



Northlea United Church

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October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

At Northlea United Church,
we encourage one another as we:
Love God ✧ Connect with others
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

AT NORTHLEA UC

Halloween Potluck

✦ Day of the Dead Craft @ 5:30 pm

✦ Potluck Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 29, 2026



125 Brentcliffe Rd in Leaside

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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

The Rev. Dr. 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

Jim Hartley – 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

Northlea United Church

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Warren McDougall as our guest minister.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a reminder that God's goodness can be felt all around us. The sacredness of God's Creation is apparent to all who wish to be students of the spirit.

Christine LeBlanc, East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont.

Acknowledgement of the Land:

At Northlea United Church, we acknowledge that we worship on traditional land, entrusted to us, but belonging to the Creator. We are called to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the many First Nations, who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the treaty territory wherein our church resides. May we not take the land, its first people, and its many gifts for granted.

We believe that our relationships with the Creator, the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.

Choral Introit: Jubilate Deo - *Psalms 100:1-3a*

Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;
servite Domino in lætitia.
Intrate in conspectu ejus in exultatione,
quia Dominus ipse est Deus.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before God's presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God.

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

People of God, come and worship!

We are led by the Spirit of God.

God accepts us and invites us to gather as people of faith.

We come as we are, ready to receive the Good News.

Let us pray together:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come into our place of worship today.

**Come into each heart, each prayer, each song, each life here today,
so that we may live and love with purpose, courage and enthusiasm,
serving you and our world.**

Amen.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence)

***Prayer of Confession:**

We continue to pray together, as we acknowledge the ways in which we have fallen short.

**God, we accept your gift of love and grace for ourselves,
but we sometimes withhold it from others,
when we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.**

Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to reach out in love and acceptance to all. Amen.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence)

***Words of Assurance:**

This is the Good News of the Gospel: God loves us more than we love ourselves. God sets us free to love others.

Thanks be to God.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence)

***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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

Voices United 271

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination:

Jim Hartley

God, the words you speak have power: power to create, power to disturb, power to heal.

Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10 – By Grace You Have Been Saved

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 – The Greatest Commandment

The Rev. Warren McDougall

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: The Gift of Love – *(based on 1 Corinthians 13)*

American folk tune. Arr. Hal Hopson

Sermon: A Grace That Knows No Bounds

The Rev. Warren McDougall

***Hymn:** Amazing Grace

Voices United 266

❖ 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) (VU 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.

***Closing Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart**

Voices United 378

***Blessing and Sending Forth:**

We are the church! We follow where the Spirit leads, daring to be risk-takers wherever we go!

**We are filled with the love of Creator God, with the companionship of Brother Christ,
and with the breath of Sister Spirit.**

And now may the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

(adapted from Celebrate God's Presence.)

Amen: Glory Amen (setting 2)

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

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Postlude

Claxton Cakes are back!

Be sure to order yours today

The Gift that
Keeps on
Giving!

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There is an order form
in the Narthex or you
can contact
June Cavers to place
your order.

Remember to indicate
if you want light or dark!

In support of:

- Abiona Centre (*formerly Massey Centre*)
- AURA Anglican United Refugee Alliance
- Fred Victor Mission &
Christian Resource Centre
- St Luke's United Church inner city work
- TUCC-Toronto United Church Council
Camping Opportunities Fund for camps
Big Canoe and Sparrow Lake
- Youth Without Shelter



Northlea Events

Empire Cheese Sales – don't miss out!

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:

There will be no Bible Study October 27. In November (weeks 3, 10, 17, 24), we will take a closer look at the Christmas Story

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**
- **7:30 – 9:00 pm** – Northlea Worship Choir practice (also practices 9:30 am Sundays)
- **8:30 pm – Sing in the Christmas Choir at the Candlelight Services (Dec. 6 at LUC & Dec. 13 at NUC)** (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 1, 2026 – Daylight Savings ends - All Souls Day** – 10:30 am – Worship & Communion – 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. Claxton Cakes sales will begin.
- **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, October 27, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Council Meeting online

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Taizé

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn: Power of Attorney

Planning your calendar? Save these 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
- Thursday, December 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve worship and Communion
- Sunday, December 27, 2026 – any time – online pre-recorded service

Visit northleaunited.ca for more information.



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.

Next Week's Readings

From The Gatherings:

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12