



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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November 23, 2025 Reign Of Christ Sunday

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ✧ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

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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:

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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. Warren McDougall – Presiding

George Fung – Piano/Organ

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Jody Kinsey - Reader

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Congregational & Community Outreach Coordinator: Jo Dullard jo@northleaunited.ca

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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Northlea United Church
Sunday, November 23, 2025

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

Today we welcome The Rev. Warren McDougall as guest minister & George Fung as guest music director.

Prelude: La Royal

Charles Piroye

Welcome

Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."
(The Christ Candle is lit.)

We light the Christ candle, sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.

Karen MacNeill, Whycomagh-East Lake Ainslie P.C., Whycomagh, N.S

Round ① ② ③ ④ Fine

Where two or three are ga - thered in my name,___ I am there,___ I am there. ___

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Acknowledgement of the Land

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Response:

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

Choral Introit: Choral Fanfare for Reign of Christ Sunday - *Psalm 71:8, 11; Daniel 7:14*

H. Hamilton Smith

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

The Rev. Warren McDougall

We come from our scattered lives to this place of sanctuary,
seeking unity in the Spirit, seeking the grace of Christ, seeking the peace of God.
Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.
Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.
Draw us around your living Word,
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst.
Amen.

(adapted 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: Soon and Very Soon**

Andraé Crouch, see page 8

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jody Kinsey

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.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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

Anthem: The Lord Ascendeth Up On High

Music by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
Words by Arthur T. Russell (1806-74)
Ed. Timothy Morris

Reflection: Courageous Compassion

***Hymn: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Voices United 681

❖ 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.

Invitation to the Offering

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

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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: Filled With the Spirit's Power**

Voices United 194

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

As we go now into the world, be the living expression of God's compassion:
 compassion in your face, compassion in your eyes, compassion in your smile,
 compassion in your warm greeting.

We go into the world with the assurance of God's blessing, grace, and love.

Go in peace.

Amen.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence)

Amen

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er,
 a - - men. *rit. poco a poco al fine* A - - men. A - - men.
rit. poco a poco al fine.
 Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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Postlude: Processional

William Mathias



The Rev. Warren McDougall Biography:

The Rev. Warren McDougall is our guest minister today. He is a retired United Church of Canada minister, who grew up on a farm in rural mid-western Ontario. He retired 9 years ago after 40 years of ministry in 5 congregations in Alberta and Ontario, most recently at Richmond Hill United Church. Since retirement, he has filled in as supply minister in many Toronto and area congregations, including Leaside United Church and Northlea United this past summer. Early in his retirement, he spent 3 months in Iona, Scotland as a volunteer. Warren has two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Next Week's Readings

From Gathering

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

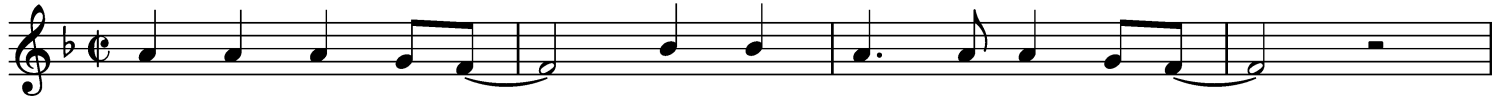
To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit northleaunited.ca.

Music List

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***Opening Hymn: Soon and Very Soon**

Andraé Crouch



- 1. Soon and ve - ry soon__ we are goin' to see the King, _
- 2. No more cry - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King, _
- 3. No more dy - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King, _
- 4. Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King, _



Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King, _
 No more cry - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King, _
 No more dy - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King, _
 Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King, _



Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King, _
 No more cry - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King, _ Hal - le -
 No more dy - in' there__ we are goin' to see the King, _
 Soon and ver - y soon__ we are goin' to see the King, _



- lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King! Hal - le - lu -



D.C.

- jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 7, 12, 16, 19, and 22. 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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Lots happening at Northlea United

Please stay for the 2026 Budget Q&A session after worship

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

Thursday, November 27, 2025 – 1:30 pm – Lay Care Circle meeting

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 – 10:00 am – Christmas Crafting for kids, register with the office in advance

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

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

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

Sunday, December 28, 2025 – online prerecorded service

Ongoing Activities:

Tuesdays: Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am – everyone is welcome. Our final gathering for 2025 will be Tuesday, November 25. We will take a break for December, and will start 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

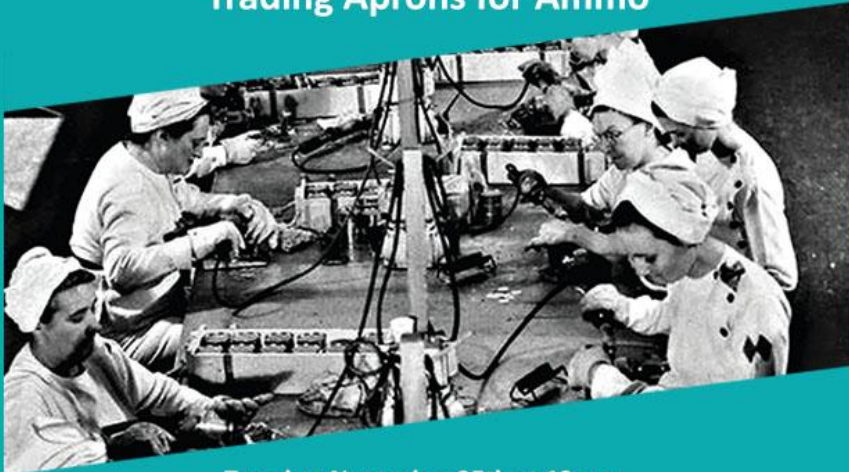
Thursdays:

- 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



**Carols By
Candlelight**

Sunday, December 7, 2025
7:30 pm

A Shared Carol Service
with the choirs of
Northlea United
& Leaside United

at
Northlea United
125 Brentcliffe Rd.
416 425 5252
northleaunited.ca

Freewill offering appreciated



Caroling in the Pines

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
7:00 PM

Fun for the whole family
Hot Chocolate & Carols
with the Metropolitan Silver Band
and a visit from a special surprise guest!

Donations in support of
Youth Without Shelter

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Creation Station
Christmas Craft Morning

'Tis the season for crafting!

Children aged 5 to 10
Cost: \$20, covers materials
December 20 from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Northlea United Church - 125 Brentcliffe Road
To register email: Jo@northleaunited.ca