



# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 am

Rev Bryan Ransom, B.A., MDiv.

Donna Barber, ARCT

Remembering the past, the future is ours!

*“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

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*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) “Amazing Grace”**

*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: At times we are blinded to the mysteries of faith, yet we believe what we see daily

**A: Lord, heal our blindness.**

L: We utter words of prejudice and hatred, yet we believe that our words hold compassion.

**A: Lord, heal our thoughts and our words.**

L: Help us to see your compassion, Lord.

**A: Help us to hear Jesus' words of forgiveness.**

L: Reach into our hearts, Lord, and give us healing.

**A: Reach into our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.**

**AMEN.** (by Nancy Townley)

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 642**

**vv. 1-5**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Creator of autumn beauty, open our eyes to all of creation's magnificence. Help us to see the Jesus who reached out to the blind man, healing him and allowing light to enter into his darkness. Let God's light shine into those areas that keep us in our darkness to see clearly once again. Let your Word of hope be proclaimed in our very being so that we may respond in thanksgiving . Today, let us see the transformational love of Jesus who asks us, "What is it that you want me to do for you today?" Let Your love help us to see clearly the vision You have in mind for all of creation. In your name we pray, amen!**

# Announcements

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

Today's Greeters are Jean Evans and Betty Thomas

Scripture and Announcements Reader is John Smithson

Bible Study will be at 10 am this week.



## **Coffee Time**

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

## **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](mailto:youngfaith@newcastleuntitedchurch.org)

## **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.

## **Daylight Savings Time**

Next week we will be gaining an hour of time. Make sure to change your clocks so we all get to church in time for our Anniversary Service!!



## **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. Vision 200 Team will meet next on **Thursday November 7th**. If you wish to join, please come out or let me know your interests in joining the team.

## **Bazaar & Silent Auction**

Continue to drop off jewellery, preserves, new-to-you or any items you wish to donate, and Keep Baking!!! Items for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at the church hall next Thursday, or before service on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at the latest. Gently used, vintage or antique items are welcome. The day of the Bazaar will have the Ganaraska Quilt Guild with a display in the Sanctuary. Stop by to look while you are at the Bazaar.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday November 2nd- at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 214 King Avenue East Newcastle. Start Time is 8:30- 10 am. Cost is \$15 per person payable at the door. The guest speaker is Padre Philip Ralph, Director of Health Services for Wounded Warriors of Canada. He will speak on the "Wounded Warrior" program that honours and supports Canada's ill and injured Canadian Forces members, veterans, first responders and their families. Please advise me if you are attending so that Fred and his team can prepare the correct amount of food. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Contact Myno at 905 987 5482 or email [shortboxchev@gmail.com](mailto:shortboxchev@gmail.com).

## **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea**

As part of the 200th Anniversary of Newcastle United Church, Brian and Audrey Jose, owners of 483 King Avenue East in Newcastle (The yellow house where our congregation was formed on November 4, 1824) are hosting an "Afternoon Tea" on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Brian Jose is a direct descendent of Asa Walbridge who owned the same house in 1824. Brian will be doing a presentation on the history of the house around 2pm. There is no charge, but so we have accurate numbers please advise Myno & Judy Van Dyke 905 987 5482 or [shortboxchev@gmail.com](mailto:shortboxchev@gmail.com) that you are attending. Look forward to seeing you

## **Crock Pot Dinners**

Tomorrow is our next dinner. Sign up sheets are on the board by the office or just bring your appetite!!

**Oct 28th, Nov 4th and 18th.**

## **Girl Guide Cookies!**



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

## **Pastor Appreciation**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There are note cards on the south table in the narthex. Please take a moment to leave some kind words to Rev Bryan. You can sign your card or leave it anonymous. We will share the cards with him after today's service. You can also email Lynne at [office@newcastleunitedchurch.org](mailto:office@newcastleunitedchurch.org), if you cannot get in to get a card.



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at [nucetransfer@gmail.com](mailto: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

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



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

**Scripture Reading**

**New Testament Mark 10:46-52**

**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 371**

**vv. 1, 2**

**“Open My Eyes”**

**Conversation Time**

**\*Hymn: VU 371**

**v. 3**

**“Open My Eyes”**

**Reflection**

**Ministry of Music “Ancient Words”**

Music & Words: Lynn DeShazo

***Our Response***

**Invitation to The Offering**

**\*The Offertory Hymn: MV 34**  
**“All Is Done For The Glory Of God”**

**v. 1**

**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 424**  
**“May The God Of Hope Go With Us”**

**vv. 1, 2**

## ***\*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 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"**

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*Stewardship Second. . . . . October 27th*

*When we do not live forward into our best true selves, we are not living into the image and likeness of God, and so we will be greedy and grabby.*