



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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February 15, 2026

Transfiguration 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. Warren McDougall – 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

Lois Scott – Reader

Minister: The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett bronwyn@northleaunited.ca

Music Director: David Jafelice david@northleaunited.ca

Office Administrator: Tricia Reid office@northleaunited.ca

Facility Manager: Robert Pringle building@northleaunited.ca

Congregational & Community Outreach Coordinator: Jo Dullard jo@northleaunited.ca

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, February 15, 2026

Today we welcome the Rev. Warren McDougall as our Guest Minister.

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Warren McDougall

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: Of the Father's Love Begotten – (VU 61)

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

This day, with all of its possibilities and potential,
is gift and grace to us.

**May we be ready to receive God's grace
this morning and every morning.**

Into the wonder of this new day
we come, as we are, to God.

**We bring with us our hopes, our fears,
our dreams and our stories.**

Let us worship God.

(adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book.*)

***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: Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Voices United 894

❖ **Listening** ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Lois Scott

Loving God, in the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen.

Scripture: I Kings 19:9-12

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring - *(VU 328)*

Sermon: *A Thin Place – an exploration of Celtic spirituality*

The Rev. Warren McDougall

***Hymn: Spirit Open My Heart**

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❖ **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.

*Closing Hymn: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies – *(sung to the tune of DIX)*

Voices United 336

1. Christ whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the on - ly light,
2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night.
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;
Day - spring from on high, be near; day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till the in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley 1740, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher 1838, adapt. William H. Monk 1861.

*Blessing and Sending Forth

May God our Maker bless us and wrap us 'round in love and tenderness.

May Jesus our Brother bless us and ask us the questions that lead us to do justice.

May the Holy Spirit bless us and fill our lives with her courage and wisdom.

May we live bravely in the love of the Trinity all our days and nights.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

(adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book.)

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*

Service of Ashes:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First of Lent:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



The Rev. Warren McDougall Biography

The Rev. Warren McDougall is our guest minister today. He is a retired United Church of Canada minister, who grew up on a farm in rural mid-western Ontario. He retired 9 years ago after 40 years of ministry in 5 congregations in Alberta and Ontario, most recently at Richmond Hill United Church. Since retirement, he has filled in as supply minister in many Toronto and area congregations, including Leaside United Church and Northlea United this past summer. Early in his retirement, he spent 3 months in Iona, Scotland as a volunteer. Warren has two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Muffin Month is back!

What is the Community Time Support Program? On the third 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, during **Muffin Month**, 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.

Winter at Northlea United

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 Vacation.

Monday, February 16, 2026 – Family Day – Office Closed.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – Shrove Tuesday – 6:00 pm – Pancake Pot Luck; 7:00 pm – Service of Ashes; If you require a ride to or from this event, contact the office to make arrangements. Office Closed

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – Northlea Discussion of Affirm Book Study on Zoom, Contact Rev. Bronwyn for the link (bronwyn@northleaunited.ca). ***The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt**. You can attend even if you did not attend the Regional Book Study.

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

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship; 11:30 am – Congregation Lunch & Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 7:30 pm – For The Love of Singing Community Choir begins again! Sign up with the office today. Bring a friend and your cheque or cash for \$75 and enjoy 10 weeks of music and mayhem!

Friday, March 6, 2026 – 2:00 pm – World Day of Prayer celebrations at Manor Road United, 240 Manor Road East. If you require a ride to or from this event, contact the office to make arrangements.

Ongoing Activities – Thursdays: 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle; 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice

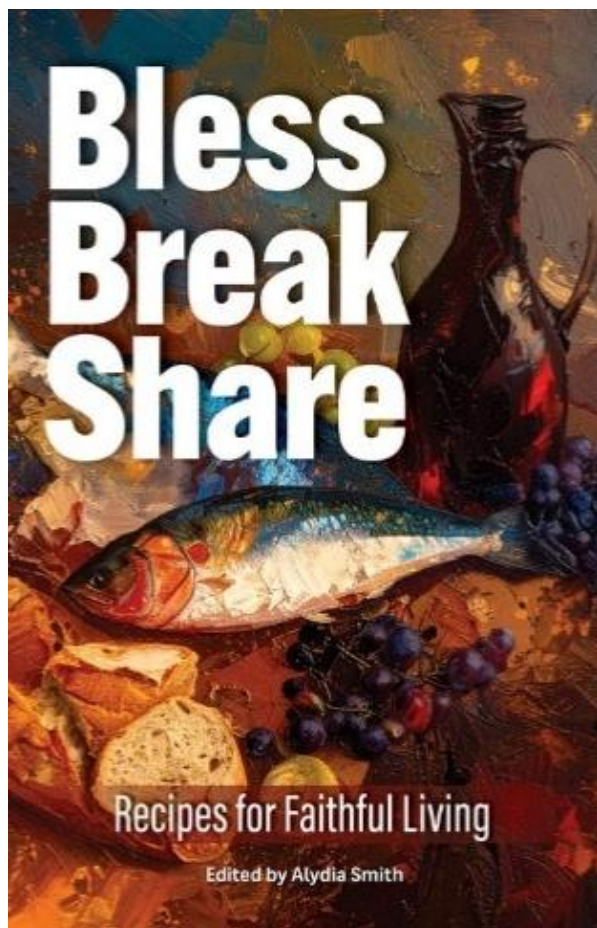
Minister Office hours:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett's typical work week is Sunday to Thursday; she can be found in the office or out visiting. If you would like to book a time to meet with her, please:

email bronwyn@northleaunited.ca or phone: 416 425 5252 x 2

Note: Bronwyn will be out of the office on Monday, February 9 & from Thursday, February 12 to Monday, February 16, 2026.

Tuesdays in Lent – February 24 – March 24, 2026:



10:30 am – 11:30 am on Zoom - Bible Study
The North Toronto Cluster is joining us to explore The United Church of Canada's Lenten Devotional for 2026: *Bless, Break, Share*. Co-led by the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett and the Rev. Kristin Philipson of Rosedale United. To register, and for more information about the study or how to purchase the book, contact Bronwyn (bronwyn@northleaunited.ca) or the office. If you would like to join us but don't want to purchase the book, you are more than welcome!

Also on Tuesdays in Lent:

12:00 noon – Soup Tuesday - soup will be served in the Community Room - all are welcome. If you require a ride to or from this event, contact the office to make arrangements.

The advertisement is titled "HOT and HEARTY...and OH, SO GOOD!" at the top. It features a large red circular sign that says "SOUP FOR LUNCH" in white, bold letters. To the right of the sign is a smiling boy with brown hair, wearing a green sweater, holding a spoon with soup. Below the sign is a yellow sticky note that reads: "Join us every Tuesday in Lent at 12 p.m. starting February 24". At the bottom of the advertisement are three small images of different soups: a creamy white soup, a tomato-based soup, and a green soup. Below these images is the text "A different flavour every week!"

**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!

**SIGN UP ON THE CHART IN THE FOYER
OR CALL THE OFFICE**

416 425 5252 OR OFFICE@NORTHLEAUNITED.CA



For the Love of Singing

**Is back Wednesdays
from 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Starting March 4, 2026

**Sign up today for 10 weeks of
singing just for the fun of it!**

Email office@northleaunited.ca to sign up today!

Just \$75/person.

Bring a friend!

You don't have to know how.

You don't have to be perfect.

AND there's no concert.

Just singing for the joy of it!



World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière

2026

**"I Will Give You
Rest: Come"**

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah



**« Je vous procurerai le
repos. Venez »**

Mattieu 11, 28-30

Titre : Le repos pour vous qui peinez
sous le poids du fardeau

Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

Friday, March 6, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Location/l'endroit

**Manor Road United Church
240 Manor Road East**

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

**This year the service is prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria:
"I will give you rest: come."**

Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



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