Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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
Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass
Jo Dullard – Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz – Social Media Support
David Jafelice – 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.***
Today we welcome the Rev. Warren McDougall as our guest minister.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Lois Scott

Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Jesus said," Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."
We light the Christ candle, reminding us of the Christ light, present with us, within us, within each other.

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: Cantate Domino – *(Psalm 149 vv. 1-2)* Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743)

1. Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

2. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

***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 pray:
God, in whose heart is love and justice, show us this day how to love,
and what we need to challenge or change,
in order that your will for the world might be done.
Increase our hope, dispel our apathy, inspire our imagination,
and deepen our commitment,
until we become the signs of your kingdom for which we work and pray. Amen.

(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: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind** **Voices United 234**

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination: David Jafelice

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: II Corinthians 9:10-15 Your Great Generosity

Gospel: John 12:1-8 Mary Anoints Jesus The Rev. Warren McDougall

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Touch Somebody's Life James E. Moore Jr.

Sermon: A Generous Spirit The Rev. Warren McDougall

***Hymn: A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord** *(Common Praise 177)* **See page 8**

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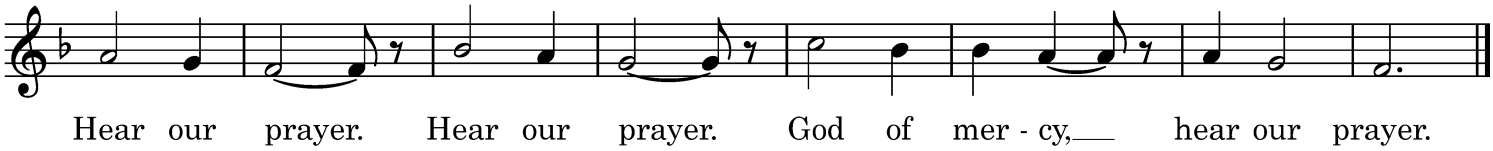
In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

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**



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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.
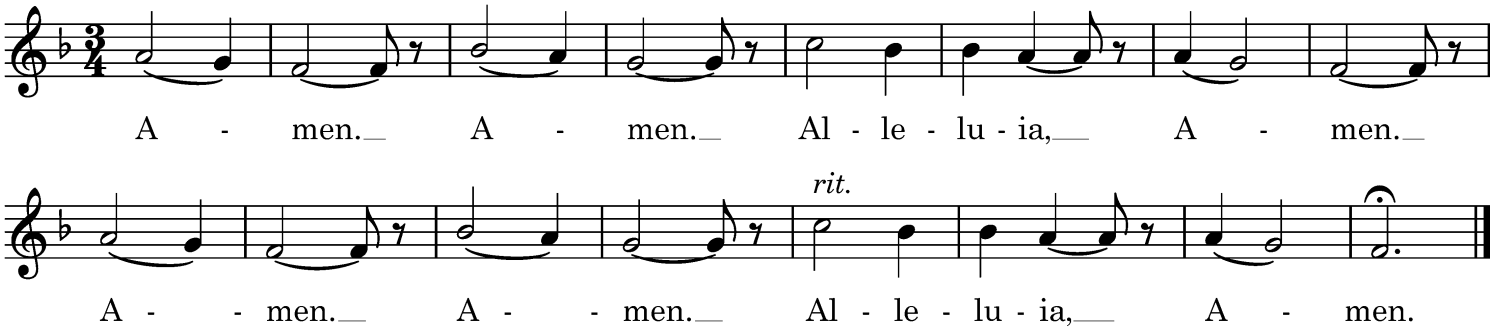
***Closing Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee** **Voices United 560**

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



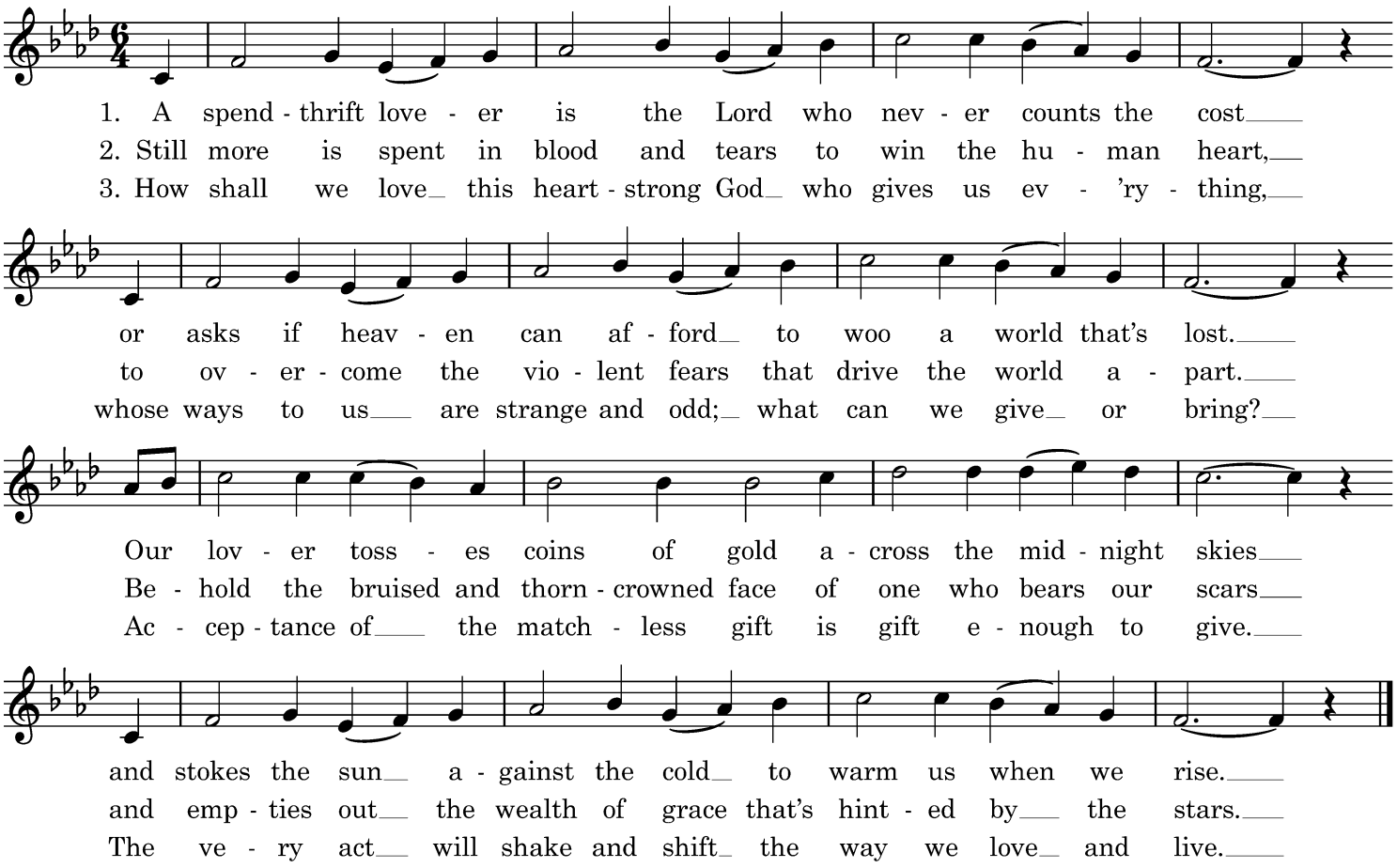
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Postlude

Music List

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***Hymn: A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord** *(Common Praise 177)*



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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 10 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.

Northlea Events

Visit northleaunited.ca for more information on all our events.

One time events:

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Taizé
Monday, November 23, 2026 – 1:30 pm – Pastoral Care Circle meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn: Power of Attorney
Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Caroling in the Pines
Wednesday, December 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm – Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, December 17, 2026 – 5:45 pm – Candles, Cocoa and Community: All Ages Christmas Dinner & Crafting – To register email amanda@northleaunited.ca
Thursday, December 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship and Communion

Ongoing events

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

Calling all knitters: - Start your knitting now for the Mitten Tree this Advent Season. Starting December 1st - the tree will be decorated with all the wonderful hats, mitts

Tuesdays – 10:30 am – Bible Study online - In November (weeks 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 until November 18
- **7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir -** until November 25
- **4:15 & 5:30 pm - Line Dancing** - until November 18

Thursdays:

- **10:00 am – Thursday Morning Coffee -** every week
- **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 17 and continues January 7.

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

Sundays:

- **November 22, 2026 – Reign of Christ – 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren McDougall; 2027 Budget Q&A to follow at 11:30 am**
- **November 29, 2026 – First of Advent: Hope- 10:30 am – Worship; Congregation meeting 2027 Budget at 11:30 am**
- **December 6, 2026** – Second of Advent: Peace - White Gift Sunday for Youth Without Shelter - 10:30 am – Worship
- **December 13, 2026** – Third of Advent: Joy - 10:30 am – Worship; 7:30 pm – Carols By Candlelight with Leaside United
- **December 20, 2026** – Fourth of Advent: Love - 10:30 am – Worship

Next Week's Readings
From The Gatherings:
Reign of Christ - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46