



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

January 25th, 2026, 10:30 am

The Beatitudes 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 for worship in this place, we recognize the lands on which we gather are situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas and Chippewas of the Anishinaabeg, known today as the Williams Treaties First nations.

As people with one creator, all made in the image of God, and who are called to be loving neighbours, let us commit to the responsibility of reconciliation and the work of increasing awareness and understanding of our shared history. Let us recognize and acknowledge the past and work towards a shared future as friends and allies.

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: "He"

Music by Jack Richards; Lyrics by Richard Mullan

Silence is kept.

Call To Worship:

One: God invites us to see the world through new eyes.

All: Open our eyes, O God.

One: Let us leave behind those things that keep us from seeing the beauty of God's world.

All: Open our minds, O God.

One: Let us drop those barriers that keep us from giving and receiving love.

All: Open our hearts, O God.

One: Come, let us worship God, who calls us all to find new ways to see the world.

***Hymn: VU 222 "Come, Let Us Sing" vv. 1-5**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

Opening Prayer:

All: God of all being, bless us this morning with an awareness of your presence. Transform us with the deep assurance of your love. Surprise us with your mysteries in the midst of our living. In all that

we say and in all that we do, may we be true followers of Jesus; people living out of your compassion and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Time for Healing and Renewal

The Lord's Prayer

Promise of God's Healing Love:

One: God's deepest desire is to be with us.

All: We are blessed with the presence of God in our lives.

One: Jesus show us the way to abundant living.

All: We are forgiven and set free.

One: In all times the Spirit sustains us.

All: We can live into the future with confidence and hope.

Conversation Time

***Hymn: VU 585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine" vv. 1-3**

**1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

Announcements

Sunday January 25th, 2026

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

Today's Greeters are Wanda Herrington and Sharon Edwards.

Today's Reader is Colleen Harrison.

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 Congregational Life.

Food Bank

This week is Foodbank week. Please place items on the pew on the north wall. Please ensure items are not expired. Monetary donations also gratefully accepted and can be placed in the envelope on the back of the pew and placed into the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

Crock Pot Dinners

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

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

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!!

Dates at a Glance....

January 25 th , 2026	Reports Due for AGM
January 26 th , 2026 at 4:30 pm	First Crock Pot Dinner
February 22 nd , 2026 at 12:30 pm	Annual General Meeting

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 Thursday, 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>

Newsletter

A newsletter is being prepared for March. Please email submissions to Lynne in the office at office@newcastleunitedchurch.org before February 15th.



BIG DRUM SOCIAL

Join us in Oshawa to celebrate indigenous Culture and embrace the Spirit of the Big Drum. Connect with community and enhance your wellbeing through music, dance, art and Traditional Knowledge. All are welcome.

Saturday January 31, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DCHC Oshawa South
115 Grasmere Ave. Oshawa, ON
Vendors, please contact James at james@durhamchc.ca Or 905-213-6349

If you require accessibility assistance, please contact info@durhamchc.ca or 1-877-227-3217

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Big Drum Social

Aanii! The Big Drum Social will be on January 31st from 11am to 3pm. Join us as we celebrate Indigenous culture and the spirit of the drum - All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

115 Grasmere Ave, DCHC
Oshawa south

Ladies and Men's Breakfast

East Clarrington 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.

*Stewardship Second,
January 25th, Third Sunday after Epiphany
In order for you to grow closer to God, what do
you need to give away?*



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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**3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

Listening For God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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: Medley:

"Blessed are You Who are Poor"

(Words & music: Daniel Charles Damon)

"Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"

(Music: Ron Klusmeier, Words: Walter Farquharson)

Message: "Are the Beatitudes just platitudes?"

***Hymn:** MV 12 "Come Touch Our Hearts" vv. 1-4

**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.**

Responding To God's Word

Invitation to The Offering

***Offertory Hymn: VU 81**

v. 3

"As with Gladness Those of Old"

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Going Into The World

***Hymn:** VU 686

vv. 1-4

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Sung to VU 651 “Guide me O Though Great Jehovah”

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
for the facing of this hour.**

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days',
for the living of these days**

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**4 Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee
that we fail not them nor thee.**

***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 "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
M. Whittle/J. McGranahan