



Northlea United Church

In the community. For the community.

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October 11, 2026

Thanksgiving 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

Amanda Miller – Christian Education Leader

Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

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

Jesse Bigelow – 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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Sunday, October 11, 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

The land on which we gather is the sacred gift of the Creator, the territory of Indigenous nations, and the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant and Treaty 13. This land has been witness to broken promises and settler betrayal.

May we seek redress and repair. May we find home in right relation.

Choral Introit: Our God is Good

Christopher Tye (c.1500-1572)

(Original title: The Lord is Good. Text adapted from a poem by Isaac Watts, altered DGJ 2026.)

*Opening Prayer:

(Kate Gregory, Belwood, Ont., reminds us that Opening Prayers do not require a lot of words spoken together. From Gathering Worship)

In the silence of this moment, we sit, and we listen.

(a time of silent reflection)

Lord Jesus, we are here.

Be with us as we worship,

offering our thanksgiving for all you have provided.

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: Come, You Thankful People, Come

Voices United 516

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

In our struggle to hear your Word, O God, bless even our doubts, our wonderings, our wanderings, our soul-struggles, life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries. Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 23

Marty Haugen



Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in - to life. _____

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Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesse Bigelow

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: I Sing the Mighty Power of God – (text from VU 231)

music by Anthony Giamanco

Sermon: Showing up

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

***Hymn: Praise God for this Holy Ground**

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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: 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

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer Refrain: God of Mercy, Hear Our Prayer

Bob Hurd



Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer. God of mer - cy,___ hear our prayer.

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The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

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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.

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God – (Choir will sing verse 2)

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Amen: Glory Amen (*setting 2*)

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd



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Postlude: Marche Triomphale (*Choral-Improvisation*)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 65

A Thanksgiving Prayer for the Family Table (Gathering Worship)

Ever-loving God, help us to pay attention to the unique contributions that each member of our extended family can make to the whole—from the youngest to oldest, from daughter-in-law to great-grandfather.*

Let us be honest with each other, neither being over protective nor taking each other for granted nor playing games with each other.

Help us to celebrate our joys, to express our fears, and to share our times of pain and sorrow with each other, remembering that it is through the stories and memories we share that we pass on our best inheritance.

Help us to be accepting of each other's circumstances, recognizing that there never is a time when life is perfect. Some of us have our health but little in the way of time to enjoy life, while others of us have more time than we can bear but our health is fragile.*

Above all, remind us of the strength that comes to us when our spiritual house is in order, when we feel the love of God in our hearts, when we know the gift of salvation given to us through Jesus, and when we experience the fellowship of loving friends and family.

We thank you for the blessings given, and we pray that we may be a blessing to each other and to others we meet along the way. Amen.

*Joyce Sasse, while at Pincher Creek, Alta. *Adapt as appropriate for those gathered.*

<https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/thanksgiving-prayer-family-table>

Northlea Events

Empire Cheese Sales start now!

Order forms are available in the Foyer. Orders must be given to June Cavers by Sunday, November 1, 2026. Order are scheduled for delivery Tuesday, November 17, 2026. You will be notified of any changes in delivery date.

Ongoing events

Tuesdays – 10:30 am – Bible Study online:

Join the group on Zoom as they explore The Story of Moses.

October 13 - Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 – 10 Commandments / Exodus 32:1–14 – Golden Calf

October 20 - Exodus 33:12–23 – Moses sees God / Deuteronomy 34 – Death of Moses

Contact Bronwyn for information and the link. bronwyn@northleaunited.ca

November 3, 10, 17, 24 we will take a closer look at the Christmas Story

(No gathering on October 27)

Wednesdays:

- **11:00 am – Chair Exercise** with Anne Medlock for 6 weeks starting October 14, 2026.
- **7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir** – Contact Lois Scott for information.
- **Starting October 14, 2026 – Line Dancing** - for 6 weeks – 4:15 pm & 5:30 pm – contact Jo Dullard for information.

Thursdays:

- **10:00 am - Meet on the Patio** (or moving inside as it gets cooler)
- **1:30 pm - Arts & Crafts Circle**
- **7:30 pm - Northlea Worship Choir Practice** (also meet 9:30 am Sundays before worship)

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:

- **October 18, 2026 – Hospitality**
 - 10:30 am – Worship – be sure to bring food items for the food drive bin
 - 11:45 am – Pronoun Discussion in the Youth Room
- **October 25, 2026 – 10:30 am - Worship** with the Rev. Warren McDougall, Bronwyn is away from the pulpit.
- **November 1, 2026 – All Souls Day – 10:30 am – Worship** – we remember and grieve together those we have lost. Send a photo of your loved one to the office to be included in a presentation or bring your photo to service.
- **November 8, 2026 – Remembrance Sunday – Indigenous Veterans Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship** – Bring your photo or memento of your Veteran to service.

Other Events:

Monday, October 12, 2026 – Thanksgiving Monday – Office closed.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting online

Monday & Tuesday, October 19 & 20, 2026 – office is closed as Tricia attends a conference.

October 20, 2026:

- **12:00 noon** – Lunch & Learn: Child Survivor of the Holocaust – Contact Jo Dullard to register by Noon on Friday, October 16, 2026. Final fall Lunch & Learn – November 24 – Power of Attorney documents
- **7:30 pm** – Taizé; additional date – November 17th.

FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Leaside Food Drive – bring your food to Northlea and put it in the bins on the lawn. Better yet – start bringing your items to church Sunday, October 11, 2026 and bring dried legumes and proteins every Sunday until the drive!

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting online

Thursday, October 29, 2026 – 5:30 pm – Spooky Craft; 6:00 pm – **Potluck Dinner**

Planning your calendar? Save these dates!

- Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 11:30 am – Annual Congregation Budget Meeting
- 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
- Thursday, December 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve worship and Communion

Visit northleaunited.ca for more information.

Next Week's Readings

From Gathering:

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22