Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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November 29, 2026
First Sunday of ADVENT - HOPE

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
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 29, 2026

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

Christmas Carols

New Advent Music Review

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgement of the Land:

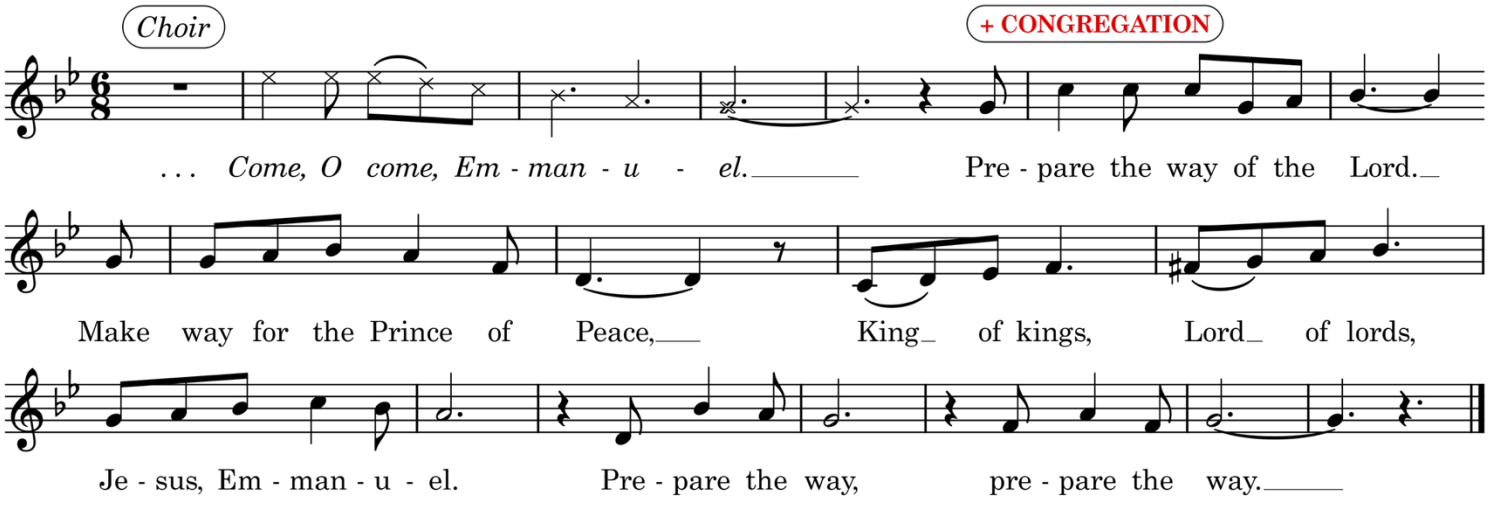
At Northlea United Church, we acknowledge that we worship on traditional land, entrusted to us, but belonging to the Creator. We are called to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the many First Nations, who came to this place long before us, and our responsibility for the treaty territory 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.

Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent – Prepare the Way **Joel Raney**

(Michele McMaster will light the candle of Hope)

(First Advent Candle is lit)



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Advent I Response: **Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.**
(recited after each prayer)
(after final prayer and response, repeat sung refrain).

***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 Come, O Come Emmanuel** **Voices United 1, Vv. 1, 2, 6 & 7**

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination: Ray Murrill

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: The King Shall Come Music by Donald Busarow, Words by John Brownlie

Sermon: Seasonal Signs **The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

❖ Responding ❖

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You *(VU 31 vs. 1)*

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, then, most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Blessing of the Offering

❖ The Celebration of Holy Communion ❖

***Communion Hymn: Eat This Bread** **Voices United 466**

Please prepare the Communion Setting - Voices United p. 932

Invitation to Communion / Open Table

In the name of the One who said, "I am the bread of life,"
I invite you to come and eat.
In the name of the One who said, "I am the true vine,"
I invite you to come and drink.
In the name of the One who said, "Love one another, as I have loved, you,"
I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

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

We give you thanks, God of peace and promise. Through the words of your prophets and the faith of your followers you prepare the way of our redemption and bring hope to birth. And though we often grow weary of waiting, your signs call us to keep watch for that day when all things shall be made new. In assurance of this hope, we join with all the company of heaven and earth to give you praise:

Communion Setting A - Holy, Holy, Holy. **Voices United p. 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 *(please sing after the choir)* **Voices United p. 933**

Prayer for Transformation

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ: life, life, and love in the world. In this hope, and as your people, we pray:

Remembering the Community

Help us to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Help in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us.
(Specific Prayers and Silent Prayer).

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 *(please sing after the choir)* **Voices United p. 933**

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Sharing Communion

(Please come forward to receive the Communion elements, from the back pew to the front pew. If you are unable to come forward, please wave and Communion will be brought to you. Please hold the elements until all have received them so that we can take Communion together.)

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.

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God,
may we, who share Christ's body,
life his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring new life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and all creation will live to praise your name.
Amen.

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

***Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon** **Andraé Crouch – see page 9**

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Amen: Halle, Halle, Halle **Voices United p. 958**

Postlude

Music List:

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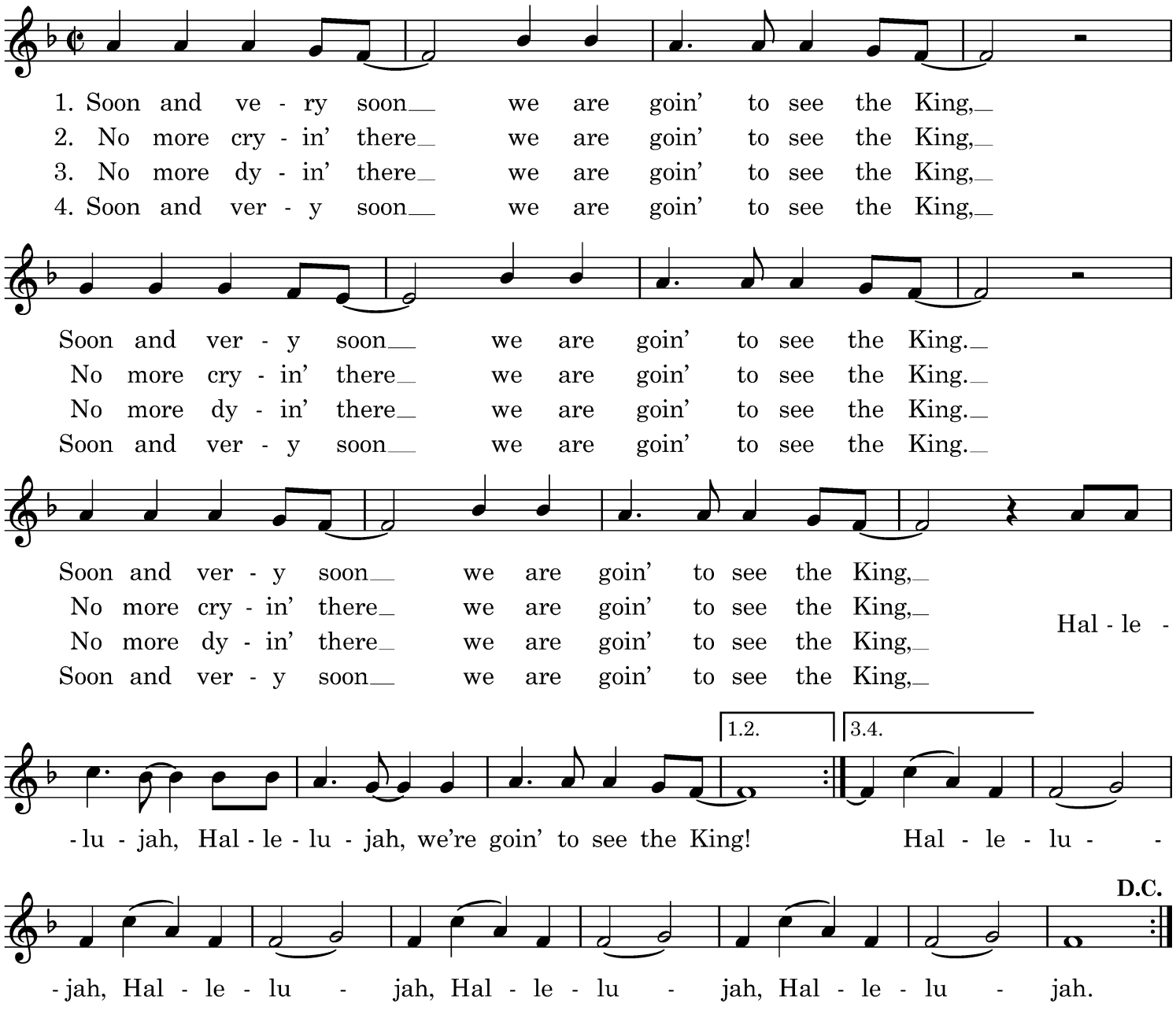
***Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon** **Andraé Crouch**



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Northlea Events

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

One Time Events:

- **Lunch with Northlea Friends –** Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – 11:30 am – Naan & Kabob 62 Laird Dr. Contact Lois Scott or Anne Saunders before noon on November 30th to ensure numbers for the reservation.
- **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
- **Friday, December 25, 2026 (Christmas Day) to Sunday, January 3, 2027** – the church will be closed for the holidays – the office will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2027

UCWN Events

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

Decorate the Mitten Tree! Bring your knitted items for the families of TNO Thorncliffe and Fred Victor CRC. Distribution of the items will take place after December 15, 2026.

Ongoing Events:

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.

Sundays:

- **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.

Advent Readings
From Gatherings:

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