

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist: Janet McKeage

Ministers: All of God's People

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Welcome Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment

Today, we acknowledge the traditional Indigenous territories on which we live, work and worship. We wish to express gratitude for the resources we are using, and honour all who cared for the land before us.

Call to Worship Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

ALL: His faithful love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

ALL: His faithful love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

ALL: His faithful love endures forever.

Gathering Hymn - VU # 402 "We Are One"

Prayer

Lord of all, we are gathered to worship You. We ask You to dwell with us. We pray for hearts that are open to You. Fill this place with Your Spirit and our souls with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus says: 'I am the light of the world'. We light the Christ candle, reminding us that God's light shines among us and that His presence is always with us.

✦ Hymn – MV # 194 – 'Bread of Life'

Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Matthew 5: 13-20 – The Message
1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 – New Life Version

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; and in understanding, we may believe and in believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection – Help when the darkness engulfs you.

Ministry of Music

Communion

Communion Hymn:

VU # 457 – As We Gather at Your Table"

Refer to Insert

✦ Offertory Hymn - VU # 538 "For the Gift of Creation"

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, Lord for your blessings to us. Our thanks overflow from our hearts. Help us to walk in your path. Take our offering this day and use it in the extension of your Kingdom. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn – MV# 216 "Wherever You May Go"

Commissioning

Christ has called us to be His vessels of service to the world around us. There are times that we will struggle. And times when we want to give up. There are moments of questioning and moments of clarity. May each of you find your joy in service to the Lord. Walk in His way. Delight in His Word. And be His light in this world.

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

Choral Blessing - MV # 214 – “May God’s Sheltering Wings”

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 and EUC: following worship service EPPC: following EUCs ACM

The Young at Heart Breakfast Club meets next on Thursday the 19th of February at the Junction restaurant. We missed last month because of the weather but we’re back this month. 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

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

PO Box 251, Portland ON K0G 1V0

Web site: www.eppc-ucc.com (or.ca)

Church Office: (613) 272-2002

Office Hours: Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secretary: Annette Clarke, E-mail: office@eppc-ucc.com

Chair of the Official Board: Katy Gibson

Church Council Chairs:

Elgin: Clint Halladay 613-359-5607 **Portland:** Katy Gibson (613) 929-9351

Pastoral Care Director: Liz Church (902) 441-5357

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



February 8, 2026