



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

February 1st, 2026,

10:30 am

Salt and Light

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.”

Gathering With God And One Another

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

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather in worship this morning, we acknowledge that we do so within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas and Chippewas of the Anishinaabeg, known today as the Williams Treaties First nations.

We offer our respect and gratitude to those who have cared for and continue to care the land, and we commit ourselves to building a future based upon true reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: "He"

Music by Jack Richards; Lyrics by Richard Mullan

Silence is kept.

Call To Worship:

One: We have been called the salt of the earth.

All: Let us remain distinctive and full of life.

One: We have been called the light of the world.

All: Let us shine brightly in the midst of shadows and uncertainty.

One: We have been called a city set on a hill.

All: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in worship of God.

***Opening Hymn: VU 313**
"God, Whose Almighty Word"

vv. 1-4

**1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel
day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**

**2 Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-
blind,
O now to humankind let there be light.**

**3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of
grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.**

**4 Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.**

Opening Prayer:

**All: O God, you call us to be lights, so that we
might shine a light in the dark places of this world.
You challenge us to be like salt that awakens and
brings new life. May our worship today reflect your
light. May our worship today inspire us to be the
salt of the earth. Bless our gathering. May it be a
time of praise and prayer, and cause us to shine**

your light and season your ways in the week ahead. Amen.

A Time for Healing and Renewal

The Lord's Prayer

Promise of God's Healing Love:

One: Because of Jesus, we know that we are beloved children of God.

All: Because of Jesus, we know that we are forgiven children of God.

One: Knowing this, we can reflect the light of Christ with renewed confidence.

All: Let us reflect the light of Christ with confidence and grace.

Conversation Time

***Hymn: "Just Like Salt"**

CHORUS

**Jesus said that we should be just like salt!
And if our world forgets God, guess whose fault!
Yes, Jesus said that we should be just like salt!
And if our world forgets God, guess whose fault!**

**1 Salt brings out the flavour of food we eat
Salt that has no saltiness is thrown on the street.
Oh... CHORUS**

Announcements

Sunday February 1st, 2026

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

Today's Greeters are David and Louise Tegtmeyer.

Today's Reader is Donna Scott.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues this week on Wednesday from 10 am to 10:45 am. From 10:45 to 11:15 we will be piloting a **new program** that explores the **wisdom that aging brings**. All welcome!



Coffee Time

Please join us in the hall after the service for fellowship. This week's treats brought to you by the Ministry and Personnel.

Crock Pot Dinners

Crock Pot Dinners will resume again, on February 9th, at 4:30 pm. Sign up sheets on the board by the offices, in the church hall. Dinners will continue on.....

February 23rd, and March 9th at 4:30 pm.

Newsletter

A newsletter is being prepared for March. Please email submissions to Lynne in the office at

office@newcastleunitedchurch.org before February

15th.

Dates at a Glance....

February 9 th , at 4:30 pm	Crock Pot Dinner
February 17 th , from 4:45 to 7 pm	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Dinner
February 22 nd , at 12:30 pm	Annual General Meeting

Pancake Supper

Join us this Shrove Tuesday, February 17th for a delicious evening of pancakes and sausages. (Gluten friendly option available.) from 4:45 pm to 7:00 pm. in the church hall. \$10 per person. Kids 5-12 \$5. Kids under 5 are free. Please plan to attend!!

Lenten Study: Faith in Our Time

For six Thursday evenings in Lent, starting Thursday, February 19th, we will gather to explore our faith using the resource "Being With". "Being With" is a series of guided conversations that are more about relationship with God, our ourselves and one another, rather than about consuming information. The program is based on the conviction that God's ultimate desire is to be with us; and that the Holy Spirit has been at work with us since our lives began. Throughout the conversations, we will look from different perspectives on who God is, what our place on earth is, and how we can engage with the realities of life. Whether you are curious about or new to the Christian faith or have been a practising Christian for many years, all are welcome to take part. Each session runs for 1 1/2 hours, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enrollment is limited, so please pre-register by speaking to Rev. Elaine or calling the church office by February 12th.

15 Minute Guided Christian Meditation

When the future feels uncertain, this gentle 15 minute guided Christian prayer & meditation to help you release fear and trust God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzn9worocoQ>

Ladies and Men's Breakfast

East Clarington Ladies and Men's Breakfast- Saturday, February 7, 2026 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Breakfast starts at 8:30-ends 10 am. Guest speaker is Julie Cashin-Oster, Publisher/Editor of the Orono Weekly Times. Cost is \$15 per person at the door. Please advise Myno Van Dyke by email or 905 987 5482 (let ring 8 times for answering machine) or Fred Horvath (fredhorvath09@gmail.com) if you are attending so we have accurate numbers for food.

Collective 2026:

A national gathering for Youth, Young Adults, and their leaders, presented jointly by The United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. **Collective** is an opportunity to grow in faith, build community, and reflect on shared experiences— together. Join us on August 12–15, 2026 at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON. Registration is now open! <https://www.collective-gathering.ca/> Info Session on February 24th at noon and 26th at 6:30 pm.

Stewardship Second,

February 1, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

It's not about how much you have—how much money, how much stuff—it is about how you use what you have to heal, feed, shelter, comfort, bless and love.

Cheese!

Marlene says that the next cheese order will be in March!



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

treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org

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

Ministry in our church is shared between the congregation and staff.

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Choir practice: Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

Book the Hall

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2 Those who follow Jesus, who know God's care, are those who live creatively and aren't afraid to share. Oh.... CHORUS

SPOKEN

Guess whose fault! Guess whose fault!

"IT'S MINE" (Point at self)

Guess whose fault!

"IT'S YOURS" (Point at another person)

Guess whose fault!

"IT'S OURS!" (Hands outstretched)

Words: Walter Farquharson

Music: Ron Klusmeier

Listening For God's Word

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 112 VU p. 834

***Refrain:* The just shall trust in God alone.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

Ministry of Music: "I Saw the Light"

Composed by Hank Williams

Message: "Salty is as Salty Does"

***Hymn: VU 661 "Come to My Heart"**

vv. 1-3

- 1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

- 2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

- 3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

Responding To God's Word

Invitation to The Offering

***Offertory Hymn: VU 540 "Grant Us, God, the Grace"**

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit
large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer
faithfully.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Going Into The World

***Closing Hymn: VU 646 "We Are Marching" vv. 1-3**

**1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (we are marching,)
oo-oo,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (we are marching,)
oo-oo,
we are marching in the light of God.**

2 **Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',**
 siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba, hamba siyahamba,
 oo-oo,
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
 Siyahamba, hamba siyahamba,
 oo-oo,
 siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

3 - Repeat Verse 1

***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 "This Little Light of Mine"