



Northlea United Church

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

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## **November 16, 2025** **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

Roger Touw - 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](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**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**



Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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**Acknowledgement of the Land**

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

**Choral Introit:** Jerusalem My Happy Home

Traditional American Melody  
Words by F. B. P., c. 1593 alt.

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

This is no ordinary place:

**this is the house of God.**

This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice.

It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives,

**to offer us the mystery of holy love.**

This is no ordinary gathering.

**This is no ordinary place:**

this is the house of God.

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today,  
**ready to see your power working through us.**

Help us to be open to your Word,  
**And to answer your call among us. Amen**

*(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)*

**\*Opening Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**Voices United 291**

❖ **Listening** ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Roger Touw

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;  
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.  
Amen.

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem: Freedom is Coming**

Andraé Crouch

**Sermon: Welcome to Paradise**

**The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

**\*Hymn: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New**

**More Voices 115**

❖ **Responding** ❖

**\*A New Creed - (VU 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.  
Thanks be to God.

### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offering Hymn: I Thank You, O My God – (Then Let Us Sing 43)

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I thank you, O my God, I thank you, O my God, I love you ev - 'ry day, I claim you ev - 'ry way. I give my life to you, O great, ho - ly God, I give to you my all; my heart and my soul. It is not hard to do, to give you ev - 'ry thing, all pre - cious stones or gold; to you my heart will sing. The on - ly prayer I know that you, God, will ac - claim: from deep with - in my heart I sing praise to your name! For you are all I need, and this my on - ly task. Yes, this is all I ask."

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## Blessing of the Offering

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer:

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### \*Closing Hymn: Over My Head

More Voices 88

### \*Blessing and Sending Forth

#### Amen

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

*rit. poco a poco al fine*  
*rit. poco a poco al fine.*

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## Postlude

### Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca).

## Lots happening at Northlea United...

**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

**Saturday, November 29, 2025** – 10:00 am - Cook A Palooza for Youth Without Shelter in lower kitchen

**Sunday, November 30, 2025 – Advent I – HOPE:**

- 10:30 am Worship
- **11:30 am – Congregation Meeting – 2026 Budget**
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter dinner

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025** – 7:00 pm – Council on Zoom

**Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Advent II – PEACE:**

- 10:30 am — White Gift for Youth Without Shelter
- 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight at Northlea UC with Leaside UC participation.

**Saturday, December 13, 2025** – 7:00 pm – Caroling in the Pines

**Sunday, December 14, 2025 – Advent III – JOY:**

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight at Leaside UC with Northlea UC participation

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025** – 6:00 pm – Blue Christmas Service with the North Toronto Cluster Group at First Christian Reformed Church of Toronto, 67 Taunton Rd, 1 block east of Mt Pleasant running south off Eglinton Ave E

**Saturday, December 20, 2025** – 9:00 am – Christmas Crafting

**Sunday, December 21, 2025** – Advent IV – LOVE – 10:30 am – Worship

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025** – 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship with Communion

**Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Christmas Day) to Saturday, January 3, 2026** – the church will be closed.

**Sunday, December 28, 2025** – online prerecorded service

**Sunday, January 4, 2026** – Epiphany Sunday – 10:30 am - Worship

## Ongoing Activities:

**Tuesdays:** Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am – everyone is welcome. Our final two gatherings for 2025 will be Tuesday November 18 and 25. We will take a break for December, starting up again in the New Year on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. Let Bronwyn know if you would like to receive the link.

### Wednesdays:

- Chair Exercise – 11:00 am - until November 26
- For the Love of Singing Community Choir – 7:30 – 9:00 pm – continues until November 26, 2025

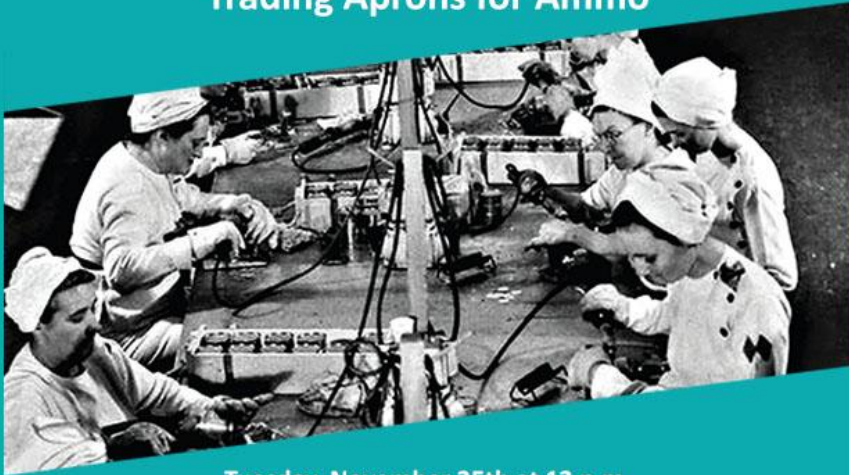
### Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle will break for the holidays December 18, 2025 and will resume January 8, 2026
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice will break for the holidays December 18, 2025 and will resume January 8, 2026

Lunch and Learn with Barbara Dickson  
author of

# Bomb Girls:

Trading Aprons for Ammo



Tuesday, November 25th at 12 p.m.  
Northlea United Church  
125 Brentcliffe Road

Discover the true story behind Scarborough's top-secret munitions factory. Hear about the "Bomb Girls" who helped power Canada's war effort. Don't miss this fascinating talk!

Register at 416-425-5252