

# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 am

Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., MDív. Donna Barber, ARCT

Welcome!

The Reign of Christ Sunday (Christ The King Sunday)

"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) "You'll Never Walk Alone" Composed by Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II

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

Based on Psalm 100

L: Today, the universal church celebrates the "The Reign of Christ." Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is yet to come.

A: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing.

L: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

A: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!

(by Bruce Prewer modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

# **Opening Prayer**

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth, the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives that, "Christ is Lord! Of all". AMEN. (By Nancey Townley)

\*Opening Hymn: VU 213 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" vv. 1-4

Listening For The Spirit Of God Through The Word

Scripture Reading
New Testament John 18: 33-37

# Announcements

Sunday November 24th, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Dorothy Stapleton and Debbie Dunham

Scripture and Announcements Reader is Colleen Harrison

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.

#### **Food Bank**

This is the last Sunday of the Month and is Food Bank week. Please place any unexpired donations on the front pew on the north wall. Monetary Donations also gratefully accepted. Thank you.

#### **Christmas Concert!**

We hope you will be able to join us this afternoon 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'.

#### **Key Chains**



There are still lots of 200<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Cheese Orders**

Cheese Orders are due December 8th. Forms in sanctuary and Emily St vestibule. Leave order forms with Marlene or in the office with Lynne.

#### **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

# **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 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Calgary, Alberta. Those 15-25 are welcome to join. Info Session on November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. See the board by the office.

# 200th Anniversary Cookbooks!

Cookbooks are now available!! Each is \$20. Speak to Lynne or Jewel to get your copy.

# **Offering Envelopes**

If you require offering envelopes for 2025, please reach out to Marlene or call Lynne in the office.

Stewardship Second..... November 24<sup>th</sup> Stewardship—giving gratefully because in Jesus God showed us what sacrificial giving really looks like.

# Contacting Rev. Bryan Ransom directly

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#### **Contact the Church**

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#### **Book the Hall**

property@newcastleunitedchurch.org



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.

#### 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 58
"We Sing of Your Glory"

1 We sing of your glory,
we praise you again,
for you are eternal.
Amen. Amen.

- We sing of your power and honour again, for you are eternal.Amen. Amen.
- We sing of surrender to you, God, again.Your power is eternal.Amen. Amen.
- 4 "Glory in the highest, on earth," sing again. Glory, alleluia. Amen.

**Conversation Time** 

vv. 1-4

\*Hymn: MV 58 repeat v. 4

"We Sing of Your Glory"

4 "Glory in the highest, on earth," sing again.
Glory, alleluia.
Amen. Amen.

Reflection: "What Is Jesus' Kingdom Like?"

Ministry of Music "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

#### **Our Response**

Invitation to The Offering
\*The Offertory Hymn: MV 34
"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! Amen!
All is done for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!
Words and music: Abel Nkuinji

**Dedication Of The Offering** 

**Prayers of the People** 

v. 1

\*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 330

"Jesus Shall Reign"

vv. 1-4

# \*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: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Music: Oliver Holden arr: Phillip Keveren

#### Today is the day!!!!!!!



in support of the Clarington East Food Bank

Newcastle United Church hosts a fun-filled afternoon

# 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