



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

October 19th, 2025

10:30 am

“Living a Life of Faith”

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 acknowledge that Newcastle United Church resides on the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations people.

We recognize that we need to hear the truth so that we can reconcile with our past, create new relationships and move forward together, making space for understanding and healing for all.

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: “O Perfect Love

Music: Joseph Barnby Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Call To Worship:

One: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we know and love.

All: We see neighbours and friends, siblings in Christ; a community of kindred hearts.

One: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we will come to know and love.

All: We see newcomers, visitors, forgotten friends; the ones who need an outstretched hand.

One: People of God, look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

All: In me, in you, in each of us, God’s spirit shines for all to see.

One: People of God, come. Let us worship together.

***Opening Hymn VU 245**

vv. 1,2

“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

**1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.**

**2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!**

Opening Prayer:

All: Living God, we praise you for your steadfast presence in our lives. Thank you for the gift of faith. Thank you for the courage and persistence to live out our lives in your name. In this time of

worship, may our faith be challenged and empowered. May our faith be provoked and encouraged. May what we do here inspire us to make a difference in the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Time for Healing and Renewal

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of God's Healing Love:

One: God has been waiting for this moment.

All: We are ready to receive new life.

One: We are loved.

All: We are forgiven.

One: Let us rejoice and give thanks.

All: Let us rejoice and live new lives.

Conversation Time

Welcoming our New Members

Minister: As a community of believers and seekers, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these persons, walking with them in times of sorrow and of joy, listening to their stories and ideas, welcoming their gifts and talents, and celebrating the presence of Jesus Christ in their lives and in the lives of us all?

Congregation: Yes, we do. We pledge to you, our love and our support. With God's help, we will together, live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

***Hymn: VU 585**

vv. 1-3

"Jesus Bids Us Shine"

**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.**

Announcements

Sunday October 19th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Wanda Herrington and Carol Weatherup.

Today's Reader is Roy Watts.

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 Mission and Service.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome into our church family this morning **Louise and David Tegtmeier** who are transferring their membership from Westminster United Church in Whitby.

Reaching Out.....

Letters will be mailed to students from our congregation who are studying at university or college, in mid-November. If your family has such a student, please let the church office know. We need the student's mailing address, and it would be great to know a little about what your student is studying. We are hoping that a little note from their church family will surround our young adults with love and care during a busy time of the year.

Poppy Pin



If you would be interested in a poppy centre pin for your poppy this year, we have some in the office. \$2 each, see Lynne.

Dates at a Glance....

Oct. 27 th , Nov 10 th , 17 th	Crock Pot Dinners. Dinner at 5 pm
October 30 th , 7 pm	Vision 200 Meeting
October 19 th	Congregational Meeting
October 26 th	Food Bank Week
November 22 nd	Annual Bazaar
November 25 th , 7 pm	Official Board Meeting

Qigong

QiGong Practice continues this Tuesday, at 10 am. Everyone welcome to join the ancient Chinese QiGong, combining gentle movements, controlled breathing and meditation to enhance Qi (energy) for improved health and stress reduction. Contribution welcomed for the church.
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Men's and Ladies' Breakfast

East Clarington 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 SOON.

A newsletter is being prepared for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. Please email submissions to Lynne in the office at office@newcastleunitedchurch.org before October 26th.

Financial Update

As we have paused 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.

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.

Below is an update on our **monthly spending for September 2025** and the current status of our finances.

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

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.

Susan, NUC Treasurer and the Official Board

Faith in Motion Food Pyramid

Our senior group of kids have been discussing ways to give and we came up with a project to support the food bank and encourage more giving in the next month.

We will be gathering boxed food for the next four weeks, from Oct. 26th to Nov. 23rd. Food will be collected by the kids and made into a pyramid on the balcony in the hall where everyone can see its progress.

The children are encouraged to ask for donations from others such as family, friends, neighbours, teachers, etc. We are hoping to the rest of the congregation will follow our lead and do the same.

Boxed food items could include: cereal, Kraft Dinner, pasta, granola bars, juice boxes, and others. (Of course, canned or bagged items are great too, but the boxes will make better building blocks!) Remember that food must not be expired or expiring soon.

Let's all join in and see how big we can build our pyramid of food!

Stewardship Second.....

October 19: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God asks us over and over again to listen to the people asking us for help, and to respond in faith and gratitude for what we have been given.

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

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- 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.**
- 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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119 (VU p. 838)

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Happy are they who follow your law, O God.

Happy are those who live a blameless life,
who follow your law, O God.

**Happy are those who keep your decrees,
who seek you with their whole heart.**

They also do no wrong, but walk in your ways.

You have given your precepts for us to keep diligently.

REFRAIN

O that my ways might be steadfast
in the keeping of your statutes.

**Then I will not be put to shame,
when I hear all your commandments.**

I will truly thank you from the heart,
when I learn your righteous decrees.

I will keep your statutes. O do not utterly forsake me.

REFRAIN

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

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: "Bringing In the Sheaves"

Composed by K. Shaw & G.A. Minor

Message: "Persistence, Prayer and Plasticine"

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

Minute for Mission

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

***Closing Hymn: MV 209**

vv. 1-3

"Go Make A Diff'rence"

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Go, make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

**1 We are the salt of the earth,
Called to let the people see
The love of God for you and me.**

**We are the light of the world,
Not to be hidden but be seen.**

Go make a difference in the world. REFRAIN

**2 We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need,
The face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
We are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. REFRAIN**

**3 So let your love shine on,
Let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. REFRAIN**

Words and music: Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

***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: "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Composed by Priscilla J. Owens & William J. Kirkpatrick