



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

February 9th, 2025

10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

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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

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

Prelude (A centering time) "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" African American Spiritual Arranged by Victor Labenske

Lighting The Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle in hope that the light that glows, reconnecting us with the Spirit of the Living Christ as we worship together in this place.

“Every end is a new beginning.” – Proverb
“No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again.” – Buddha

***Opening Hymn VU 376** **v. 1, twice**

“Spirit of The Living God”

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Call To Worship**

L: Listen, the Spirit of God calls us.

A: What does the Spirit of God want with us?

L: Listen, the Spirit of God invites us to follow.

A: Where does the Spirit of God want us to go?

L: Listen, the Spirit of God calls us to go deeper into the mystery of hope.

A: What is the Spirit of God asking us to do?

L: Listen, says the Spirit of the Living God, and I will lead you into the deep channels of life where hope is discovered, compassion is encountered and love for all creation is ascertained. Come and follow me. (By Rev. Bryan Ransom)

Solo – Karen Nichol "Tender Mercies"

Words and music by Travis Boyd

Opening Prayer

Creator, we have gathered as one in Christ's name. We come wanting to experience something greater than ourselves. We come in fear though of what we may discover or if we will leave with more questions than when we entered. As we worship, let the mystery of Your Spirit lead us into those places where we resist, in order to discover more fully Your presence in our lives and in Creation.

Amen

(By Rev. Bryan Ransom)

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 Diane Winchester and Elaine Spicer

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 Property Committee.

Annual General Meeting

Reminder that the AGM will be on February 23rd, at 1:00 pm, in the church hall, after the service and lunch. We hope you will be able to join in.

UCW Meeting

UCW ladies will meet Monday February 10th at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall for a time of devotion, fellowship and business discussions. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

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

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 dates will be **Feb 24th, as well as March 3rd.**

June Plant Sale

The Stewards are planning their annual Yard, Plant and Bake Sale for Sat. June 14. It's a great opportunity to clean out and pack up your 'old stuff', split your perennials, and do some baking, all to support the running of our church. We couldn't do it without your help!

Camp Quin Mo Lac Positions

We are so excited to get the summer underway and look forward to meeting the team that will usher our campers through the 75th year of camping at Quin-Mo-Lac. Please note the application deadlines below and submit your application today! Application Deadlines:

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

Opportunity Pay to Tribute - Observer

We all carry the memory of beloved church leaders or congregation members who have shaped our lives and faith communities. Their legacy lives on in the work they did and in the lives they touched. We invite you/your church to honour the lasting impact of someone who made a difference in your congregation or the wider church. By making a memorial donation online or by phone before March 15, you'll celebrate their devotion and service in a meaningful and lasting way.

Their name will be featured in the June historic keepsake centennial edition. This is a beautiful opportunity to pay tribute to those whose lives have profoundly shaped your faith community and the broader story of the church. Please spread the word!

Donate online here <https://broadview.org/donate/> or by phone at 1-800-936-4566 Ext. 230

You can pre-order extra copies of the Broadview 100th Anniversary Edition. Order Deadline: April 7
 Delivery Date: May 9. Secure your church's pre-order by calling 416-960-8500 ext 227

Stewardship Second... February 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Fishing for people and caring for our catch should be our greatest work.
Honouring the time and energy invested by church members is an essential part of stewardship.



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at nucetransfer@gmail.com using the answer "Newcastle". You can also send via Canadahelps.org **You can scan our QR code to the left to**

donate. If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org
Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

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“God, We Praise You For the Morning”

- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.**

- 2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.**

- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.**

- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.**

- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.**

- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!**

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

Scripture Reading

New Testament Luke 5:1-11

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 MV 63**

vv. 1, 2

“Long Before My Journey’s Start”

**1 Long before my journey's start,
when in my youth I searched in my heart,
I would pray for her, wait for her,
Wisdom, my road, my goal, and my star.**

**2 From the blossom to the seed,
long has she filled my cup in need,
may I cling to her vine, taste of her wine,
Wisdom, my life, my perfect design.**

Conversation Time

***Hymn MV 63**

v. 3

“Long Before My Journey’s Start”

**3 When I stretched my hands to the sky,
when in despair my soul raised a cry,
I was saved by her gaze, led in her ways,
Wisdom, my love, the light of my days.**

Words: Steven C. Warner Music: Leslie Palmer Barnhart

Reflection: Going Deep

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn VU 588** **v. 3**

“Many Are the Lightbeams”

3 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

***Closing Hymn VU 562** **vv. 1-5**

“Jesus Calls Us”

**1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'**

**2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'**
- 5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

****Commissioning & 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: "Lord of the Dance"