



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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February 2, 2025
Fourth after Epiphany

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

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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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Sunday, February 2, 2025

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.**

Introit: The Love of God Comes Close

John L. Bell

Call to Worship:

Come, let us gather in love.

We gather in the light of God's love.

Come, let us worship in love.

We gather supported by Jesus' love.

Come, let us live into love.

It is the Spirit's love that inspires us to love.

Come, let us gather as God's loved ones, ready to share God's love with all.

Let us worship our loving God!

Opening Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

Voices United 256

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:

(Philip Aldis in Gathering A/C/E 2024/25, 48, alt. Used with permission.)

God of love and peace, be with us today.

We come with the burdens of the difficulties we know in our lives and
with the cares of the world on our shoulders.

**O God, we bring to you our fears and our worries, and we pray for your healing for
ourselves and our world.**

God of hope, we confess that there are times when we let the events and demands of our lives
crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions.

**O God, help us reflect on the many ways you bless and care for us.
Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion.**

(A time of silent prayer.)

Gracious God, we pray in Jesus' name who came to show your deep love for each one of us.
Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Rick Coombs

God of Epiphany,
We long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways.
Open our ears to the call of your voice.
Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day.
Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

(NRSVue)

Gospel: Luke 4:31-32, 40-44

(CEB)

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Love One Another

James Chepponis

Love one an - oth - er, for love is of God.____

Love one an - oth - er, for God is_____ love.

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Reflection: Speaking Love

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: Lord, Speak to Me

Voices United 589

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living – (from VU 581 Vss. 2 & 4)



2. Through all our liv - ing,___ we our fruits must give.____ Good works of
4. A - cross this wide world,___ we shall al - ways find_____ those who are



ser - vice___ are for of - fer - ing.____ When we are giv - ing,___ or when re -
cry - ing___ with no peace of mind,___ but when we help them,___ or when we



- ceiv - ing,___ we be - long to God,_____ we be - long to God.
feed them,___

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Offering Prayer (in unison)

(Laura J. Turnbull in Worship For All Seasons II, 71, adapted.)

Gracious and loving God, you give to life its goodness.

Our offering is a sign of our commitment to your way of love and compassion.

Bless all that we give and may we be a blessing in our giving and loving. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

Now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Friends, Let Us Love Each Other – (from VU 488 to the tune of AURELIA)



1. Friends, let us love each oth - er, love is a gift God gives.

2. Love is what Christ com - mand - ed, love lived out day by day.



Friends, by the love with - in us, this world will know God lives.

Love bears an - oth - er's bur - dens, love walks a ten - der way.



Love is the gift most pre - cious God gives hu - man - i - ty.

Friends, let us love each oth - er, love is a gift God gives.



We find our life in lov - ing, that's our cre - a - tor's plan.

Friends, by the love with - in us, this world will know God lives.

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Sending Forth:

Let us go forth from this place of worship:

For the love of God is ours to share.

The peace of Christ is ours to extend.

And the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer.

Blessing

Amen: (from VU 974)

Jim Strathdee



A - men! A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!

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Postlude

Coming up at Northlea...



It's Muffin Month again!

LPC hosts a Community Time Program, in which approximately 27-30 individuals in need participate. These individuals receive a Grocery Gift card and TTC fare card (two fares). That means it costs a little under \$30/person to run the program. Each year, Northlea United helps by raising funds to cover at least one month's costs – that's \$900. So, let's see if we can do it again, Northlea! You can make your cheque or envelope out to Northlea United and indicate Muffin Month on the memo line.

Monday, February 3, 2025 – Tricia will be working from home and available by email.

Tuesday, February 4 to Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – Rev. Liz will be away on vacation. Rev. John Joseph Mastandrea will be available for emergency Pastoral Care. Please contact the office with any inquiries. Rev. Malcolm Sinclair will be our guest minister on February 9th.

Thursday, February 13, 2025 – 7:30 pm – Council Meeting online

Monday, February 17, 2025 – the office will be closed for Family Day.

Wednesdays starting February 19, 2025 – 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing begins for 10 weeks. Be sure to let the office know if you plan to participate and then bring your \$75/person to the first session.

Ongoing:

Mondays:

- Bible Study at 4:30 pm on Zoom – everyone is welcome

A NEW YEAR, TWO NEW BIBLE STUDIES!

Until **February 10** (inclusive), the Bible Study will be taking a "deep dive" into the Book of Jonah. We will take Family Day, February 17, off. Then from **February 24 to March 3**, we will journey through the Book of Ruth. Each week, Rev. Liz will send out an overview of the material and discussion questions for our sessions. We gather by Zoom from 4:30-6:00 pm. To receive the link and the materials, please contact Liz at liz@northleaunited.ca.

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Art Circle – everyone is welcome
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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