



Northlea United Church

**In the community. For the community.**

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**January 12, 2025**  
**Baptism of Jesus Sunday**

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)**

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**Northlea United Church  
Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

The light of Christ is in this place. *(Candle is lit.)*

**The light of Christ shines in our hearts!**

**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:** Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Voices United 99

**Call to Worship:**

Rejoice, people of God! Let us celebrate the life within us,  
and Christ's presence in our midst!

**Our eyes shall be opened!**

The present will have new meaning,  
and the future will be bright with hope.

**Rejoice, people of God!**

**Opening Hymn: When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized**

Voices United 100

**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:**

Holy One, we bring all of who we are into your presence and ask that you inspire us with your wisdom and your strength.

**We place ourselves before you, that we may be touched and renewed  
by the power of your spirit....**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, In the name of your beloved Jesus, who is our Light and Life.

**Amen.**

**A Sanctuary Moment**

❖ Listening ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Anne Saunders

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:** Isaiah 43:1-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Come to the Water

Pepper Choplin

**Reflection:** Beloved

❖ Responding ❖

**Hymn:** I Have Called You by Your Name

More Voices 161

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Hymn: What Child is This** *(from Voices United 74, vs. 3)*

So, bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

**Refrain:** This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

**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-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 for ever. Amen.

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## Closing Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**Voices United 101**

### Sending Forth:

Light of God to give us hope  
**Power of God to inspire us**

Light of God to give us joy  
**Peace of God to calm us**

Light of God to give us faith  
**Grace of God to love us**

As we go out to love God's world  
**This day and forevermore.**

### Blessing

**Amen:** *(from VU 974)*



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

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### Postlude

## **New Year at Northlea...**

### **Mondays:**

- Bible Study at 4:30 pm –the group will begin meeting again on January 13, 2025 (tomorrow).

### **Thursdays:**

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

### **Sunday, January 19, 2025:**

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Congregational Lunch and Meeting – all are welcome

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025** – all day – First Aid Training – registration is now closed.

### **Sunday, January 26, 2025:**

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Dinner

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025** – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn – Estate Planning – everyone is welcome to register – please do so by Friday, January 24, 2025

**Next Week's Readings**

From *The Gathering*

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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