



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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January 26, 2025
Third Sunday 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

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support

Jackie Morris - 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 26, 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: As Long As We Follow

More Voices 140

Call to Worship:

All God's people, let us gather in faith!

**We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.**

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry, and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to continue on our faith journey.

Let us rejoice in God's love for us! Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: My Soul Cries Out

More Voices 120

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: *(Opening Prayer by the Very Reverend R. Bott in Gathering – A/C/E 2012/13, 38, alt. Used with permission.)*

Let us pray.

Loving God, be with us...

in our being and in our doing.

Loving God, bless us...

in our praying and in our singing.

Loving God, speak to us...

in our silence and in our noise.

Loving God, speak through us....

in our words and in our actions.

Loving God, be with us...

in this time together and for all our days...

(...a time of silent prayer)

We lift up our prayers in the name of Jesus, who is God-with-us,

Amen.

A Sanctuary Moment

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jackie Morris

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.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 40 – (with sung refrain)

Voices United 764

Gospel: Luke 4:14-30

This is the Gospel – God’s Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: O Jesus, Every Moment

Philip Stopford

Reflection: Love - The Higher Law

❖ Responding ❖

Hymn: I Am A Child of God

More Voices 157

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living (from VU 581 vs 2 & 4)

See page 5

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.

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living (from VU 581 vs 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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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.

Sending Forth:

Blessing

Amen: (from VU 974)

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

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Postlude

Coming up at Northlea...

Today, January 26, 2025 - 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Dinner

Monday, January 27, 2025 – 4:30 - A NEW YEAR, TWO NEW BIBLE STUDIES!

From **Monday, January 27 to 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.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025:

- 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn – Estate Planning
- 7:30 pm – Lay Worship Circle meeting online

Sunday, February 2, 2025 – 10:30 am – Worship

February 4 to 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.

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

Thursdays:

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

Congratulations to Leaside Presbyterian!

Our friends at Leaside Presbyterian Church (LPC) have good news to share. They have a new minister: Rev. Paul Kang. His induction service will be at 7:00 pm on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Some at Northlea may remember Paul when he was LPC's interim minister before the pandemic. Northlea and (LPC) have a long history of partnering for Good Friday services and during July and August. Since the fall of 2019, Northlea has supported financially, and with volunteers, **LPC's Community Time Program**. And since 2022, LPC has partnered with us in the community Fall Food Drive for Thorncliffe's Food Collaborative. Don't hesitate to let your LPC friends know that we at Northlea warmly welcome Paul and look forward to working with him serving our neighbours. Welcome Paul and Helen and family!

It's Muffin Month again!

As you see above, LPC is continuing with their 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 and 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.

Next Week's Readings

From The Gathering

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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