



Northlea United Church  
**In the community. For the community.**  
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**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of ADVENT – LOVE**

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

Diana Bennett – Reader

Jesse Bigelow - 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](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.

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**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

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

**Christmas Carols**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**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.**

**Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent – Prepare the Way**

**Joel Raney**

(Jesse Bigelow will light the candle of Love).

*(Fourth Advent Candle is lit)*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a 'Choir' label and ends with a '+ CONGREGATION' label. The lyrics are: ... Come, O come, Em - man - u - el. \_\_\_\_\_ Pre - pare the way of the Lord. \_

The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: Make way for the Prince of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ King\_ of kings, Lord\_ of lords,

The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics: Je - sus, Em - man - u - el. Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Advent IV Response:**

**Prepare the way of the Lord with love.**

*(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: Hope is a Star**

**Voices United 7**

❖ **Listening** ❖

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Diana Bennett

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.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem: Night of Silence**

Daniel Kantor

**Sermon: All You Need Is Love**

**The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

**\*Hymn: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**Voices United 8**

❖ **Responding** ❖

**Invitation to the Offering**

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

**More Voices 115**

**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.**

\*Blessing and Sending Forth

Amen: (from TLUS 21)

Lisa Waites

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

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Postlude

# Advent at Northlea

**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:** These activities resume January 8, 2026

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

### **Next Week's Readings**

*From Gathering*

Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, 15-20

Christmas Day: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-7, 8-20

Dec. 28 First after Christmas: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

New Year's Day: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6; Matthew 25:31-46

Jan. 4 Second After Christmas: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14;  
John 1:1-9, 10-18

Epiphany: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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