

A shared service of carols and readings
with the choirs of Northlea United Church
& Leaside United Church

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, 7:30 PM

Northlea United Church

125 Brentcliffe Rd. Toronto

www.northleaunited.ca

CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett & The Rev. Martha ter Kuile - Presiders

David Jafelice - Director of Music, Northlea United Church

Matthew Boutda - Director of Music, Leaside United Church

Senan Whelan - Organist, St. Jude Wexford, Anglican

Mark Pinder - Oboe

Jo Dullard - Live Stream Production



We are truly grateful for any freewill offerings you're able to make later in the service. For secure giving, please scan the QR code to donate through Canada Helps. You can also visit our website at northleaunited.ca or share and enjoy this Carol Service on our YouTube channel. Tonight's program is a special collaboration between the choirs of Northlea United and Leaside United Churches.

* The congregation is invited to sing hymns with an asterisk and stand if able.

Organ Prelude: Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme (*Awake, the voice is calling us.*) Johann Sebastian Bach

* **PROCESSIONAL CAROL - ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY** (*verse 1 solo) (*candles are lit*) **Voices United 62**

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

Anthem: Carol of the Bells Music by Mykola Leontovich, Words and Arr. by Peter Wilhousky

Opening Prayer The Rev. Martha ter Kuile

Anthem: Wexford Carol Trad. Irish, 12th c. Arr. Elaine Hagenberg

First Reading: John 1:1-5 (*The Word Became Flesh*) Diana Bennett

Chamber Choir: There is No Rose Words by Anonymous 15th C., Music by Philip W.J. Stopford
Res miranda - Marvelous Thing, Pares forma - Equal in form, Gaudeamus - Let us rejoice!, Transeamus - Let us go

Second Reading: John 1:6-13 (*Born of God*) Roger Touw

* **CAROL - O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** (*tune: FOREST GREEN*) **See music on page 3**

Third Reading: Christmas Carol by Sara Teasdale (*The Angels Came From Heaven High*) June Cavers

Anthem - A Midwinter Song Music by Susan LaBarr (b. 1981), Words by Daniel Elder (b. 1986)

Fourth Reading: John 1:14-18 (*We Have Seen His Glory*) John Sims

* **CAROL: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH** **Voices United 38**

Fifth Reading: Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12 (*The Magi Visit the Messiah*) Adele Freeman

Anthem: All Bells in Paradise Words and Music by John Rutter

Sixth Reading: A Christmas Carol by Christina Rossetti (*In the Bleak Midwinter*) Ray Murrill

* **CAROL: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN** **Voices United 43**

Invitation to the Offering:
Donations collected during the offering will go to Northlea United Church, helping us offer outreach activities, community events, and church activities all year long!

Organ Offertory: Chorale Prelude on 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen' (Opus 122) Johannes Brahms

* **OFFERTORY CAROL: JOY TO THE WORLD** **Voices United 59**

Prayer of Dedication and Christmas Prayer The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

Chamber Choir Blessing: A Merry Christmas Traditional (West country) Carol, Arr. by Arthur Warrell

Blessing The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

RECESSIONAL CAROL - SILENT NIGHT (*candles are lit, please remain seated*) **Voices United 67**

Organ Postlude: Nun Danket Alle Gott Sigfrid Theodor Karg-Elert



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of wond'r - ing love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ed gift of heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 — come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el!

Words by Phillips Brooks 1868. English Traditional Melody. Harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906.

**Thank you for joining us this evening.
 We hope you will join us for refreshments after the service.
 Have a blessed Christmas!**

Thank you to our readers and all those who helped make this evening possible.

**The Carol Service is live streamed and may be viewed later on
 Northlea's YouTube Channel.**

Advent & Beyond at Northlea . . .

- **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 United Church with Northlea Choir.
- **Wednesday, December 17, 2025** - 6:00 pm – Blue Christmas Service Cluster Group at First Christian Reformed Church – 67 Taunton Rd, one block east of Mount Pleasant off Eglinton Av E
- **Saturday, December 20, 2025** - 10:00 am – Christmas Crafting – deadline to register – December 14



- **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 to Saturday, January 3, 2026** - the church will be closed for the holidays
- **Sunday, December 28, 2025** - online prerecorded service, visit Northleaunited.ca
- **Sunday, January 4, 2026** – Epiphany Sunday

Ongoing Dates:

- **Tuesdays:** Bible Study on Zoom – 10:30 am – resumes weekly, January 13, 2026.
- **Thursdays:** 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – weekly – ends December 18, 2025; resumes January 8, 2026.
7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice – Weekly to December 18, 2025. resumes January 8, 2026.

**Contact our office for more information on any of these events:
office@northleaunited.ca or 416 425 5252**



Northlea Choir

Sopranos

Diane Carlton
June Cavers
Alexandra Delle
Donne *
Laura Jarvis
Kaisha Lee *
Vivien Young

Altos

Karen Davidson *
Sue Earl
Jody Kinsey
Courtney Steeves
JoAnn Thompson *

Tenors

Jordan Baldwin *
Joshua Clemenger *

Basses

Andrew Gunpath *
Stephen Jarvis
Kai Lee *
Ray Murrill
Sean Pentinga *

Leaside Choir

Sopranos

Cathy Barker
Courtney Boutda
Chalcey Chen
Rayna Crandlemire *
Elaine Fujiwara
Debra Main
Christine McDonald
Jeanne Scotland
Nancy Stewart

* = section lead
+ = choral scholar

Altos

Jaimie Adams *
Wendy Arnold
Joan Bell
Jan Breuls-Dorang
Anne Elliott
Janice Franklin
YJ Noh
Jennifer Riggs

Tenors

Michael Dorang
Geoff Kettel
Dean Moratz
Chris Norman *
John Parker
John Sims

Basses

Stephen Cackle
Lucas Kalechstein +
Bill Kinnear
Aidan Reimer*
Richard Turner

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