



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

February 2nd, 2025 10:30 am

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

“As followers of Christ, we are called to be a worshipping and learning, receiving and giving community of faith, hope and love.”

Newcastle United Church Mission Statement

As we gather as a faith community, we acknowledge that we are on sacred land rich in the legacy, culture, and spirituality of the Indigenous people. It is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. We acknowledge that we live and work on land that is under the Williams Treaty, which has been the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee Nations, as well as many other Indigenous nations. These lands today are under the care of the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nations people.

We acknowledge this land, out of respect for the many Indigenous nations who have cared for the lands and waterways from the beginning of time and continue to do so. Today we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and to worship on their traditional lands.

We are committed to learn and understand the truth of our shared history, confronting our past and present so that we can strive to build a future together upon true reconciliation, living out what the original ancestors of Turtle Island envisioned: sharing the resources of the land and waterways, and to live in harmony with one another as one people.

Approaching God With Praise

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

***Please stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time) “For the Beauty of the Earth” (arranged by Donna Barber)

Silence as we prepare for Worship.

Lighting the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

L: The steadfast love of God rises up to the heavens.

All: God’s faithfulness is abundant, like the clouds on a rainy day.

L: We all can find refuge, like chicks beneath the wings of their mother.

All: Our God is a fountain of life, and the light which enlightens the world.

L: Rejoice! God’s steadfast love rises up for all creation

All: So, we lift our voices to praise our Maker!

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Opening Prayer (Responsive)

L: Holy God, you bless us with each new day.

All: You wrap each of us, and all of us, in the love you so generously pour out on all your creation.

L: Thank you for bringing us to this moment.

All: Thank you for the opportunity we lift our voices in song and prayer.

L: Thank you for nurturing us by your care, and for calling us to care for those who struggle.

All: Help us respond to the needs around us, sharing the light of your Life each day.

L: Accept our worship of praise and promise -- then send us out filled with your love, to show that to the world.

All: AMEN

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***Opening Hymn VU 297**

vv. 1-3

“All Praise to You (Stewards of the Earth)”

**1 All praise to you, O God of all creation:
you made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet earth you spun in its location
amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,
yet for this life it is our cherished home.**

Announcements

Sunday February 2nd, 2025

Welcome! **We enjoy open seating**, so please, sit where you feel comfortable, and meet a new friend.

Today's Greeters are Gwen Holmes and Carol Weatherup.

Scripture Reader is Joyce King.

Bible Study will be on Wednesdays at 10 am.



Coffee Time

Please join us in the hall after the service for fellowship. This week's Coffee Time brought to you by Session.

Annual General Meeting

All Committees--Reports are due to Lynne at the 'office@' email by ~~February 1st~~ yesterday!!! The AGM will be on February 23rd, at 1:00 pm, in the church hall, after the service and lunch.

Community Soup Suppers

Our soup suppers will continue this month. If you are bringing a dish, please sign up on the sheets by the office door. Next dinner date will be tomorrow: **Feb 3rd and 24th, as well as March 3rd.**

Upcoming Meetings

February 10 th , 1 pm	UCW Meeting
February 23 rd 1 pm	Annual General Meeting
March 9 th	Easter Communion Dates
April 13 th , 18 th , 20 th	
May 11 th	Baptism
June 8 th , Pentecost	Communion, 100 th Anniversary United Church

Announcements

In order to keep the length of the service time down, announcements will be read starting 10:25 in the Sanctuary. Announcements will continue to be in the bulletins, as well as shown on the screen during Coffee Time, in the hall.

Men's and Ladies' Breakfast

The next East Clarrington Breakfast will be February 8th at St Francis Church. Please RSVP to Myno by Wed Feb. 5th. Reach out at 905-987-5482. Topic is the history of EMS. Speaker is Glen and Robin Gillies. Cost is \$15. Doors open at 8:15 am.

Plant Sale

We will be hosting the Plant Sale again in June. Please keep in mind any plants or baking for then.

Camp Quin Mo Lac Positions

Camp Quin Mo Lac, at Tweed Ontario, is actively searching for a new Camp Director. If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please contact the Bev Gough, at begough60@gmail.com.

Program, Operational Staff & Staff Counsellors – Application deadline February 16, 2025

Volunteer Counsellors – Application deadline March 16, 2025 <https://quinmolac.campbrainstaff.com/>

Youth Forum at General Council 45-Calgary

Youth Forum is an opportunity for young people to participate in the education, decision-making, and community of General Council 45 of The United Church of Canada. Its aim is to ensure that young people have a voice in the denomination-shaping issues and decisions for the next three years in the life of the church. AGES 15-25 years old August 5-12, 2025 Inclusive.

Accommodation, travel, food and supply costs will be covered for the in-person event. Closing Date for Applications in our regional council is January 31, 2025.

*Stewardship Second... February 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Giving becomes a spiritual practice when it is done with love. When we share ourselves not to boast or out of guilt, we are engaging in holy work.*



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donate. If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or

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2 With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in splendour;

with teeming life you filled the sea and land.

Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder

when we behold the bounty of your hand.

**Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,
we hear the voice our faith can understand.**

3 To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,

for earth is ours to use and not abuse.

O gracious God, true source of all resources,

forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.

**Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
while earth gives glory to creation's Lord.**

***Listening For The Spirit Of God
Through The Word***

Scripture Background

Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 21-30 [NRSV] Jesus is driven out of Nazareth

Response

**L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God
among us, for the Word of God within us,**

**A: We give praise for the presence of God through
the Word.**

***Hymn "We are the Church"**

vv. 1-4

Refrain:

I am the church! *(both hands pointing to self)*

You are the church! *(both hands pointing to others)*

We are the church together! *(hands open, palms up, arms extended)*

All who follow Jesus, *(point straight up)*

all around the world! *(arms raised forming large circle)*

Yes, we're the church together! *(cross hands over heart)*

**1. The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people. (Refrain)**

**2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too
from all times and places. (Refrain)**

**3. Sometimes the church is marching;
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;
always it's learning. (Refrain)**

**4. And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying: (Refrain)**

Words and music: Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

Conversation Time

Hymn VU 218

v. 3

“We Praise You, O God”

**3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your
blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Reflection

**Ministry of Music “There Shall Be Showers of
Blessing”** Composed by Daniel Whittle and James McGranahan

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn VU 588**

v. 3

“Many Are the Lightbeams”

**Many are the gifts given, love is all one.
Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts given, love is all one;
we are one in Christ.
Dedication Of The Offering**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn VU 575**

vv. 1-4

“I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

**1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Sung Blessing - "Go Now In Peace"**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

**Postlude Medley: "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" and
"Go to the World"**