadership Models: Collaborative/Cooperative Ministry Panel – **Genesis Cooperative, Kelley Molloy, Elizabeth Cunningham**
- 10:15am Small Group Discussion
- 10:45am Break
- 11am Creative Worship Moment
- 11:10am Shaping Worship into the future: How do we engage different people differently? – **Brian Cornelius**
- 11:30am Small Group Discussion
- 11:50am Creative Worship Moment
- 12:00 Shaping Simplified Governance: How do we make sure we are not burning needed energy on unnecessary things – **Victoria Andrews**
- 12:20pm Wrap-up and Closing Prayer
- 12:30pm Adjournment

This will be a chance to gather online and learn together. For further information and registration please go on the UCC website:

<https://eoorc.ca/event/winter-educational-event/>