



A Shared Carol Service with the choirs of  
Northlea United Church & Leaside United Church

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**Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, 7:30 PM**

**Northlea United Church**

125 Brentcliffe Rd. Toronto

[www.northleaunited.ca](http://www.northleaunited.ca)

Freewill Offering

**CAROLS by**

**CANDLELIGHT**

**Thank you for joining us this evening.  
We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.  
Have a blessed Christmas!**

**Thank you to our readers and  
all those who helped make this evening possible.**

**The Carol Service is live streamed and  
may be viewed later on Northlea's YouTube Channel.**



We gratefully thank you for your free will offering. Please scan the QR code to give securely through Canada Helps. Visit our website at [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca) or our YouTube channel to view or share this Carol Service with others. This evening's service is a collaboration between the choirs of Leaside United & Northlea United Churches.

Rev. Liz Mackenzie & Rev. Emily Gordon – Presiders  
Senan Whelan – Guest Organist,  
*Director of Music: Church of St. Jude Wexford, Anglican*  
Daniel Rubinoff – Saxophone  
Jo Dullard – Live Stream Production

David Jafelice – Director of Music, Northlea United  
Matthew Boutda – Director of Music, Leaside United

### Combined Choirs - \*indicates Lead

#### Soprano

Cathy Barker	Laura Jarvis
Courtney Boutda	Kaisha Lee*
Diane Carlton	Debra Main
June Cavers	Jackie Morris
Chalcey Chen	Patti Sayle
Louise Cragg	Jeanne Scotland
Rayna Crandlemire*	Nancy Stewart
Elaine Fujiwara	Vivien Young

#### Alto

Jaimie Adams*	Janice Franklin
Wendy Arnold	Christine McDonald
Karen Davidson*	Y. J. Noh
Jan Breuls-Dorang	Jennifer Riggs
Sue Earl	JoAnn Thompson*
Anne Elliott	

#### Bass

Derek Dorey  
Andrew Gunpath\*  
Stephen Jarvis  
Lucas Kalechstein\*  
Ray Murrill  
Aidan Reimer\*  
Richard Turner

#### Tenor

Joshua Clemenger\*  
Chris Cragg  
Michael Dorang  
Gino Innamorato  
Geoff Kettel  
Dean Moratz  
Chris Norman\*  
John Parker  
John Sims  
Michael Spiroff\*

# Shared Carols by Candlelight Service

## December 15, 2024

*\*The congregation is invited to sing hymns with an asterisk.*

**Organ Prelude:** 'Great' Fugue in G, BWV 541 J. S. Bach

**Alto Saxophone Prelude:** Chanson A Bercer Eugene Bozza

**Call to Worship:** (inspired by Isaiah 40:3) Rev. Liz Mackenzie

Prepare the way for the Christ Child!

**Prepare the way for God's own.**

Lift up your hearts in song and prayer.

**We open our hearts to God's love incarnate.**

**We worship our loving God!**

**\*Carol: Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful** **Voices United 60**

**Welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement:** Rev. Liz Mackenzie & Rev. Emily Gordon

**Anthem:** Angels' Carol John Rutter

**Opening Prayer:** June Cavers, Northlea U.C.

O God, be with us in wonder this night.

Be with us in hope that lightens the darkness of our despair.

Be with us in peace that quiets us in the midst of our busyness and turmoil.

Be with us in the love that enfolds us like arms cradling a newborn child.

Be with us in wonder this night, O God.

**Amen.**

*(Curtis Tufts in Worship For All Seasons II: Selections from Gathering Year A, (United Church Publishing House, 2004), 51.*

**\*Carol: Les anges dans nos campagnes** **Voices United 38**  
**(verses 1 and 2 French, verse 3 English)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9** (New Revised Standard Updated Version) Max Ray-Ellis, Leaside U.C.

**Anthem:** Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Arr. Shawn Kirchner

**Second Reading: Matthew 1: 18-23** (Common English Bible) Joshua Clemenger, Northlea U.C.

**\*Carol: Joy to the World** **Voices United 59**

**Third Reading: Luke 1: 39-45** (The Inclusive Bible)

Derek Dorey, Leaside U.C.

**Anthem: Joys Seven**

English Traditional Carol, Arr. Stephen Cleobury

**Fourth Reading: “Mary and Elizabeth”**

Donna Rutz, Northlea U.C.

by Joyce Rupp in Out of the Ordinary: prayers, poems, and reflections for every season; (Ave Maria Press: Notre Dame, IND, 2000, p.30)

**Leads Anthem: Love Came Down at Christmas**

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Arr. Joanna Forbes L’Estrange

**Invitation to Offering:**

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

(The offering tonight will be used to fund Northlea’s many ministries and mission.)

**Offertory Music: Piano Improvisation**

Matthew Boutda

**\*Offertory Carol: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

**Voices United 35**

**Prayer of Dedication: (unison)**

Loving God, may these gifts of our hearts be used to further your hope, peace, joy, and love in this hurting and broken world. May we be the midwives helping to birth the Good News of Jesus Emmanuel for all in need of your unfailing love and compassionate care. Amen.

**Anthem: On This Silent Night**

Sarah Quartel

**Fifth Reading: Luke 1: 47-55**

Elaine Fujiwara, Leaside U.C.

(Voices United 898-899, responsive reading with spoken Refrain 1)

**Leads Anthem: A Merry Christmas**

Arr. Arthur Warrell

**Christmas Prayer and Commissioning:**

Rev. Emily Gordon

(Rev. Dr. Lisa Waites in “Blue Christmas” or “Longest Night” Advent Service”

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**Blessing:**

Rev. Liz Mackenzie

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**\*Carol: Silent Night**

**Voices United 67**

**Organ Postlude: Toccata**

Théodore Dubois

# Advent at Northlea

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

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024** – 6:00 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 – Christmas Eve** – 5:00 pm – Family worship with Communion

**Sunday, December 29, 2024** – online pre-recorded worship service

The church will be closed from 3 pm on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 to 11:30 am on Thursday, January 2, 2025. The first in-person worship service in 2025 will be held at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 5, 2025

## **Mondays:**

- Bible Study at 4:30 pm – the group has begun the holiday break and will begin meeting again on January 13, 2025

## **Thursdays:**

- 1:30 pm – Art Circle – the group has begun the holiday break and will begin meeting again on January 9, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice – The last 2024 Thursday rehearsal will be December 19. The first 2025 Thursday rehearsal will be January 2.

## **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](https://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!





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