



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.
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Welcome to Northlea! Northlea is proud to be a safe space and accessible for those with mobility assists such as wheelchairs, and scooters. We welcome pets, and invite you to bring your coffee to service! If we can help improve your experience by providing you with assisted hearing devices, a large print hymn book or large print order of service, we have them – just ask one of our *Welcomers*.

Infants, toddlers, and children are welcome as part of our worship in the sanctuary! Following the first part of the service each Sunday, many of our children and youth go with their leaders to “*Cool Church.*” Children who are visiting are invited to join in!

After the service, everyone reconnects in the Community Room over refreshments. We encourage everyone to wear name tags, so if you don’t have one, and would like one, please let one of our *Welcomers* know.

Thank You for Helping with Today’s Service:

Welcoming: Diana Bennett and Jody Kinsey

Reading: Sue Earl

Sound Technician: Roy Bennett

Kitchen Hospitality: Lucy Platt and Anne Medlock

If you are interested in volunteering to help out with Sunday Morning Ministries, please contact Barb Ferguson in the church office or sign up on the sheets posted outside on the Welcome Board.

Minister: Lee-Ann Ahlstrom lee-ann@northleaunited.ca

Music Director: David Jafelice david@northleaunited.ca

Administrative Coordinator: Barb Ferguson barb@northleaunited.ca

Facility Manager: Robert Pringle building@northleaunited.ca

Cool Church Coordinator: Daniel Stefan danielstefanmusic@gmail.com

Youth Leader: Jo Dullard jo@northleaunited.ca

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Northlea United Church

November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

Minister - Lee-Ann Ahlstrom

Music Director - David Jafelice

(* Please stand if you are comfortable and able.

Bold letters indicate words to be said by the whole congregation.

Please ask one of our greeters if you would like a large- print bulletin, a large-print hymn book or an assisted hearing device.

~ Gathering ~

Before or during the prelude you are welcome to come to the front and light a tealight candle and/or enter your prayer requests in the book provided. Your prayers can be included in the prayers of the people during the service.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *Rejoice the Lord is King* **Voices United #213*

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship:

Around the world this day,
the universal church celebrates the "The Reign of Christ."
Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,
has been enthroned above all authority and power
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet,
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.**

Give thanks and praise his loving name!

(written by Bruce Prewer)

**Sung Response: Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia
Praise Ye the Lord**

Story and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Greetings of Peace - *The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another. The children and youth will leave for their Cool Church listening and learning time.*

Sung Response: *Where Two or Three are Gathered* More Voices #14

Opening Prayer:

**Almighty ever-living God,
it is your will to gather up all things
in your beloved one,
reigning in the universe
in the power that is love,
mercifully grant
that the whole of creation,
freed from slavery,
may serve and praise you
through Jesus Christ
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~ Listening ~

Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus

Voices United #341

Prayer for Understanding:

**Holy One, we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit you
will open our hearts and our minds to your mystery and grace.
Guide us to the truth and wisdom we most need to hear,
as we listen for your still small voice in our sacred story. Amen.**

Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Response:

In this reading we hear God's voice.

The Spirit is still speaking, thanks be to God.

Message: Big Plans!!

Anthem: *King of All Ages, Throned on High*

Paul Isom

~ Responding ~

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Offertory Response:

*Your work, O God needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.*

Voices United #537

***Offertory Prayer:**

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and treasure for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Closing Hymn: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Voices United #211

***Commissioning**

***Sung Benediction:** *Go Now in Peace*

Voices United #964

Postlude



This Year's Mitten Tree will be up next week.

Please help to decorate the tree with mittens, scarfs, hats, socks, toiletries, baby clothes (new born to 3 years old) – all to be distributed to the CRC (Christian Resource Centre) and Massey Centre a couple of weeks before Christmas.

Donations go to:

Massey Centre services young mothers, 13 to 25 years of age, with their babies. Learn more about Massey Centre: www.massey.ca

Learn more about the Christian Resource Centre: www.tcrc.ca



White Gift Sunday - Sunday December 10, 10:30 am

Please bring a gift on White Gift Sunday to help fill the White Gift wish list for Youth Without Shelter. Items should not be white gift wrapped, but maybe decorated with a

ribbon or bow. The staff needs to be able to direct items to appropriate recipients. More info on Youth without Shelter: <http://www.yws.on.ca/> Suggested gift items are posted on the Welcome Board and on the church website and included in this bulletin.



The 9th Annual Christmas Pyjama Project

New pyjamas needed in all sizes for women and children (boys , girls and infants) in four Toronto shelters. Donations can be made from mid-November to mid-December at Northlea United Church and at Becky's home, 49 Glenvale Blvd. (bin will be on front porch). Each year the need and response has been growing! This year, the goal is to collect 300 pairs of pyjamas.

Drive to benefit:

Nellie's - community@nellies.org,

Street Haven - fundraising@streethaven.org

Amélie House - www.HelpTheLessFortunate.org

The Redwood - www.redwood.org

Project Coordinator: Elizabeth Barry 416-421-0719 pjproject@bell.net. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please contact Elizabeth.



U.C.W. - New Circles HOLIDAY ANGEL PROGRAM Grocery Gift Card Donation Event - November 19 to December 3

U.C.W. is supporting New Circles HOLIDAY ANGEL PROGRAM this year by donating grocery gift cards from FOOD BASICS, NO FRILLS or WALMART in available denominations of \$25 or \$50.

It is super simple to support:

- Purchase a grocery gift card or make a cash donation in any amount [the U.C.W. will use the funds to purchase grocery gift cards on your behalf]
- Insert the grocery gift card or cash donation into an envelope.
- Record your contact information on the envelope in order to receive your income tax receipt from New Circles.
- Look for Lucy Platt in the New Circles RED APRON at Northlea on November 26 and December 3. Lucy is responsible for accepting the grocery gift cards and cash donations to purchase gift cards on behalf of the U.C.W as well as delivering the grocery gift cards and income tax receipt information to New Circles by the first week in December.

Thank you for supporting U.C.W. efforts this holiday season to Love God, Connect With Others, Nurture Body and Spirit and Serve the World!

* Holiday Angel Programme is a seasonal gift-giving sponsorship program that matches donors with individuals and families on a one-time basis, in order to provide basic necessities like groceries, bedding etc. Eligible recipients are currently New Circles clients – many of whom are newcomers to Canada. *

On behalf of the UCW, I would like to thank all those who were brave enough to take an order sheet, everyone who purchased some of that wonderful cheese, and especially my six elves who helped to sort, count and tally all of the orders. Our fundraiser was a great success and we are very appreciative of all the support we received.

The Claxton cakes are now available at the church and orders can be made to Jackie Morris at 416-422-2858 if needed. Thank you for your support of this UCW fundraiser.

Jackie Morris



Cookies and Christmas Carols – Monday, December 11, 7 pm

Kindred Spirits is a group of women, of all ages, who will come together in an open forum to discuss social issues and explore matters of the heart connected to these issues. The group will hold its first Meet & Greet on Dec 11th in the church

community room. The theme for the gathering is Christmas! The event will be called Cookies & Stories for Christmas. This is how it works: each participant will bring 2 dozen cookies (of your choice) to be shared with the group. By the time you leave you'll have a variety of cookies to share at your Christmas gatherings. Over cookies and hot coco we'll entertain each other with our favourite stories of "What Christmas means to me". A perfect way to get the ball rolling...

We're also fortunate to have Kim Stanbury joining us for the evening. Kim will talk about the outreach ministry she is actively involved with. ARISE Ministry, run and organized by Kim's sister Deborah Rapport, is a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto and supported by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. ARISE offers outreach, case management and pastoral care to individuals involved in the sex trade. They advocate for the rights, goals and dreams of women, youth and children who have become victims of sex-trafficking and/or have worked in the sex trade. ARISE builds relationships, provides support and offers an intensive case management program to one of the most marginalized and victimized populations of our city.

During this Christmas season we're hoping Kindred Spirits can help contribute to this worthy cause by way of small donations. Items such as Kleenex packages, hand sanitizer, band-aids, etc... (Shopping list included in this bulletin)

This invitation is extended to the women of the congregation as well as sisters, daughters, mothers, aunties, grandmothers and friends.

Please R.S.V.P to Raeleen Sparks (raeleenms@hotmail.com) by Dec 1st, to take part in this new emerging circle. A complete list of donation items will be provided at this time.



Calling all budding Northlea actors, the Christmas pageant needs you! Are you an adult who longs for the chance to recreate the Christmas

pageant glory of your childhood when you totally rocked it as Shepherd #2? Now is your chance, because Christmas pageants aren't just for the young, they are also for the young at heart! So if you would like to be part of the pageant this year, please speak to Jo, Daniel or Lee-Ann and we will make it happen. Kids, make it a family affair and get Mom and Dad to join the cast too.

Coming Up!

Lay Worship Circle - Monday, Nov. 27, 7:30 pm	
Bible Study - Mondays -10:30 - 11:30 am All are welcome to join Lee-Ann. If you'd like to, you can do advance text and commentary reading via <i>workingpreacher.org</i> or <i>textweek.com</i> November 27 - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:24-27 December 4 - Isaiah 40:1-11 December 11 - Luke 1:46b-55 December 18 - John 1:1-18 December 25 & 31 - No bible study	
Refugee Support Group Meeting - Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00pm. All who would wish to support Northlea United's continuing work among the refugee community in our neighbourhood are warmly invited to attend and share their ideas and inspiration.	
Staff Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 29 - 11 am	
Council Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 29 - 7 pm	
Arts Circle - Thurs., Nov. 30 - 1:30 pm	Bring art supplies to draw, paint, create, and share your love of the arts! All welcome!
The Christmas Claymation Project with Jo - Thursday, Nov. 30 - 6 pm	Jo will be working with the youth and junior youth to build characters, sets, film and edit a short stop motion video in the Claymation style.

CAROLLING IN THE PINES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 10:30 AM

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24TH

FAMILY SERVICE ~ 7:00 P.M.

CANDLES AND COMMUNION SERVICE ~ 11:00 P.M.

(SEE FLYER INSIDE YOUR BULLETIN – PLEASE USE IT TO INVITE A NEIGHBOUR, FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR TO POST ON YOUR FRIDGE!)
EXTRAS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.)

**On Sunday morning, Christmas Eve,
we have been invited to join the congregation AT Leaside
Presbyterian for the 10:30 am service.**

Kid's Club at Leaside Presbyterian Church is on Friday, December 1

Cost: \$30 each or \$50 per family

Special Assistance is available for families in need! Strict Confidentiality is kept! Activities include: Bible stories, baking, music, movies and crafts. Snacks and a hot lunch are provided. Please call to register or volunteer by speaking to Rev. Angela. Youth volunteers and adult volunteers are needed! Everyone is welcome! Please tell your friends, family and neighbours! RSVP to Rev. Angela by Thursday, November 30 at 10 a.m. for prep purposes please. Please contact Rev. Angela with any questions.
416-422-0510 angela@leasidepresbyterianchurch.ca

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the Mississauga peoples who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the territory wherein our church resides.