Northlea United Church
In the community. For the community.
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Sunday November 8, 2026
Remembrance Day Service

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
Paul Callander – Trumpet
Alexandra Delle Donne – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto
Joshua Clemenger – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass
Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support
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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 9, 2025

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

Prelude: Prayer of Saint Gregory — Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

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

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:**

This is no ordinary place:

this is the house of God.

This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice.

It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives,

to offer us the mystery of holy love.

This is no ordinary gathering.

This is no ordinary place:

this is the house of God.

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today,

ready to see your power working through us.

Help us to be open to your Word,

And to answer your call among us. Amen

(Compilation of prayers 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: Lord, Help Us to Remember** *(to the tune of AURELIA)* **Sue Gilmurray**

1. Lord, help us to remember
the victims of past wars:
the ones who fell in combat
believing in the cause,
the ones pressed into service
who fought against their will,
the ones who suffered torment,
the ones who suffer still.

2. Lord, help us to acknowledge
the reasons why they died:
the leaders who chose warfare
through prejudice or pride,
the patriotic fervour,
the failure to foresee
how vast and how appalling
the loss of life would be.

3. Lord, help us to consider
the conflicts of our day:
the cruel and complex struggles,
the games the powerful play,
and, by your Holy Spirit,
enable us to stand
for justice in all nations
and peace in every land.

4. For when you lived among us,
our true, incarnate Lord,
you fought the powers of evil
with love, and not the sword.
You lived and died to save us,
and worked your Father's will:
to show your power through mercy,
to heal and not to kill.

5. Lord, give us grace and courage
to live by your commands,
to love our fellow-humans
with all that love demands;
and may we truly honour
the fallen of the past
by working now for justice,
to build your peace at last.

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❖ We Remember ❖

Words of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

We will remember them.

Reading of the Rolls

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the armistice – laying down of arms – was signed to end World War 1 – the war to end all wars.
As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers.

Remembering and paying tribute to those men & women who, on our behalf, served Canada both here and overseas that we might be free.

Gordon M. Bain*
Bruce E Bell*
Lorenz Blaser
Norman Brennand, R.C.A.
Ted Brooks, R.C.A.
Robbie Brooks, Royal Navy (W.D.)
Pat Burns, R.C.A. F., D.F.C.
Richard Byatt, R.E.A.S.C.
William J. Cameron*
Andy Carswell
Elgin Coutts, R.C.A.F.
A. Scott Crawford, 116 C.O.B.
George Crawford, R.C.E.
Keith Crossing, R.C.A.F.
John W. Dodd, R.C.C.S. (W.O.)
William Donaldson, R.C.E.
Herb Falconer, R.C.A.
Clare Gerbrandt
Walter Gibson, Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal, M.M.
Dorothy Green, R.C.A.F. (W.D.)
Fred Green
Jim Grierson, R.C.I.D.
William T. Haddock*
George Hain, R.C.A.F.
Doreen Hain, R.C.A.F (W.D.)
Dr. Francess Halpenny, R.C.A.F (W.D.)
William J. (Bill) Hartley, 48th Highlanders, "C" Company
Keith Hickey, R.C.A.F., D.F.M.
Grace Johnston, R.C.A.
Ken Lane, R.C.A.F.
John David Lindsay

Albert M. Livey, R.C.A.F.
Leonard Malley, R.S.C.
Kenneth Mawson, R.C.A.S.C.
Dr. Don McIntyre, R.C.D.C.
Betty McIntyre, R.C.D.C. (W.D.)
Kenneth N. Miller*
Erle W. Ollen-Bittle*
Bud Page, R.C.A.F.
Harold Parsons, U.S. Merchant Marine
Henry B. Perrin*
John McAlpine Phillip*
Tom Poole
Vic Read, R.C.A.D.
Wally Robus, R.C.A.F.
W. Terry Richardson*
Gordon Sanders, R.C.A.
Rance Saunders, R.C.A.
Art Simpkins
Jack Smith, R.C.A.
Fred Sparrey, R.C.A.F.
Margaret M. Sterling*
Walter Strang*
Frank W. Thompson*
John Park Thompson, R.C.A.S.C.
John R. Turner, R.C.A.D.C.
Cecil Whiteside, R.C.A.F.
Art Yule, R.C.A.F.

** Members from Bedford Park United Church who died in World War II. On the west wall of the Sanctuary is the honour roll plaque of the members and adherents of Bedford Park Church who enlisted in the armed forces in World War II. The brass cross on the candle table is in loving memory of those members of Bedford Park Church who lost their lives in the World War II conflicts.*

Choral Introit: In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, Music by Alexander Tilley *(Canadian composer)*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



*** Last Post**

*** Silence**

*** Reveille**

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée, Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.

❖ Listening ❖

Prayer for Illumination: Alison Latimer Dixon

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16

Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13 The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett

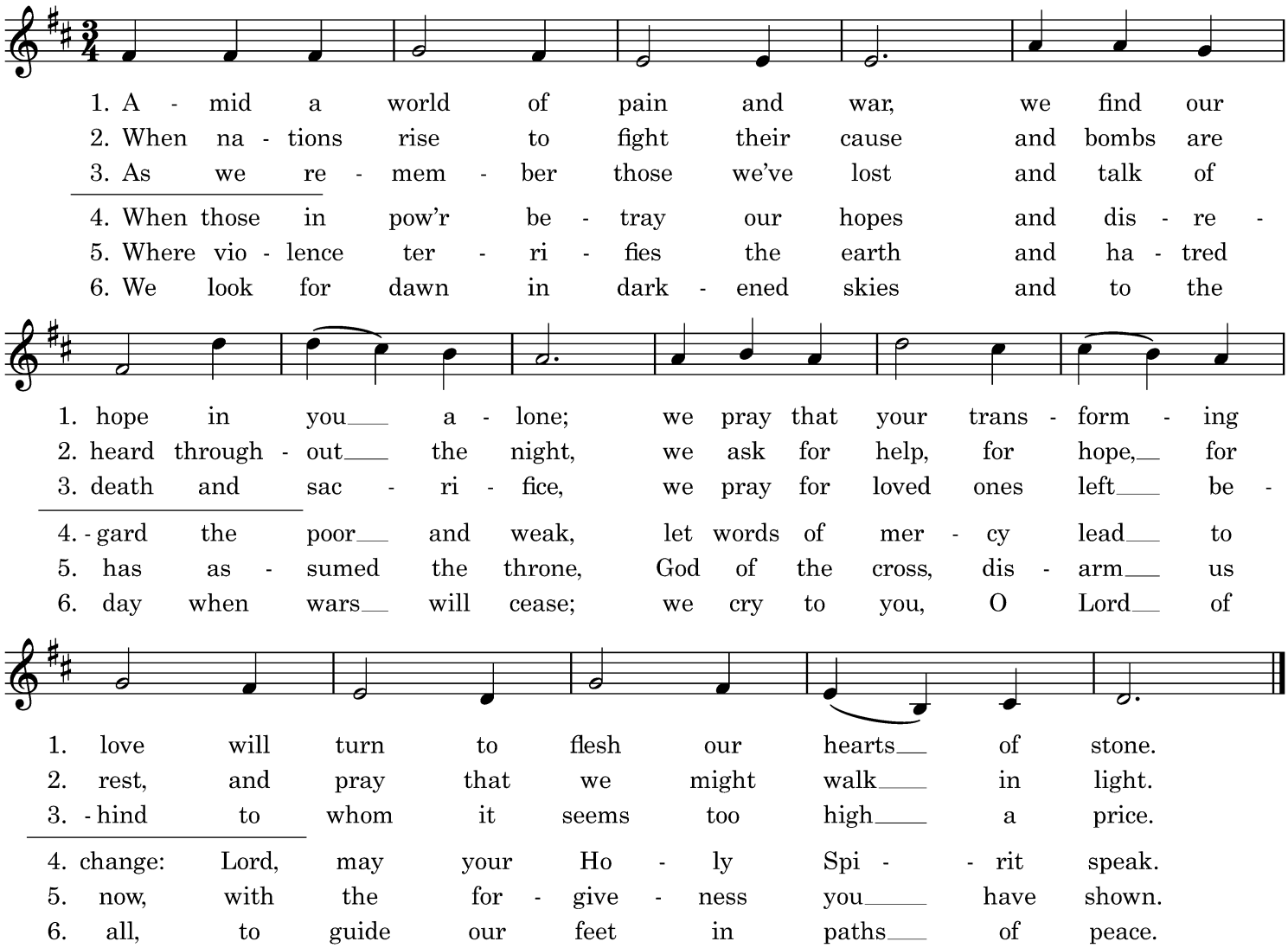
This is the Word of God, for the People of God!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem: I Choose Love — Mark A. Miller

Sermon: Choosing to Remember — **The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett**

***Hymn: Amid a World of Pain and War –** *(tune of MARYTON)*



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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

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.

***Closing Hymn: We Come to You, O Lord Our God** – *(tune of O WALY WALY)*

1. We come to you, O Lord our God,
bringing our thanks for mercies past:
for battles done and blessings shared,
for those who served and put self last.

2. And now we ask forgiveness, Lord,
for sins which stain our nation's soul.
Grant us your pardon and your peace.
Come, heal our land and make us whole.
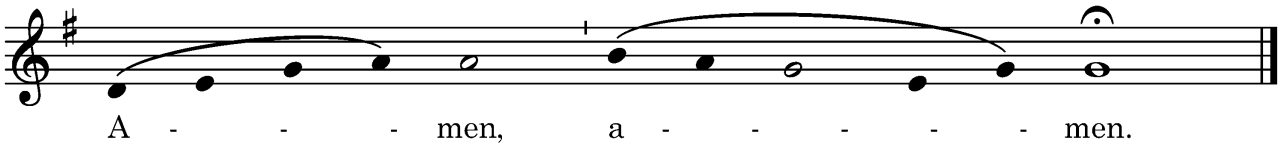
3. Help us to guard the gift of peace,
hope of the brave who fought and died.
May neighbours live in harmony
and races flourish side by side.

4. Peace on the earth, in homes and hearts;
let battles cease and barriers fall.
Peace with our God through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

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***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Amen **Christopher Walker**



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Postlude: Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever & Michael Korb

Northlea Events

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

Other Events:

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – 7:00 pm – Lay Worship Circle meeting – contact Lois Scott for information.
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – 7:30 pm – Taizé
Monday, November 23, 2026 – 1:30 pm – Pastoral Care meeting – contact Anne Saunders for information.
Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – 12:00 noon – Lunch & Learn: Power of Attorney

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 3, 10, 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 - Meet in the Narthex –Note – November 13 will be the last date in 2026.**
- **1:30 pm - Arts & Crafts Circle** – continues to December 17; resumes January 7.
- **7:30 – 9:30 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 date: December 5, 2026.**

Sundays:

- **November 15, 2026 –** 10:30 am – Worship with The Rev. Warren McDougall
- **November 22, 2026 – Reign of Christ – 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**

Save the dates:

- **Sunday, December 6, 2026** – White Gift Sunday for Youth Without Shelter - 10:30 am – Worship
- **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 Service and Communion

Next Week's Readings

From *Gathering*

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 124; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30