



*Now there are a
variety of gifts,
but the same
Spirit*

NEWCASTLE UNITED
CHURCH

January 19th, 2025

10:30 am

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Rev Bryan Ransom MDiv

Donna Barber ARCT

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

*Indicates for congregation to stand as you are able.

Prelude (A centering time) "Winter" (from Vivaldi's Four Seasons)

Lighting The Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle in hope that the light that glows, reconnecting us with the Spirit of the Living Christs 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: Spirit of the Living God, fill the place with your presence.

A: Let your Spirit lead us in our worship filling our hearts with your gifts of wisdom and mercy.

L: Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts with the love of Christ.

A: Spirit of all life, guide our thoughts and prayers to proclaim your presence in our life.

L: Spirit of the Living God, let your gifts of joy flow from our celebrations of praise and thanksgiving.

A: Holy One make our hearts your holy sanctuary.

Opening Prayer

Living Spirit, Root of all life, cradle us in Your presence. Remind us to be still and breathe in the very essence of God's breath, given to all that have life. Let the mystery of life fill our whole being. We come to worship in Your Holy Name. Let our presence become a vessel to hold Your spiritual gifts, proclaiming Jesus' love for all. Engage us to share this Good News in our worship and in our living. Amen.

***Hymn VU 380**

vv. 1-4

"She Comes Sailing On The Wind"

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**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

**1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.**

**And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon
the earth**

like a mother breathing life into her child. (to vs 2)

Announcements

Sunday January 19th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Colleen Harrison and Marvin Stapleton.

Scripture Reader is Diane Winchester.

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 Ministry and Personnel.

Official Board Meeting

All Committees--Reports were to be sent to Brian Reid as well as Lynne at office@... by Thursday January 16th!!

Community Soup Suppers

Our crock pot dinners will start back up this month. Our first dinner will be tomorrow! Please see sign up sheets by the office door. Dinner dates will be:

Jan 20th, Feb 3rd and 24th, as well as March 3rd.

Big Drum Social

 **Saturday,**
January 25, 2025

 **11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

 **Garnet B. Rickard
Recreation Complex
2440 Hwy. 2, Bowmanville**

 **For more info, contact James C.
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If you are interested in attending please contact Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley at RSMerkley@united-church.ca. We would like to gather together around 10:00 am before attending the event together. All ages welcome!

Upcoming Meetings

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| January 23 rd 7 pm | Visioning 200 Meeting |
| January 20 th , 7 pm | Official Board Meeting |
| January 26 th | Baptism |
| February 23 rd 1 pm | Annual General Meeting |
| March 9 th | Easter Communion Dates |
| April 13 th , 18 th , 20 th | |
| June 8 th , Pentecost | Communion, 100 th Anniversary United Church |

News from the Region

2025 (Hybrid) Annual General Meetings: Save the dates! Our spring general meeting will take place at St. Paul's United Church in Bowmanville on May 23 and 24th and our fall general meeting will take place at Alderville United Church located at Alderville First Nation on Saturday, October 25th.

Camp Director – Camp Quin Mo Lac

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 Chair of the Board, Bev Gough, at begough60@gmail.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.

Scholarship and Research Grants

The Spring 2025 scholarships cycle will be open from January 15, 2025 to March 15, 2025. We can't wait to hear about your plans! Contact Jenna Yango Leonard at scholarships@united-church.ca for more information or

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/scholarship-research-grants/>

January 19: Second Sunday after Epiphany

We believe in a God who is creating, reconciling, and making new. As stewards and disciples, we use our resources to be co-creators with the Spirit, transforming and being transformed.



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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**2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. REFRAIN**

**3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. (to vs 4)**

**4 Flying to the river, she waited circling high above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. REFRAIN**

**5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.
REFRAIN**

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

Scripture Reading

New Testament 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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 VU 299**

vv. 1,2

“Teach Me, God, To Wonder”

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see; let your world of beauty capture me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.

2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.

Conversation Time

***Hymn VU 299**

vv. 3,4

“Teach Me, God, To Wonder”

3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake, in your world of loving my place take.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.

4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,

see you in my neighbour when we meet.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.

Reflection: Spiritual Gifted Superheroes

Ministry of Music "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

African-American Spiritual

Mission and Service

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

***Closing Hymn VU 278** **vv. 1-3**

"In The Quiet Curve Of Evening"

**1 In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
In the lapses of my breathing,
in the space between my ways,
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.**

- 2** In the rests between the phrases,
in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.
In the melting down of endings,
in the cooling of the sun,
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.
- 3** In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
In the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

****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