



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of ADVENT – JOY

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:

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

Jody Kinsey – Reader

Jim Hartley - Candlelighter

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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, December 14, 2025

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

Christmas Carols

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of the Land

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 Williams 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.**

Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent – Prepare the Way

Joel Raney

(Jim Hartley will light the candle of Joy).

(Third Advent Candle is lit)

Choir + CONGREGATION

... Come, O come, Em - man - u - el. Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Make way for the Prince of Peace, King of kings, Lord of lords,

Je - sus, Em - man - u - el. Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way.

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Advent III Response:

Prepare the way of the Lord with joy.

(recited after each prayer)

(after final prayer and response, repeat sung refrain).

***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: Prepare, Prepare**

Stephen Pishner



Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord, oh, ____



Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord. The Lord our God is com - ing soon. Oh. ____

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❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jody Kinsey

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: Isaiah 35:1–10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Rejoice, Rejoice! *(Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn)*

Marty Haugen

Sermon: No Offense, But I'm Feeling Joyful

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

***Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

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❖ **Responding** ❖

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

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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: Hark the Glad Sound

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*Blessing and Sending Forth

Amen: (from TLUS 21)

Lisa Waites



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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

Advent at Northlea

TONIGHT: 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight at Leaside UC with Northlea UC participation – 822 Millwood Rd.

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, today is the last day to register with the office. \$20/person to cover material costs.

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

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

Ongoing Activities:

Tuesdays: Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am – resumes January 13, 2026

Thursdays: activities will break for the holidays after this Thursday, December 18, 2025 and will resume January 8, 2026

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

Blue Christmas

Longest Night Labyrinth walk
at **First Christian Reformed**
a time to Heal, and remember

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

AT 6:00 PM



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**Today is the last day to register.
Contact the office to sign your child up.**

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.

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To register email: Jo@northleaunited.ca

