Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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November 1, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Souls Day Service

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:

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Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

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Thank you for helping with today's service:
The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett – Presiding
David Jafelice – Music Director
The Rev. Dr. Amanda Miller – Christian Education Leader
Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto
Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass
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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, November 1, 2026

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

- Invitation: Add Names to *In Memoriam* Prayer
- Story Time in the Healing Forest: *Fire in Your Belly,* by Rebecca Lafond (Cree)
- Monthly Birthdays

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

This is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This land is part of the Dish with One Spoon territory, a treaty between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Anishinaabek and allied nations, to peaceably share and care for this land, its waters, and all the biodiversity in the Great Lakes Region.

We acknowledge our responsibility for honouring this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship, and respect.

Choral Introit: I Will Lay Me Down in Peace – *(Psalm 4:9)* Healey Willan

(Anglo-Canadian composer born in London 1880, emigrated to Canada in 1913, died in Toronto 1968)
(Organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Bloor Street, and St. Mary Magdelene, Toronto)

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer** (from Celebrate God's Presence, 12A002)

For all the saints and souls who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
we praise you, O God.
For all the saints and souls who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.
For all the saints and souls who live beyond us,
who challenge us, to change us, to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God.

(from Celebrate God's Presence, 12A002)

***Passing of the 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 Bulb there is a Flower** **Voices United 703**

(If you have a name you would like added to the In Memoriam Prayer, please bring it forward or add it to the list on the table in front of the organ)

❖ Listening ❖

Customs of Communal Remembrance Amanda, Alec, Wren, & Raven Miller

Prayer for Illumination: Joshua Clemenger

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Psalm 91- On Eagle's Wings *(congregation please sing the refrain)* **Voices United 808**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving and Blessing for a Life of Song – Jackie Morris **David Jafelice**

"Let us affirm our love and gratitude for Jackie."

We give thanks for you, Jackie. We hold you in love.
We hold you in prayer. Your song remains with us.

Blessing **The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

Anthem: The Cloud's Veil Liam Lawton

Sermon: Gratitude and Grief **The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

❖ Responding ❖

***In Memoriam* Prayer**

Spoken Refrain: Thanks be to you, O God.

(*When the speaker lifts their hand, please repeat refrain*)

***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: In Gratitude and Humble Trust – *(VU 544)*

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Blessing of the Offering

❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖

❖Communion❖

Invitation to the Table

Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil, for God is with us. God prepares a table before us; the oil of gladness is poured out, our cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

Open Table

Communion Hymn: Bread for the Journey **More Voices 202**

Please prepare your Voices United hymnal for COMMUNION SETTING A on Page 932

Invitation to Communion: **The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Loving God, you made this wonderful world for us to enjoy.
You showed our ancestors how to care for one another.
You gave us Jesus, human and Divine.
He died on a cross but you brought him to life, to live with us forever.
You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table so that we can share your love.
For all your goodness we give you thanks; and together we give you praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy – Communion Setting A **Voices United page 932**

Remembering Jesus at Table:

On the night before he died, gathered with his disciples,
Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it,
Saying: "Take, eat; whenever you do this, remember me."
Then he took the cup, blessing it and pouring it out,
He said, "Take, drink; this is the cup of the new covenant.
Whenever you do this, remember me."

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,
we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation – Communion Setting A – *(repeat after choir)* **Voices United page 933**

Holy Spirit, unite us at this table
and strengthen us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world.

At this time, we also remember all those with whom you would have us share your feast…

Concluding Praise:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory is yours, God most holy,
Now and forever.

Great Amen – Communion Setting A – *(repeat after choir)* **Voices United page 933**

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version) **Voices United 921**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are now ready.

Communion is Served:
Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.
Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

(Please take a flower in memory of the ones who have come before)

Prayer after Communion:

For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
for the life we have received,
for the lives we have shared,
we thank you God.
Grant that what we have done
and have been given here,
may so put its mark on us,
that it may remain always in our hearts.
Grant that we may grow
in Christian love and understanding,
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,
in Christ's name. Amen.

(This Communion Prayer is a compilation of prayers from Celebrate God's Presence, 268-302).

***Closing Hymn: In God Alone** **Bernadette Farrell, see page 9**

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Amen: Glory Amen *(setting 2)* **Bob Hurd**

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Postlude

Music List

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Northlea Events

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Ongoing events

Claxton Cakes are on sale now! Please complete your order on the form in the Narthex or see June Cavers.

Tuesdays – 10:30 am – Bible Study online - In November (weeks 3, 10, 17, 24), we will take a closer look at the Christmas Story – Contact Bronwyn for information.

Wednesdays:

- **11:00 am – Chair Exercise** with Anne Medlock for 6 weeks until November 18
- **7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir -** Continues to November 25
- **4:15 & 5:30 pm - Line Dancing** - for 6 weeks until November 18

Thursdays:

- **10:00 am - Meet on the Patio –** continues until November 26 – the group will move inside as it gets cooler
- **1:30 pm - Arts & Crafts Circle** – continues to December 17; resumes January 7.
- **7:30 – 9:00 pm –** Northlea Worship Choir practice (also practices 9:30 am Sundays) – Continues to December 24 and continues January 7.
- **8:30 pm – Sing in the Christmas Choir at the Candlelight Services -** rehearse with our choir every week for an hour beginning at 8:30 pm in the church) – continues to December 13.

Saturdays - First of every month: 10:00 am - Neighbourhood Story Time with Amanda Miller in the Pines – **next dates: November 7, 2026;** December 5, 2026.

Sundays:

- **November 8, 2026 – Remembrance Sunday – Indigenous Veterans Sunday –** 10:30 am – Worship – Bring your photo or memento of your Veteran to service.
- **November 15, 2026 –** 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren McDougall
- **November 22, 2026 – 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren McDougall; Budget Q&A to follow at 11:30 am**
- **November 29, 2026 – First of Advent - 10:30 am – Worship; Congregation meeting 2027 Budget at 11:30 am**

Other Events:

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Taizé
Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn: Power of Attorney

Save the dates:

- Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Caroling in the Pines
- Sunday, December 13, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight
- Wednesday, December 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm – Blue Christmas Service

Next Week's Readings
From The Gatherings:
Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13