

Not one stone will
be left here.....



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

November 17th, 2024

10:30 am

Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., 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

Announcements

***We welcome you to stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time) “O Perfect Love”

Arranged by Phillip Keveren

*To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;
to seek him is the greatest adventure;
to find him is the greatest human achievement.
~Saint Augustine*

Lighting the Christ Candle

L: We light this candle as a sign that God's Spirit is at work in the world uniting us as the Body of Christ. May Christ's Light brighten our spirits that we may be Christ's light for others.

Call to Worship

L: Eternal God, Creator of all that is and all that is to come, we praise You.

A: Risen Christ, You who hold the door open for us into this world, and into the next, we greet You, and we listen for Your voice through our time of worship.

L: Holy Spirit, You who transform all things, we open our hearts to Your presence.

A: Holy One, Breath of Life, Flesh of Love and Bone of Faithfulness, we thank you. You are the turning of the world; You are the Mysterious Unfolding within us.

L: We greet You and worship You knowing that You will engage us in the transformational changes that bring new beginnings to all of creation.

A: Alleluia! Come, Spirit of Grace, and transform us according to your will. Alleluia!

(By Steve Garnass-Holmes modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

Opening Prayer

Creator, Redeemer and Liberator of us all, we call upon Your power to make all things new. We confess that we have compromised Your good news, settling for a comfortable gospel rather than a gospel of radical love, hospitality, and inclusion of Your kingdom. We have at times let our faith be conformed to the world rather than a faith that challenges the systems and ways of the world. Forgive us for our focus on our own survival and pleasure while Your creation diminishes in beauty. We ask for Your forgiveness and pray for strength to work toward Your vision of hope and renewal. Amen.

Announcements

Sunday November 17th, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Sue Bell and Gail Empey

Scripture and Announcements Reader is Heather Snoxall

Bible Study will be at 10 am this week.

Lynne will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:30 to 3 pm.



Coffee Time

Please join us in the church hall for fellowship after the service. Today's Treats brought to you by the UCW.

Bazaar & Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who helped with the bazaar on Saturday. We couldn't have done it without you, the contributors, helpers and the spenders. We raised \$_____ which will go to church expenses. Thank you all so much!

Crock Pot Dinners

Tomorrow is our last Crock Pot Dinner for this round. Sign up sheets are on the board by the office or just bring your appetite!!

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Key Chains



There are still lots of 200th Anniversary Key Chains available. They are in the office. \$5 each. See Lynne during the week, or on Sunday. Marie or Marlene have some as well.

Girl Guide Cookies!



The Minty Girl Guide cookies are back. Both Mint and Chocolate/Vanilla are available. See Lynne in the office.

Faith in Motion

Our Young People's Faith programming is now up and running for the fall. However, we could use some help:

- New leaders are needed for the Sunday morning Faith in Motion program
- Also, people who might be able to contribute new ideas, help with special events, etc.

If you are interested, please contact Robin at youngfaith@newcastleuntitedchurch.org

200th Anniversary Cookbooks!

Cookbooks will be available this weekend. Each is \$20. Speak to Lynne or Jewel to get your copy.

Christmas Concert!

We hope you will be able to join us on November 24th at 2:30 pm, for the Clarington East Food Bank fundraising concert. Come along for wonderful Christmas music by the Newcastle United Church choir joined by the BOAA choir. Sing along to carols and songs.

Flowers for The Sanctuary

If you are interested in memorial flowers for the sanctuary for Advent Season, please see Lynne in the office. She can take names of individuals the flowers are for and payment, and coordinate with Wendy to have the flowers ordered. Flowers can be 'in memory of' or in 'honour of'.

Fundscrip Orders

Fundscrip order forms are available for you to purchase your gift cards for Christmas. A portion of each sale is given to the church. If you give gift cards for Christmas, please consider purchasing from us. Order forms will be in the narthex as well as the Emily Street door.

Youth Forum

UCC will host a youth Forum next August 5th-12th, 2025, in Calgary, Alberta. Those 15-25 years old, are welcome to join. Info Session on November 30th, at 1 pm. See the board by the office.

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We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at nucetransfer@gmail.com or through CanadaHelps. **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.** If you have any questions please contact our interim treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or

treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org

Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

***Opening Hymn: VU 265** **vv. 1-4**
“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

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

Scripture Reading

New Testament Mark 13:1-8

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 286** **vv. 1-2**
“If You Will Trust In God To Guide You”

Conversation Time

Hymn: VU 286 **v. 3**
“If You Will Trust In God To Guide You”

Reflection: “Jesus Goes Apocalyptic”

Ministry and Service

Ministry of Music “A Little Love”

Words & Music by Natalie Sleeth

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn: MV 34** **v. 1**
“All Is Done For The Glory Of God”
All is done for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!
All depends upon our glorious God.
Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen! Amen!
All is done for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!
Words and music: Abel Nkuinji
Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

***Hymn: MV 90 (sung twice)** **v 1**
“Don’t Be Afraid”
Don’t be afraid.
My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don’t be afraid.
My love is stronger and I have promised,
promised to be always near.

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule Music: John L. Bell

***Closing Hymn: VU 420** **vv. 1-4**
“Go To The World”

***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

Stewardship Second. November 17th

Trusting in God's abundance by sharing generously helps generate a culture of love and good deeds.



You are invited to our Free.....

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & SING ALONG

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

84 MILL ST S, NEWCASTLE

Newcastle United Church hosts a fun-filled afternoon
in support of the Clarington East Food Bank

SUNDAY | NOV 24TH | 2:30 PM

Have Fun Singing Along to Christmas Carols and enjoy
festive songs performed by our Newcastle United
Church Choir and the Bowmanville Older Adults Choir

Free Will Donations will be accepted to support
the Clarington East Food Bank