



Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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*Teach us your ways, O God,
for we are ready to learn them.*

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November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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:

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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

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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: What Wondrous Love is This (*text at VU 147*)

Arr. William Christopher, 1840

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:

Be alive to the presence of God; be aware of the power of the Spirit;
be attuned to the peace of Christ.

**We enter this time of worship seeking a peace that is beyond compare,
open to the Spirit who offers hope, and alive to the possibilities
God has in store for us. Let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn: O Day of God, Draw Nigh (Voices United 688)—(tune of FRANCONIA), see page 7

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: (adapted from Psalm 119)

Your word, O God, is a lamp for our feet, and a light for our journey.

Teach us your ways, O God.

You promise life to all those who follow your teaching, who listen to your word.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Your word is a heart's joy.

We praise you, O God, for you instruct us in ways that are wise.

In your instruction are our shelter and our shield.

Teach us your ways, O God...

(A time of silent prayer)

Life-giving God, continue to speak to us.

Open to us the mystery of who you call us to be as your people.

Teach us your ways, O God, for we are ready to learn them. Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Anne Saunders

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

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-20, 2:1-8

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring (*VU 328*) Words: Martin Janus, 1661; trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, alt.
Music: Johann Schop, 1642; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1716

Reflection: Faith Beyond Reason

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: In God Alone

Bernadette Farrell, see page 8

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:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Forth:

May we go from here
called by God's living word,
filled with the Spirit's grace,
and together live our faith
as followers of the Way of Christ Jesus,
this day and all our days.

Blessing

Amen:

Bob Dufford

A - - men, hal - le - lu - - jah, for_ ev - er and ev - er, for_ ev - er, hal - le - lu - jah, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men._____

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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, 13-18; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37

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

Music List

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Opening Hymn: O Day of God, Draw Nigh

(Voices United 688) – (tune of FRANCONIA),

1. O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in pow'r;
 2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
 ♦ 3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
 4. Bring to our world of strife your sov - 'reign word of peace,
 5. O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth;

come with your time - less judge - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 the qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 ♦ and fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 that war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 let there be light a - gain, and set your judge - ments in the earth.

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VERSE



1. Then I saw a new earth, a new heav - en
2. (No more) pain, no more death, no more weep - ing
3. (Then let) all who are thirst - y find wa - ter
4. (For the) world of the past is be - hind us



And the first heav - en and earth dis - ap - pear No more
 Earth and heav - en are one on that day For I
 Let it flow from the well of new life And let
 And the whole of cre - a - tion is new And a



war, no more hate, no more hun - ger No more
 saw all our tears form a riv - er And I
 all who are wait - ing in dark - ness Know that
 feast is pre - pared for all peo - ple For God's



thirst, no more loss, no more fear.
 saw eve - ry tear wiped a - way.
 God will be - come their new light.
 prom - - ise is faith - - ful and true.

REFRAIN



In God a - lone my hope. In God a - lone my strength. In God a - lone



my shel - ter be, my home, my heart, my li - ber - ty.

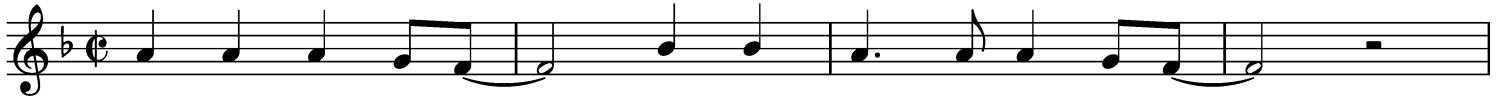


2. No more
3. Then let my lib - er - ty.
4. For the

From page 6:

Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch



- 1. Soon and ve - ry soon__ we are goin' to see the King,___
- 2. No more cry - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King,___
- 3. No more dy - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King,___
- 4. Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King,___



Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King.____
No more cry - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King.____
No more dy - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King.____
Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King.____



Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King,___
No more cry - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King,___
No more dy - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King,___
Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King,___



- lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King! Hal - le - lu -



- jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

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Moving into Advent at Northlea...

Today - 11:30 am – 2025 Budget Q&A

Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Reign of Christ:

- **NOTE:** The 2025 Budget Meeting will be held on December 1st
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn: Steps to Safety, Fire and Fall Prevention with the Toronto Fire Services - **please register with the office.**

Sunday, December 1 – Advent I – Hope:

- 10:30 am – 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 – 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 – 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 - Worship

Register with the office today!

Northlea United Presents

Steps to Safety Lunch and Learn



A Fire and Fall Prevention Presentation With Toronto Fire Services

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Starting at 12 Noon

Soup and Sandwich Lunch, Free Will Offering

We will cover the following:

Preventing a fire from happening to you

Escape planning for special needs

Fire safety in high rise buildings

Causes of home fires

and much more!

Register by email: jo@northleaunited.ca

or by calling: 416-425-5252

Registration Deadline: Friday Nov. 22

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