



*Speak, Lord, for your
Servant is Listening*

NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

January 14, 2024

10:30 am

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

*** Indicates for congregation to stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time)

"Winter: The Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi

Lighting the Christ Candle

Epiphany is the season of light when the days become longer and the sun becomes brighter, pushing the darkness back. In Epiphany we are reminded that Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the World'. He is a light for us, pushing the darkness back to show us the way. May Christ's light shine brightly within us, through us, and around us. Amen

<https://www.stpaulsscarborough.org/post/first-sunday-of-epiphany>

modified by Rev. B Ransom

Call To Worship

L: God of all creation,

A: we have come because we have heard you calling us.

L: Some of us have heard your voice:

A: in the night times of our lives, in the midst of our daily lives or in the innermost part of our being.

L: Some of us have heard your voice through creation and our kin.

A: As we worship, open our ears and soften our hardened hearts so that we can hear your voice that once stirred our spirits to life. Open our hearts and lives, once again, to this call. Amen.

(by Beth W Johnston modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

Opening Prayer

Creator, there are many times we are unsure of what we are to do in our life. Because of that uncertainty, we create our own pathways. We are not always aware of the world around us, we hurt people, we direct our attention on what best serves our needs. Today we come wanting to hear your voice: your voice that creates new possibilities in life. Still our mind and heart, even if it is just for a brief moment, to listen to one of your possibilities for us today. In Jesus name we ask. Amen

***Hymn: "Will You Come And See The Light"**

VU 96

Listening For The Spirit Of God Through The Word

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)” vv. 1-2** **VU 509**

Conversation Time

Hymn “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)” v. 3 **VU 509**

Reflection: You Called?

Ministry of Music:

“When the Wind of Winter Blows”

Words: Ruth Duck; Music: Lori True

Our Response

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Response “In The Bleak Midwinter” v. 4** **VU 55**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: “We Meet You, O Christ”**

VU 183

****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.

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Words can be found on the screens or in front of Hymn book.

Announcements

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

Our greeters this morning are Trudy Bennet & Boys

Today’s Scripture reader is Judy VanDyke

Bible study is on Wednesday mornings at 10 am.

Hearing Assistive Devices

Hearing Assistive Devices are available to use during services. See Richard at the back of the church before service begins.

Book of 100th Anniversary-

In the Narthex, is a copy of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. If interested in purchasing a book, reach out to Lynne in the office and we will look to put forth a group order. Orders of 10 or more are 50% off-- \$14.95 per book. Orders to be due by March 3rd.

Meetings

Do you have an upcoming Committee Meeting? Please let Lynne know ahead and we can add it to the church website calendar.

Envelopes

See Marlene for Offering Envelopes for 2024.

Reports for the AGM

Committee Reports for the AGM need to be submitted to Lynne, no later than January 21st. February 11th will be luncheon in the church hall with AGM to follow.

We are now live streaming.

Please look for us on our YouTube channel
Newcastle United Church or the following link...

<http://bit.ly/47uMdHt>

Crock Pot Dinners

Crock Pot Dinners will start up at the end of the month. Dates will be as follows:

January 29th

February 5th and 26th

March 4th and 25th

200th Anniversary



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A committee has been formed to plan events for next year, leading up to our 200th Anniversary on November 3rd, 2024. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Ken Crichton at 905-987-4162.

Summer Job

Do you know a teen looking for a summer camp job? Pioneer Camp, a Christian Camp is looking for summer positions. Reach out at www.pioneercamp.ca. There is a card on the board in the hall with more information.



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