



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

November 23rd, 2025,

10:30 am

Reign of Christ Sunday

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: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Wm. B. Bradbury

Call To Worship:

One: We have come to worship God.

All: We have come to explore God’s kingdom.

One: God’s kingdom is different from what we might imagine.

All: It is not so much a place.

One: Rather, it is a way of living and being. It is a kinship of love and connection.

All: May God be among us; may God guide us and lead us as we live out this kingdom.

One: May God teach us to walk in God's ways.

***Opening Hymn: VU 211 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vv. 1-4**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Opening Prayer:

All: Loving and life-giving God, on this last Sunday of the Christian year we seek out your presence, reaching out for the true life that comes from you alone. In this time of worship, O God, make our hearts ready to receive your Son. Help us to wait for Christ's reign with patience, and to work in your world with eagerness and joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A Time for Healing and Renewal

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of God's Healing Love:

One: I am sorry, I seek to begin anew.

All: I am sorry, I seek to begin anew.

One: Today we are given the insight, self-worth and unconditional love to begin once again.

All: We are committed to God and seek to serve Christ.

One: Today Christ rises up in our lives and sets us free!

Announcements

Sunday November 23rd, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Elaine Spicer and Marie Narini.

Today's Reader is Myno Vandyke.

Bible Study is Wednesday at 10 am.

Coffee Time



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

Dates at a Glance....

November 27th, 7 pm	Visioning 200 Meeting
Today!!!! 2:30 pm	Clarrington East Food Bank Concert
November 25 th	Official Board Meeting

Thank You!!!!

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make our annual bazaar a great success. We raised \$_____ ! After church today, please come back to the hall to see if there is anything still available for a donation. We couldn't have done it without all your contributions of time, talent and a bit of your money!

White Gift Sunday

Our food bank has identified a family who needs our help this Christmas. Faith in Motion will be posting gift ideas on a board in the hall. To participate, simply take one of the gift ideas off the board, purchase your item, and bring it to service on Sunday, December 14th. No need to wrap it in white, any bag or box will do. Please speak to Robin Blesse if you have questions.

Flowers For Advent

If you are interested in having flowers placed in the sanctuary for Advent Season, please see Lynne in the office. She can take names of individuals the flowers are for and payment, and coordinate with Wendy to have the flowers ordered. Flowers can be ‘in memory of’ or in ‘honour of’.

FundScrip

We will be taking orders for gift cards ordered from Fundscrip this month. Forms will be available in the vestibule as well as in the narthex. You can see on the order form, the percentage that the church makes when you purchase a card. Cards include a variety of retailers. Makes excellent Christmas gifts for those hard to buy for people! Orders are due by November 30th and cards will be back by December 7th.

Food Bank

In light of all the recent donations to the Food Bank, we will hold off donations for the end of November. The Food Bank is very grateful to everyone for all the donations to Faith in Motion food drive. Please take

a sticky note from our White Gift Sunday Board and plan your next givings for our White Gift Family.

Gifts with Vision

If you are looking to start your Christmas gift shopping, check out the Gifts with Vision brochures at the back of the church. This is a giving catalogue offered by the United Church, as an alternative to conventional gifts. With Gifts with Vision, you give a gift in honour of friends or family, to support activities that are run by partners of the United Church of Canada. These gifts help create healthy places in which others may live, promote justice, provide social services, and enliven worship. The catalogue is also available at www.giftswithvision.ca.

Meditation/Reflection in the Sanctuary this Advent

In addition to Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, the sanctuary will be heated and open for silent reflection during the first three Wednesdays in December (December 3rd, 10th and 17th) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you wish, a guided art meditation on the characters of the nativity will be available to use during this time.

Live your Faith with Generosity

Before a new year begins, have you considered switching your monthly gifts to PAR--Pre-Authorized Remittance? PAR will deduct any amount you choose, from your bank account every month, on the 20th. No more worry of cheques, or envelopes to carry. Your monthly gifts provide a steady and

reliable source of funding. Gifts can be directed to the Church or Mission and Service. For more information, see Lynne in the office or Susan.

November 23: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Reign of Christ)

The Kin(g)dom of God is within you. Share it! Spread it! Live it!

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

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All: Praise be to God for this day and all of our days!

Conversation Time

***Hymn: VU 605 "Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold"**
vv. 1-4

- 1 You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.**

- 2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
begged by a soldier's toss.
You, the everlasting instant;
you who are both gift and cost.**

- 3 You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.**

- 4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.**

Listening For God's Word

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

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: "Would You Like to Be an Angel"

Music: Nancy Chisling Lyrics: Pat Lake

Message: Happy Easter??

***Hymn:** VU 210 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" (tune: VU 325 Westminster Abbey) vv. 1-4

1 You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd.

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**You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
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Responding To God's Word

**Minute for Mission: 40 Days of Engagement on
Anti-Racism**

Invitation to The Offering

***Offertory Hymn: "Give Thanks with a Grateful
Heart"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

**Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ,
God's Son.**

And now, let the weak say "I am strong!"

Let the poor say "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us!

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Going Into The World

***Closing Hymn: VU 21 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
vv. 1-4**

1 Rejoice the Lord is King!

Your risen Lord adore!

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.**

**REFRAIN Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our sins,

he took his seat above.

REFRAIN

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;

Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell

are to our Jesus given.

REFRAIN

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,

for Christ, the judge, shall come

to glorify the saints

for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;

the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

***Commissioning & Benediction**

***Sung Blessing - “Go Now In Peace”**

You can find the words on the inside cover of Voices United or on the screens.

Postlude: “Brighten the Corner Where You Are”

Charles H. Gabriel