



Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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January 4, 2026 Epiphany Sunday

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

Joshua Clemenger- 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



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

Northlea United Church

Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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.**

Choral Introit: Love Will Reappear

Carolyn Joyce

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

Welcome!

We are welcome here!

Be with us God,

We find God here, among us.

Praise to you God,

We are thankful!

The voice of God is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders,

God rules over mighty waters.

The voice of God is powerful;

The Spirit's voice is full of majesty.

Bless us

**that we might hear your still, strong,
powerful voice this day.**

Amen.

***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: In the Darkness Shines the Splendour**

Voices United 92

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Joshua Clemenger

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 2:1-12

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Far Away, What Splendour Comes This Way

attrib. Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-87)

arr . Georges Bizet (1838-75)

adapt. Hugh Keyte & Andrew Parrott

Sermon: Gifts and Recognition

Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

***Hymn: The First Nowell**

Voices United 91

❖ **Responding** ❖

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: Gloria *(in English)*

Voice United 37

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: I Am the Light of the World**

Voices United 87

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Amen

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

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Postlude

Ongoing Activities:

Sundays: Worship – 10:30 am

Tuesdays: Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am – everyone is welcome. Resumes on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. Let Bronwyn know if you would like to receive the link.

Thursdays:

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle will resume January 8, 2026
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice will resume January 8, 2026

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

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