



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 13th, 2024

10:30 am

Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., MDiv.

Donna Barber, ARCT

Thanksgiving Sunday

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) “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

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: This is the day that God has made,

A: **We gather to give thanks and pray, to open our hearts and to sing songs of praise and thanksgiving.**

L: This day we realize the diverse tapestry of life woven through God's Holy Love. These sacred threads strengthen our relationship with all of creation, holding us together so we are not separated by fear of diversity.

A: How good it is to gather as one to give thanks to God for the many gifts creation shares with us.

L: This is the day we gather as family, celebrating life's blessings.

A: We celebrate by saying no to the various oppressions that starve the last and bind the least.

L: This is the day we gather in community to remind us of Christ's ministry to . . .

A: walk humbly beside one another, to love kindness, to do justice and to share with those who are in need.

L: This is the day we give thanksgiving for the bountiful gifts creation has shared with us.

A: Amen

***Opening Hymn: VU 412**

vv. 1-4

"This Is The Day"

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your

Announcements

Sunday October 13th, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Beth West and Vicki Muscat

Scripture and Announcements Reader is Heather Griffin

Bible Study will be at 11 am this week.



Coffee Time

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

Office Hours This Week

Lynne will NOT be in the office on Tuesday. She will be in on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY.

Church Calendars for 2025

Please see Donna (Scott) if you are interested in ordering a 2025 church Calendar.

Bazaar and Silent Auction

As we prepare for our bazaar on Nov.16, we are looking for contributions such as baking, preserves, gently used household and Christmas items and jewelry. We will also have a silent auction from Nov. 3 to Nov. 16. All

donations can be left in the hall, but please mark that they're for the bazaar!

Crock Pot Dinners

Due to some confusion, Crock Pot Dinners will be served at 4:30!! We hope we can see you at the next dinner. Sign up sheets are on the board by the office. Oct 28th, Nov 4th and 18th.

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

Visioning 200

It was moved that the Official Board strike a committee to conduct a revisioning exercise, led by Rev. Ransom, and consisting of representation as follows: 2 members from the Search Committee, 2 members from Session, one member from Stewards and 2 from the congregation at large. If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Rev Bryan.

Girl Guide Cookies!



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

News From the General Council Executive....

Preview for GCE this weekend

The General Council Executive met on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28. The General Council Annual Meeting is Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. In this meeting, the Executive will focus on areas of the strategic plan related to Growth, Justice and the Common Good within the denomination.

One year into the growth initiative, the Director of Growth and New Ministry Development will present on the progress of the General Council Office in strengthening invitation across the church.

Cross-Country Check-In

On Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. ET, join the General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair, and members of the General Council Executive (GCE) online for an informal, thoughtful national town hall. Register at <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=221>

Volunteers-ECORC

2024 Expression of Interest for Volunteers (NEW Deadline: November 11th at 11:59pm) - The nominations team of the East Central Ontario Regional Council welcomes expressions of interest for three different areas at this time – Council of Elders (1 name) * Formation, Nurture and Justice Team (3 names)* Nominations Team (2 names)– Elections will occur at the fall meeting of the Regional Council on November 16, 2024.

<https://ecorcuccan.ca/2024-expression-of-interest-for-volunteers-september/>

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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.

Stewardship Second..... October 13th

Jesus came that we may have life and have it in abundance. We honour him when we share our abundance with others.

love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' Name, **AMEN.** (by Nancey Townley)

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

Scripture Reading

New Testament Matthew 6:25-33

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 143**

vv. 1, 2

“We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky”

**1 We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wildflowers growing,
for we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.**

**With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life
in every earthly nation.**

2 When bodies shiver in the night
and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war-horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake,
to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life
in oneness with their neighbour.

Conversation Time

***Hymn Mv 143**

v. 3

"We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky"

3 God calls humanity to join
as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life
and peace endure forever.

Words: Ruth Duck Music: Marty Haugen

Reflection: "Responsibility"

Ministry of Music: Medley.....

"Clap Your Hands" (Words & Music: David & Jean Perry)

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

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 236**

vv. 1-3

“Now Thank We All Our God”

****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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Arranged by Phillip Keveren