



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

August 17th, 2025

10:30 am

Rev Elaine Hall MDiv
Donna Barber ARCT

Welcome!

“Newcastle United Church's ministry is to live out God's love through strengthening our faith, by encouraging kindness and hospitality, and learning to live out the presence of Christ in our lives.”

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.

Gathering with God and One Another

Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

***Indicates for congregation to stand in body or spirit.**

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: Medley-“Bless This House and You Raise Me Up”

Call To Worship:

One: Come from your house into God’s house.

All: We set time aside for God. We come to praise God’s holy name.

One: Bring all that you are and all that you do to this place.

All: God takes us as we are. We are blessed to have God’s love.

One: Come into the quiet of holy shelter.

All: We come in prayer before our God.

One: We come seeking healing and strength to live our lives.

All: Let us rejoice in God’s gifts to us.

***Opening Hymn: VU 574** **vv. 1-4**

“Come, Let Us Sing Of a Wonderful Love”

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**

- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Announcements

Sunday Aug 17th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Carol Weatherup and Wanda Herrington.

News at NUC!!!

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Elaine Hall as our new minister. Elaine brings over 30 years of experience in congregational ministry and a deep commitment to shared, community-centered faith. A lifelong member of the United Church, Elaine has served with her husband Don in Cape Breton, Lanark, Balderson, and most recently, Port Perry. *Please introduce yourself to Rev Elaine over the next few weeks.*

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am to noon. Fridays she will be working from home. You can reach her via phone at the church, 905-987-4515, her home number or email on the back of the Announcements.

Lynne

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:30 am to 4 pm. You can reach her at the church number or email, on the back of the Announcements.

Would you like a visit?

Elaine is setting up pastoral visits throughout the month of August. If you would like to have a visit, please don't hesitate to call the church at 905-987-4515 or email Elaine directly at minister@newcastleunitedchurch.org.

From the Stewards...

The Stewards are looking for your help! Would you like to be involved with the NUC fundraising plan for this year? Let a member of this ministry know and we'll invite you to our upcoming meeting, (date and time to be determined). Members Heather Griffin, Susan Pascoe, Megan Snoxall, Marlene Stacey.

45th General Council

The 45th General Council of the United Church of Canada took place on August 7th to the 11th, in Calgary, Alberta. This meeting happens every three years in the life of the church. Electing a new moderator, considering many proposals from across the country and assessing the finances of the National Church are just a few of the items on the agenda.

On August 11th, The United Church of Canada joyously installed the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath as its 45th Moderator at Knox United Church in Calgary. Elected after three ballots at the 45th General Council, Rev. Heath is a long-time minister who has served Wall Street United Church in Brockville, Ontario since 2007. Congratulations to the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, the 45th Moderator of The United Church of Canada! <https://united-church.ca/news/45th-moderator-united-church-installed-calgary>

Meditation

Experience a relaxing 10-minute Christian meditation designed to help you find strength and ground your spirit in God's healing presence.

<https://www.christcenteredtribe.com/>

ECORC Needs Your Help!

Almost weekly it seems, ECORC get requests from congregations who are looking pulpity supply persons. They are sent the names of the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Retired Ministers, and the names of other ministers who might be available, but we feel a master list would be more helpful. If you are interested in doing pulpity supply, [please fill out the form on our website](#). Please note that to do pulpity supply we would ask that your police record checks be up to date as well as your boundaries training. [Pulpity Supply Master List Information Form - East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada](#)

Stewardship Second.....

*August 17: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Caring for the financial health of your community of faith is not a sprint to be accomplished with one event or one campaign. It is a marathon which is only accomplished over time, by developing relationships, expressing gratitude, and teaching generosity as a spiritual practice.*



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 office@newcastleunitedchurch.org
Thank you for your donations which make our continued ministry possible.

Contacting Rev. Elaine directly

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Contact Lynne in the Office

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Book the Hall

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Opening Prayer:

All: O God, we sing of your love today. We are so thankful that you are a part of our lives. You raise us up when we feel discouraged. You ground us when we feel on edge. You inspire us when we have lost a sense of who we are. Be with us in this time of worship and give us the direction we need to live today with hope and joy. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Conversation Time

***Hymn: VU 371**

vv. 1-3

“Open My Eyes”

Listening For God's Word

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

Response

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: We give praise for the presence of God through the Word.

Message: “Family Ties”

***Hymn: MV 12**

vv. 1-5

“Come Touch Our Hearts”

**1 Come touch our hearts that we may know
compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

**2 Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.**

**3 Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.**

**4 Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**

**5 Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.
Words and Music: Gordon Light**

Responding To God's Word

Minute for Mission

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Hymn VU 544**

“In Gratitude And Humble Trust”

In gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best today

to serve your cause and share your love

with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us

in Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Going Into The World

***Hymn: VU 706**

vv. 1-4

“Give Thanks for Life”

**1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the
night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**3 And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the
grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

***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’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”