



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Tyler Smith – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Sue Earl - 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

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** 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: Give to the Winds Your Fears – *(VU 636)*

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

Generous and loving God,
We gather together to remind ourselves of your love and presence in our lives.

Be with us.

We gather together to celebrate your creation and splendor.

Be with us.

We know that we are yours, though we resist and deny it sometimes.

Be with us.

Be with us as we gather, that we might know your acceptance and forgiveness always.

You are here with us. Thanks be to God.

***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: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Voices United 326

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Sue Earl

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.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 40

Voices United 764

Gospel: John 1:35-42

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

Anthem: O God, In Whom We All Are One

Winnagene Hatch

Sermon: Reassurance and Resilience

Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

***Hymn: O Love, How Deep**

Voices United 348 - vv. 1, 3, 6, 7

❖ 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.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: I Thank You, O My God – (TLUS p. 43)

Raymund Remo

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 7, 12, 16, 19, and 22 indicated at the start of their respective lines. 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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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: (VU 974)

Jim Strathdee



A - men! A - men! Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men!

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Postlude

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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

Winter at Northlea United

Sunday, January 25, 2026:

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Congregation Meeting and lunch – be sure to complete the survey by tomorrow. To receive a link or hard copy of the survey, please contact the office.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Zoom Congregation Meeting for those who were not able to attend the in-person meeting on Sunday, January 25. Please register with the office by Monday, January 26, 2026 if you plan to attend the Zoom meeting.

Ongoing Activities:

Tuesdays: Bible Study on Zoom - 10:30 am. Let Bronwyn know if you would like to receive the link.

Wednesdays: Starting January 21 and continuing each Wednesday until February 11, 2026– 7:00 - 8:30 pm - **Affirming Book Study: Canadian Shield & Shining Waters Regional Councils are offering a new online Book Study!** Join this Regional four-week study with Donald Schmidt the author of *The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians*. This study is open to all. Donald Schmidt's book study can help walk you through the scriptures and enlighten you to just how great God's love is. Please register on the Regional website: <https://canadianshieldrc.ca/justice-issues/affirming-ministry/affirming-book-study/> .

Rev. Bronwyn is also offering an additional Northlea Discussion component as an added bonus! Then on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm - you can join the Northlea United discussion of the book and the study on Zoom.

And if you act quickly - you can get one of the four copies of the book already available at Northlea (first come, first serve)! Contact Bronwyn to get yours now! If the copies disappear quickly, you can order the book by visiting: <https://revdonald.ca/product/the-bible-and-homosexuality-for-progressive-christians/> for \$14.95!

Thursdays:

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