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Sunday, November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ 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
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
Diana Bennett – 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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(Please pick up a copy of our new hymnal "Then Let Us Sing" today, found on the table in the narthex.)

**** 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
Introducing the 2026 Northlea Ornament Amanda Miller

Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Jesus said," Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."
We light the Christ candle, sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.

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: A Place Called Home Michael Joncas

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:** **Amanda Miller**
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)

***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: O for a World** **Voices United 697**

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination: Diana Bennett

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: Acts 16:11-15 *The Conversion of Lydia*

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40 *The Judgement of the Nations* The Rev. Warren McDougall

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: Name of All Majesty Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music: David W. Music

Sermon: Radical Hospitality The Rev. Warren McDougall

***Hymn: Are These Not Empty Words?** **Then Let Us Sing 116**

Commented [TR1]: @David Jafelice are you not using the suggested hymn from Warren?

Commented [TR2R1]: ***Hymn:** (suggestion VU697 "O for a World")

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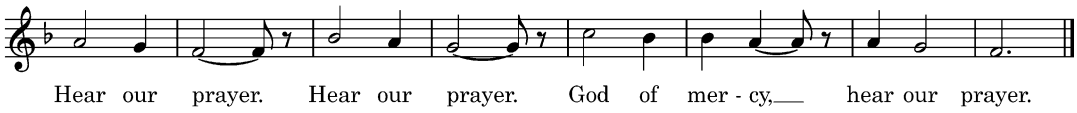
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Blessing of the Offering

Prayers of the People: Amanda Miller

(Inhale) May we welcome the Spirit...
(Exhale) ...in unexpected places.

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.
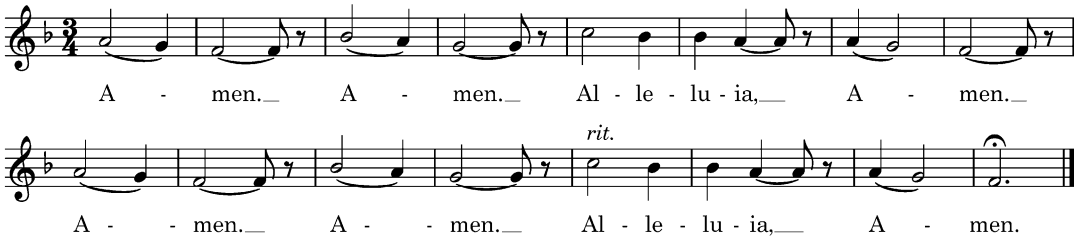
***Closing Hymn: I See a New Heaven** **Voices United 713**

***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 Parent 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)* **Bob Hurd**



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Postlude

(Please deposit the "Then Let Us Sing" hymnals back on the table in the narthex. Thank you!)



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:

- **Pastoral Care Circle meeting -** Monday, November 23, 2026 **–** 1:30 pm
- **Lunch & Learn: Power of Attorney -** Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – 12:00 noon
- **Lunch with Northlea Friends –** Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – 11:30 am – Naan & Kabob on Laird
- **Neighbourhood Story Time –** Saturday, December 5, 2026 - 10:00 am
- **Caroling in the Pines** - Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 7:00 pm
- **Carols by Candlelight @ Northlea with Leaside participation** – Sunday, December 13, 2026 – 7:30 pm; Carols by Candlelight is also held at Leaside United with Northlea participation on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 7:30 pm
- **Blue Christmas Service -** Wednesday, December 16, 2026 – 6:00 pm
- **Candles, Cocoa and Community: All ages Christmas fun and dinner -** Thursday, December 17, 2026 – 5:45 pm – visit NorthleaUnited.ca/Christmas to register or contact Amanda Miller
- **Christmas Eve Worship and Communion** - Thursday, December 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm

Sundays:

- **First of Advent: Hope- Worship and Congregational Budget Meeting - November 29, 2026** Worship – 10:30 am; Congregation meeting 2027 Budget - 11:30 am
- **Second of Advent: Peace - White Gift Sunday for Youth Without Shelter -Worship -** December 6, 2026 - - 10:30 am
- **Third of Advent: Joy – Worship -** December 13, 2026 – 10:30 am
- **Fourth of Advent: Love -Worship -** December 20, 2026 –-10:30 am
- **December 27, 2026 & January 3, 2027** will be online only – celebrate the 12 days of Christmas.

Ongoing Events:

Tuesdays –Bible Study online – 10:30 am – Last Tuesday! Contact Bronwyn for information. Bible Study will resume in 2027. Dates will be in the bulletin and Newsbites.

Wednesdays: For the Love of Singing Community Choir - 7:30 pm – Last week!

Thursdays:

- **Community Coffee Time - 10:00 am**
- **Arts & Crafts Circle - 1:30 pm** – continues to December 17; resumes January 7.
- **Northlea Worship Choir practice - 7:30 – 9:00 pm** - (also practices 9:30 am Sundays)– Continues to December 17 and continues January 7.

UCWN 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

Advent Readings
From Gatherings:

Advent I – Hope: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
Advent II – Peace: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8
Advent III – Joy: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1:47-55;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
Advent IV – Love: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38