



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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They have no wings!

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Congregational Gathering

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

Stephen Popiel - 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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Sunday, January 19, 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: Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657 - 1743)

Cantate Domino, canticum novum: laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum: et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Call to Worship:

(based on Psalm 40)

Come, let us sing a new song today; a song of praise to our God!

We waited patiently, and God heard us cry.

God is the stronghold of our lives;

God's steadfast love and care surround us.

We open ourselves to God's goodness and truth as we worship our God!

Opening Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues

Voices United 326

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:

(based on Psalm 40)

Let us pray:

Blessed are those whose trust is in you, O God -
your blessings are all around us.

We marvel at your constant care for us.

O God, you love and accept us just as we are;
we are overwhelmed by your faithfulness.

**Open us to your goodness so that we can answer your call and proclaim
your love to all your people.**

Write your truth on our hearts and fill our spirits with your dream of healing and transformation for your world...(a time of silent prayer and confession)
In the name of Jesus, our Light and Life, we pray.
Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Stephen Popiel

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: Responsive Psalm 19 (Voices United 740-741, with sung refrain 2)

Gospel: John 2:1-11

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Reflection: The Good Stuff

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: In Loving Partnership We Come

Voices United 603

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)

Life-giving God, may these gifts help bring justice into your hurting world.

Through the power of your Spirit, multiply our efforts that we might be the face of Christ to each other and to all whom you would have us minister. 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.

Closing Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

More Voices 79

Sending Forth:

Blessing

Postlude

New Year at Northlea...

TODAY! Sunday, January 19, 2025 - 11:30 am – Congregational Lunch and Meeting – all are welcome. This will be a working meeting so come with all your ideas!

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – all day – First Aid Training - please note that the staff will be in this training all day.

Saturday, January 25, 2025 – 10:00 am – Cook-A-Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

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

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

Thursdays:

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

Next Week's Readings

From *The Gathering*

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

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