



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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Sunday November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ✧ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

Northlea rests on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Thank you for joining us for service today whether in-person or online. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please let us know by calling the church office at 416 425 5252 or emailing us at office@northleaunited.ca. There are many ways to access online videos whether live streamed or pre-recorded. The Northlea United Facebook page or our website will have links to our services:

Facebook:

Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

www.northleaunited.ca:

Visit our website. Links will be posted to our homepage for easy access.

Thank you for helping with today's service:

Rev. Liz Mackenzie – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support

David Jafelice - Reader

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Sharing what we have:

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done and is doing in and through us.

Ways to give financially:

1. Cash or cheque made payable to Northlea United Church – this can be mailed in or put into an envelope available in the foyer and dropped in the collection plate (*be sure to include your contact information in order to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year*);
2. Online via Canada Helps (just scan this QR code to be brought to the secure online donation form);
3. Through automatic monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance – Forms are available from the church office: office@northleaunited.ca



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this church.

Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

416 425 5252 or office@northleaunited.ca

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Choral Prelude: Choral Fanfare for Reign of Christ (*Ps. 71:8, 11: Daniel 7:14*)

H. Hamilton Smith

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ's Spirit joins us together as the body of Christ.

Christ's light is present with us and in us as we worship. (*Candle is lit.*)

Acknowledgement of the Land

Response:

**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

Call to Worship:

Judy Chicago

And then all that has divided us will merge

And then compassion will be wedded to power

And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind

And then both men and women will be gentle

And then both women and men will be strong

And then no person will be subject to another's will

And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many

And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old

And then all will nourish the young

And then all will cherish life's creatures

And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth

And then all will live in harmony with God in God's world.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

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The Gift of Peace

(Take a moment to turn and greet one another in the peace of Christ—a smile, a bow, a wave)

Opening Prayer:

(a prayer from Korea)

Let us pray:

Come Holy Spirit, grant us the Gospel of Jubilee,
the Good News of liberation, freedom, and unity;

proclaim the release of the prisoners of division;

recover the sight of those blinded

by hatred, jealousy, greed, and power;

grant peace, security, and freedom to those caught in cycles of poverty, oppression, and despair....

(a time of silent prayer)

Be present with us in our time of worship, O God;

lead us ever onward in your love and strength.

Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

David Jafelice

Holy Spirit, stir us with your word,
as we listen for inspiration in your sacred story.

Amen

Scripture: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 18:33-38a

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Christus Paradox

Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You will find the full text of this anthem in Voices United at #210

Reflection: What Is Truth...

❖ **Responding** ❖

Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

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Invitation to the Offering

Offering Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, accept our humble offerings.

May they be used to help bring your justice, peace, and love to all people and all creation. Unite us as followers of Jesus in service to your dream of healing for our broken world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

[A Translation (The United Church of Christ, U.S.A., 1995.) VU 916]

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Voices United 211

Sending Forth:

Let us go out into God's world as those called to follow Christ's Way.

We go out as Christ's body,
to share God's strong love with all God's world.

Blessing

Amen:

Bob Dufford

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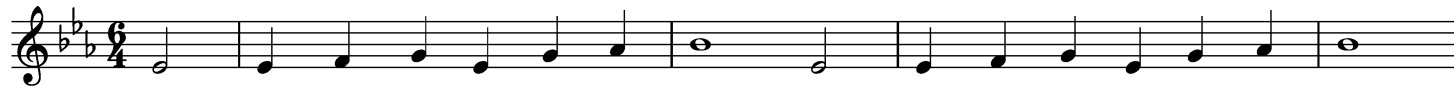
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Postlude

Music List

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Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
2. O rush - ing winds and bree - zes soft, O clouds that ride the winds a - loft,
4. And ev - 'ry - one of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part:
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness:



hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Bright bur - ning sun with gol - den beam,
sing__ prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice;
sing__ prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah! All who long pain and sor - row bear,
sing__ prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God e - ter - nal, praise the Son,



soft shin - ing moon with sof - ter gleam,
O lights of eve - ning, find a voice: sing__ prais - es, sing__ prais - es,
praise God and yield up all your care:
and praise the Spi - rit, three in one:



hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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Moving into Advent at Northlea...

Hey! Did you hear? There's a postal strike.

But don't let that stop you from playing Santa and sending in your Christmas donation. Here are the ways you can send in your givings:



1. Come to worship and drop it in the collection plate.
2. Put it in an envelope and put it in the mailbox outside the office door (east entrance, central stairs). **Don't worry! It is checked daily.**
3. Visit the website at northleaunited.ca and click the **Donate** button at the top. This will take you to the Canada Helps donation form. Totally secure!
4. Last but not least, scan the **QR code** shown here and you can open the Canada Helps donation form directly.

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY - Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Reign of Christ:

- **NOTE: The 2025 Budget Meeting will be held on December 1st**
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner

THIS TUESDAY, November 26, 2024 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn: Steps to Safety, Fire and Fall Prevention with the Toronto Fire Services

Sunday, December 1 – Advent I – Hope:

- 10:30 am – Advent Worship
- The mitten tree will be up, so be sure to bring your knitted or newly purchased hats, scarves and gloves for those in need. New PJ's for kids and women too!
- **11:30 am – NEW DATE – 2025 Budget Meeting**

Saturday, December 7, 2024 – 7:00 pm – Caroling in the Pines.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Advent II – Peace:

- 10:30 am – Advent Worship & White Gift for Youth Without Shelter – bring your unwrapped dry and canned goods or check the Newsbites for the wish list!
- 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight at Leaside United

Sunday, December 15, 2024 – Advent III – Joy:

- 10:30 am – Advent Worship
- 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight at Northlea United

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – 6:30 pm - Old Fashioned Street Caroling with Josh Clemenger & the UCWN – meet at the church until approx. 8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 7:00 pm – Blue Christmas at Manor Road UC with Northlea participation.

Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Advent IV – Love – 10:30 am – Advent Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship and Communion

ONGOING

Mondays:

- Bible Study moves to Mondays at 4:30 pm – final 2024 gathering – December 9, the group will begin meeting again on January 13, 2025

Wednesdays:

- 7:30 pm – Community Choir ends December 4, 2024

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Art Circle – final 2024 gathering – December 12, the group will begin meeting again on January 9, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice – Rehearsing Christmas Repertoire 7:30 – 8:30 pm; the final Thursday practice will be on December 19, 2024. The first practice in 2025 will be on January 2.

Next Week's Readings

From The Gathering

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit northleaunited.ca.