



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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January 25, 2026

Third 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

Alison Latimer Dixon – 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: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee – (VU 560)

*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: God of the Bible

More Voices 28

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Alison Latimer Dixon

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 4:12-23

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: God Has Chosen Me

Bernadette Farrell

Sermon: Come, follow me

Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

***Hymn:** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Voices United 563

❖ 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

I thank you, O my God, I thank you, O my God, I love you ev - 'ry day,
 7 I claim you ev - 'ry way. I give my life to you, O great, ho - ly God, I give to you my
 12 all; my heart and my soul. It is not hard to do, to give you ev - 'ry thing, all pre - cious stones or
 16 gold; to you my heart will sing. The on - ly prayer I know that you, God, will ac -
 19 - claim: from deep with - in my heart I sing praise to your name! For you are all I
 22 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 Strathee



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Postlude

TODAY

Congregation Meeting moved to Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11:30 am due to predicted heavy snow later today. Don't worry – there will still be a lunch on the 1st so you can discuss while you eat. Also, be sure to pick up your copy of the survey results in the foyer.



Muffin Month is back!

What is Muffin Month? Each year, Northlea UC raises funds to support the Leaside Presbyterian's Community Time Support program. Northlea also has several volunteers who help facilitate the program. **What is the Community Time Support Program?** On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, volunteers offer coffee, tea, snacks and conversation to a small regular group of people in need. Those individuals are also given a grocery

card and a TTC fare card valued at just under \$27/person. That means that \$108 funds 4 people for this program. Last year, we were able to raise enough to cover the costs of 1 month (30 people - \$810). **Let's see if we can do even better this year!** You can securely donate through Canada Helps or send your cheque to the office with *Muffin Month* noted in the memo line.

Tonight at 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Dinner – Greek Feast will be delivered and served by Northlea volunteers!

Winter at Northlea United

If you cannot come to the congregation meeting on February 1st in person, come to the Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - 7:00 pm - Zoom Meeting

Register to receive the link by noon, January 27th
office@northleaunited.ca or 416 425 5252

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting online.

Sunday, February 15, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship with the Rev. Warren McDougall; the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett will be on Study Leave.

Monday, February 16, 2026 – Family Day

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – Shrove Tuesday – 6:00 pm – Pancake Pot Luck; 7:00 pm – Service of Ashes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Northlea Discussion of Affirm Book Study on Zoom, Contact Rev. Bronwyn for the link. You can attend even if you did not attend the Regional Book Study.

Sunday, February 22, 2026 – First of Lent - 10:30 am – Worship with the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 12:00 noon – Soup Tuesday – Soup will be offered every Tuesday in Lent from February 24 to March 24.

Ongoing Activities:

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

Wednesdays: 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*. 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! 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. 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

Feb. 17TH NORTHLEA UNITED FAMILY
PANCAKE POTLUCK
6:00 PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
Service of ashes to follow in the sanctuary



BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

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OR CALL THE OFFICE**
416 425 5252 OR OFFICE@NORTHLEAUNITED.CA

Next Week's Readings
From *Gathering*
Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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