



Northlea United Church

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

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## **Covenanting Service**

*for the New Pastoral Relationship between God,  
Northlea United Church, Shining Waters Regional Council, &  
the Reverend Bronwyn Corlett*



**Saturday, November 1, 2025 – 2:00 pm**

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:**

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett – Presiding

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden (St. Andrew's United Church) – Guest Speaker

Lynella Reid-James, Pastoral Relations Liaison, Shining Waters Regional Council

The Rev. Jennifer Henry,

Executive Minister of Organizational Development & Strategy, United Church of Canada

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

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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)**

# Northlea United Church

## Saturday, November 1, 2025

*\* Indicates where the congregation is invited to stand as they are comfortable and able.*

**Prelude:** Oh, A Song Must Rise  
Send Down the Fire

(MV 142)  
Marty Haugen

### **Acknowledgement of Territory:**

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. Toronto is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Willams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,  
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

### **Words of Welcome:**

We joyfully gather to mark a new ministry relationship in Shining Waters Regional Council between Northlea United Church and the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett. We welcome Lynella Reid-James, Pastoral Relations Liaison for Shining Waters Regional Council, The Rev. Jennifer Henry, Executive Minister of Organizational Development and Strategy at The United Church of Canada and the Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden, minister at St. Andrew's United Church; and all of the other guests who have joined us to celebrate the ministry here at Northlea United. Today we commit to how we are the church together.

We are grateful that you are all here with us today. When we gather, it is our practice to have an offering plate in the entrance way for those wishing to make a donation to Northlea United. If you would like to do so but missed the plate, please feel free to do so later. Please also check the website and bulletin for ways to donate digitally.

We are grateful for your presence, support, and encouragement in all the forms that takes!

### **\*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:**

Christ is with us.

**Christ is in our midst.**

We have been called the salt of the earth.

**Let us remain distinctively salty.**

We have been called the light of the world.

**Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.**

We have been called a city on a hill.

**Let us lift our gates, lift our hearts,  
Lift our voices in the world of God.**

*(Compilation of prayers from Celebrate God's Presence)*

**\*The Gift of Peace:**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us exchange words and gestures of peace

*(Take a moment to turn and greet one another in the peace of Christ—a smile, a bow, a wave)*

**\*Hymn of Praise: Let Us Build a House (*All Are Welcome*)**

**More Voices 1**

❖ **Listening** ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

**Psalm 139: O God, You Search Me**

*Bernadette Farrell*

**Gospel: Luke 18:9–14**

The Rev. Jeff Crittenden

This is the Word of God, for the People of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:**

The Rev. Jeff Crittenden

**\*Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus**

**Voices United 626**

❖ **Covenanting Action** ❖

**Ministry Match & Gift:**

**Search Committee**

**Statement of This New Ministry:**

Lynella Reid-James, Regional Council Representative

We are here to join into a covenantal relationship with God and between Northlea United Church, the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, and the wider United Church as represented by Shining Waters Regional Council.

Bronwyn, you are here in response to the call to a ministry of word, sacrament, and pastoral care at Northlea United Church. We come together to mark this new relationship within our regional council for the sake of our shared ministry.

You, the members of this community of faith, are called to join Bronwyn in worship, study, prayer, and action.

We, Shining Waters Regional Council, will be responsible for supporting this ministry.

Let us pray for God's grace as we covenant together. And as we confirm our dedication to one another, let us recite A New Creed:

**\*A New Creed: (Voices United 918)**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Anthem:** The Servant Song

Words and Music by Richard Gillard  
Arr. Francis Patrick O'Brien

**Promises of the New Minister:**

Lynella Reid-James; the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

*The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett to stand.*

*Lynella:* The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, do you, in the presence of this community of faith, take on the new trust and responsibility of ministering with Northlea United Church? Will you share in their ministry goals and faith story, offering and accepting guidance, support and encouragement?

*Bronwyn:* I do and I will.

*Lynella:* Will you accept the guidance, support and encouragement of Shining Waters Regional Council and the wider church, together taking on responsibility for the health of Northlea United Church?

*Bronwyn:* I will.

### **Promises of the Community of Faith:**

*Members of Northlea United to stand where able.*

*Lynella:* Members of Northlea United, will you join with the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett in a ministry of worship, study, and community building within your community, Shining Waters Regional Council and within the wider church, offering and accepting guidance, support and encouragement?

*Members of Northlea United:* **We will.**

*Members please take your seats. Staff Team, Council Members & Chair of Trustees to stand.*

*Lynella:* Rick Coombs, Alison Latimer Dixon, Jo Dullard, Susan Frank, David Jafelice, Robert Pringle, Tricia Reid, Donna Rutz, Anne Saunders, Lois Scott, and Andrew Steeves (the Council, the Chair of Trustees, and the Staff) you have been called by God to work together in this community of faith. With the members of Northlea United and the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, will you share in the ministry goals and faith story of this community of faith, offering and accepting guidance, support and encouragement?

*Council, Chair of Trustees, and Staff:* **We will.**

### **\*Promises of Regional Council, Wider Church and Community:**

*Staff Team, Council Members & Chair of Trustees please take your seats.*

*Members of the wider church and community please stand where able.*

*Lynella:* Will anyone from the wider church and community please stand where you are? Will you, as members of Shining Waters Regional Council and members of the wider community, join with Northlea United Church and the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett in the ministry that is both theirs and ours, offering and accepting guidance, support and encouragement?

*Wider community members:* **We will.**

### **\*Hymn of Celebration: Jesus Saw Them Fishing (*Fish With Me*)**

**More Voices 113**

### **Presentation of Symbols**

### **New Minister's Prayer:**

Generous and loving God, bless this ministry. May we work together, living as the body of Christ in the world, that others might know your love through us. Help us to remain faithful, supporting and encouraging one another. Help us to work with the broader church, offering our gifts to enrich the whole United Church of Canada. Be with us as we honour the past, upholding meaningful traditions. Be with us as we explore and experiment new ways of expressing and living out our faith. Be with us this day, and forevermore. Amen

### **Prayers of the People:**

The Rev. Jennifer Henry

### **❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖**

### **\*Communion Hymn: Now the Silence, Now the Peace**

**Voices United 475**

### **Invitation to Communion**

#### **Communion Prayers:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.

At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.

You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures,

in a covenant of love and service.

Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.

You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus, who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way, sharing joy and sorrow, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy:** (*call and response after the choir*)



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

**He shared food with followers and friends,**

with saints and sinners,

**With crowds of thousands on the hillside,**

and a few friends in an upper room.

**On the night before he died,**

**he had supper with his companions.**

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks,

he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

**"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,

He passed it among them, saying:

**"Drink this.**

**Do this in remembrance of me."**

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives with us.

**In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.**

*From Celebrate God's Presence 14D006*

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

♪ **Memorial Acclamation :** (*call and response after the choir*)



Christ has died, Christ is ris - - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

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Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Help us to love as Christ loved. Knowing our weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

*Service taken from Celebrate God's Presence*

♪ **Great Amen:** (*call and response after the choir*)



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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Bread for the Journey, broken for you. (*The bread is broken.*)  
The Cup of the New Covenant, poured out for you. (*The cup is filled.*)  
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come and be nourished at Christ's table.

*Please come forward for communion, as you are able.  
Please raise your hand if you would like to receive communion in your pew.  
Once everyone has the elements, we will take them at the same time.*

**Prayer After Communion:**

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received,  
**We thank you God.**  
Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us  
**that it may remain always in our hearts.**  
Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding,  
**and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning**

**Voices United 578**

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**



**The Rev. Jeff Crittenden, D. Min., Ph.D.**

Rev. Dr. Jeff has served in congregational ministry for over thirty years throughout Canada (ON, QC, NB, AB, NL), and is currently Preaching Minister at St. Andrews United Church in Toronto. Jeff holds doctoral degrees in Theology (Ph.D.) and Homiletics (D. Min.). He is an Assistant Professor in Practical (Pastoral) Theology at Huron University (at Western, London ON), the Founding Director of the Centre for Practical Theology (Toronto); Pilgrimage Leader, and the author of his 2023 book entitled "*Leisure Resurrected – Rekindling the Fire of Early Christian Communities.*"

**Council Members** – please meet Tricia at the Chancel steps for a group photo before the reception.

*Thank you to everyone  
who made the service  
& reception today possible.*

*Please join us in the Community Room for a  
reception following the service.*

## November at Northlea United...

**Sunday, November 2, 2025** – 10:30 am – All Souls Day – Worship

**NOTE: Daylight savings ends – we fall back one hour**

**Monday, November 3, 2025** – 7:00 pm – Lay Worship meeting on Zoom – all are invited.  
Contact Lois Scott for link.

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025** – 2:00 pm – Tea & Treats with the Minister; hosted by the UCWN & Lay Care Circle – all are welcome! Please sign up with the office or on the sheet in the Narthex.

**Sunday, November 9, 2025** – Remembrance Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship and reading of the Remembrance Roll. Please bring a photo of your veteran for the display table in the Narthex.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2025** – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting on Zoom

### Winter Outer Wear Drive:

- 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Thursday, November 13, 2025
- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Saturday, November 15, 2025

**Monday, November 17, 2025** – 7:30 pm – Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025** – 7:30 pm – Taizé

**Sunday, November 23, 2025** – Reign of Christ – 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren MacDougall; 11:30 am – 2026 Annual Budget Q&A session

**Tuesday, November 25, 2025** – 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm – Lunch & Learn: Bomb Girls – Trading Aprons for Ammo; free will offering; register with the office – [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)

**Sunday, November 30, 2025** – Advent I – HOPE – 10:30 am Worship; 11:30 am – Congregation Meeting – 2026 Budget.

## Ongoing Activities:

**Tuesdays:** Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am – everyone is welcome. Let Bronwyn know if you would like to receive the link.

### Wednesdays:

- Chair Exercise – 11:00 am - until November 26 (no class November 12)
- For the Love of Singing Community Choir – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – continues until November 26, 2025

### Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

To find out what's happening at Northlea United,  
visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca) and sign up  
for our digital Newsletter – Newsbites to get weekly updates.

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### Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 7:30 PM**

Northlea United Church Choir, together with the choir from Leaside United Church present our annual Christmas Candlelight Service. Join us for Christmas Carols, Anthems and Readings. Refreshments to follow.



### Caroling in the Pines

**Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

Fun for the whole family!  
Caroling with the Metropolitan Brass Band,  
Hot Chocolate and a Special Guest too!