



# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:30 am

Thanksgiving 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 prepare to worship in this place, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the lands of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations people. We recognize that Indigenous peoples have been serving as stewards of this land for thousands of years – long before European settlers came and began claiming it. Indigenous communities continue their care for the land, and we are called to join them, living into the spirit of truth and reconciliation.*

*We honour the light of Creation at work in all of our hearts and commit to journeying together in truth, gentleness and love.*

### **Announcements**

#### **Lighting The Christ Candle**

## **Moment of Preparation: Medley: “For the Beauty of the Earth” and “This Is God's Wondrous World”**

### **Call To Worship:**

One: Praise be to God, who created the earth and who gives us the harvest!

**All: God provides all we need.**

One: Praise be to God, who surrounds us with love and who strengthens us by the Holy Spirit!

**All: God enriches our lives; God's care never ends.**

One: As people of God, we gather in worship.

**All: All praise and thanks be to God!**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 516**

**vv. 1-4**

**“Come, You Thankful People, Come”**

**1 Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!**

**All is safely gathered in,  
safe before the storms begin;  
God, our maker, does provide  
for our needs to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!**

**2 All the world is God's own field,  
harvests for God's praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown,  
here for joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
Harvest-giver, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

- 3 For our God, one day, shall come,  
and shall take this harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the weeds to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.**
- 4 Even so, God, quickly come  
to your final harvest home!  
Gather all your people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there for ever purified,  
in your presence to abide:  
come, with all your angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**All: Great and glorious God, you crown our year  
with your goodness. On this day of thanksgiving,  
we pause to appreciate the little things in life that  
give us joy: the aroma of a turkey dinner; the  
beauty of fall flowers; the scent of autumn in the  
air; the laughter of children at play. May this time  
of worship call us in every thing to give thanks.  
And may we constantly seek out the truly  
abundant life in Christ. Amen.**

**A Time for Healing and Renewal**

**The Lord's Prayer**

# Announcements

Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Rosanne and Roy Watts .

Today's Reader is Nathan Blesse.

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....

Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> , Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Crock Pot Dinners. Dinner at 5 pm
October 16 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Vision 200 Meetings
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Congregational Meeting
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Official Board Meeting
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Annual Bazaar

As we pause this Thanksgiving season to reflect with gratitude, we want to thank our congregation and community for their ongoing generosity and support. Your giving makes it possible for us to continue our ministries, care for our neighbours, and maintain our church home. Your generosity truly blesses us. Below is an update on our **monthly spending for September 2025** and the current status of our finances.

<b>Month 2025</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net Loss</b>
<b>September</b>	\$9,827	\$13,926	<b>- \$4,100</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$85,340	\$113,071	<b>- \$27,731</b>

We remain mindful stewards of your gifts and are committed to ensuring that our resources are utilized wisely and in support of our vision and mission statements.

If you have any questions about our finances or would like to learn more about how your offerings make a difference, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Treasurer, Susan Pascoe, or a member of the Official Board.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to our shared ministry.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

**Susan, NUC Treasurer and the Official Board**

## **Men's and Ladies' Breakfast**

East Clarrington Ladies and Men's Breakfast resumes on Saturday November 1st at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newcastle. Our guest speaker is Bowmanville native, former MP and former leader of the Conservative Party, Erin O'Toole. Reach out to Myno or Fred Horvath if you are attending. Price is the same, \$15 at the door. Breakfast is served at 8:30 and we are always done by 10 am.

## **Church Entry Codes**

Richard has been working on the alarm system and setting up new codes. **See Richard, for more info, if you have a key to the church!!** Original code will be deleted after Thanksgiving.

**A newsletter** is being prepared for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. Please email submissions to Lynne in the office at [office@newcastleunitedchurch.org](mailto:office@newcastleunitedchurch.org) before October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **A Visioning 200 update**

Your Vision 200 Team has prepared a handout presenting possible short-term projects for our congregation. Please pick up the handout at the back of the church, fill in the response sheet and place it in the return box located in the hall by next Sunday, October 19th. A short congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19th immediately following the morning worship service in order to vote on prioritizing our short-term goals.

*Stewardship Second.....*

*October 12: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(Thanksgiving)*

*Gratitude and thanksgiving are fundamental to  
our life as Christians. Remember to give, and to  
give thanks.*

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

**Minister:** Rev. Elaine Hall

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**Church Organist/ Choir Director:** Donna Barber

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



**Book the Hall**

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## **Assurance of God's Healing Love:**

One: Whenever hearts turn to God with grateful anticipation,

**All: God never fails to enter in.**

One: God calls us to new life, inspiring us to leave behind all that has crowded out abundant living.

**All: With courage and thanksgiving we take on this new life that God is offering us this day. Glory be to God!**

## **Conversation Time**

**\*Hymn: MV 30**

**vv. 1-3**

**"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"**

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the gray whale sings in the sea.**

### **Refrain**

**And by the Spirit, you and I  
can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's a call of life to the Giver,  
when waves and waterfalls roar.  
It's a call of life to the Giver,  
when high tides break on the shore      Refrain**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum along.  
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the summer breeze joins the song      Refrain  
It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things,**

**It's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings**

**Refrain**

***Listening For God's Word***

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-7**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19**

**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: "Christ Taught Us of a Farmer"**

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley    Lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**Message: "Holy Ground"**

**\*Hymn: VU 520**

**vv. 1-3**

**"We Plough the Fields"**

**1 We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by your almighty hand;  
you send the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.**

**REFRAIN**

**All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
we thank you, God, O holy God,  
for all your love.**

**2 You only are the maker  
of all things near and far;  
you paint the wayside flower,  
you light the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey you,  
by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children,  
you give us daily bread. REFRAIN**

**3 We thank you then, O Maker,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts,  
and, what from us you long for,  
our humble, thankful hearts. REFRAIN**

### *Responding To God's Word*

#### **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 us!**

**Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer**

#### **Prayers of the People**

## ***Going Into The World***

**\*Hymn: VU 236**

**vv. 1-3**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

- 1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on  
our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours  
today.**
- 2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when  
perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth**

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

Words on the screens or the front of Voices United

**Postlude: “There Shall be Showers of Blessing”**