



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

September 7th, 2025

10:30 am

Rev Elaine Hall MDiv
Donna Barber ARCT

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.”

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.

Gathering with God and One Another

**Indicates for congregation to stand in body or spirit.*

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting The Christ Candle

Moment of Preparation: “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Arranged by Phillip Keveren

Call To Worship:

One: Welcome people of God! How good it is to gather in God’s name.

All: How good it is to find God in the midst of our living.

One: Over the past week, God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us.

All: We have come here to open ourselves to God’s presence, and to give thanks for God’s love and leading in our lives.

One: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us, calling us to follow.

All: We seek to be filled with God’s goodness, to be a part of God’s activity in the world, that we might fulfil the purpose for which we were created.

One: Together, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn: MV 1**

vv. 1,2,4,5

“Let Us Build a House”

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,**

**a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

**rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Announcements

Sunday September 14th, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Carol Weatherup and Gwen Holmes.

Today's Reader is Diane Winchester.

Corn & Hot Dog Lunch!

Join us today, for a fun and tasty Sunday lunch brought to you by our amazing Sunday School team! This lunch is a **free-will offering event**, with all donations supporting **Sunday School programming for the 2025 season**. Let's also give a warm **welcome back to our young people** as we kick off another great year together!

Choir Practice!

Choir practice has begun for the season. The choir meets Thursdays at 3 pm. If you know of anyone who enjoys singing, please feel free to invite them along!

Stewards' Events

Stewards met recently and have started planning for the upcoming year. Please keep this in mind as all donations and help are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!

Crock pot dinners will be held at **5 pm** on Mondays Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 27, Nov 10 and Nov. 17. Posters will be created and circulated. Watch for sign up sheets in the church hall. Please pass the word.

Stewards will host the Baked Potato Bonanza fundraiser at lunch after church on Oct. 5.

We have set the date of Sat. Nov. 22 for our annual bazaar. More details to follow, but all baking, preserving, old jewelry and home accessories, crafts, sewing and Christmas items are welcomed. (No books or small appliances, please.)

Help! we are looking for 500ml and 250ml jars. If you have any extras to share, please drop them at the church. Also, we do have quart jars to share if you would like them. Please let Heather Griffin or Donna Scott know, and we'll get them out for you.

Dates at a Glance....

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| Sept. 22 nd , Oct. 6 th , 27 th , Nov 10 th , 17 th . | Crock Pot Dinners |
| Sept 22 nd | Vision 200 Meeting |
| October 5 th , | Baked Potato Bonanza |
| October 7 th | ★★NEW DATE for Official Board Meeting |
| November 22 nd | Annual Bazaar |

From Property...

Just like the Stewards, the Property Ministry really does require another person (or two). We have had one person resign and Nate is off to school in Windsor. Please reach out to Lynne or Stuart if you are able to join in. We will set up a meeting some time soon.

Announcements

As we get busier into the fall season, just a reminder about announcements. Please have announcements to Lynne by noon on Thursdays, to be printed in the bulletin. Please let Lynne know of any meetings you will be hosting in the church so she can keep up to date on the calendar.

Jacob Moon: Live at Kingfisher Bay Retreat

Come join us for an unforgettable evening with the talented Jacob Moon at Kingfisher Bay Retreat (150 Fraser Estates Lane, North Kawartha, ON K0L 2H0)! Get ready to be mesmerized by his soulful voice and incredible guitar skills. This in-person event will take place on Saturday, Oct 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the beautiful setting of Kingfisher Bay Retreat. Tickets from CA\$22.63 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jacob-moon-live-at-kingfisher-bay-retreat-tickets-1359088633689?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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.

ECORC Nominations

The call continues for nominations.....

- The Council of Elders is looking for someone who has an interest in looking at the big picture in decision making.
- The Nominations Team is looking for a candidate who is comfortable encouraging others into roles of leadership.

<https://ecorcuccan.ca/fall-nominations-2025/>

Continuing to Share.....

During the summer months we have continued to share the love of God with others in word and deed. Sometimes our summer rhythms can keep us from attending church, leading to a drop in in-person giving that impacts our ability to meet our goals. We invite you to consider a special fall gift or enroll in PAR, for year-round gifts. Talk to Susan if you would like to sign up for PAR. Thank you for your consideration.
*QR code takes you to Canada Helps.



Stewardship Second.....

September 14: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

When you give generously, no gift is too small. Small gifts are often the most heartfelt.

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Opening Prayer:

All: Holy God of search and celebration, we come to worship this morning from many places. Some have come from a demanding week, full of change and worry. Others have come from a quiet week, easing into the fall. Find each one of us this morning and wrap us in your tender embrace. Together may we create moments of silence and song so that your word to us might be heard and your presence in our lives might be celebrated. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Conversation Time

*Hymn: VU 639

vv. 1-5

“One More Step Along the World We Go”

**1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:**

REFRAIN

**And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

**2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: REFRAIN**

**3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: REFRAIN**

**4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: REFRAIN**

**5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Listening For God's Word

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

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 "The Lord is my Shepherd"

Message: "Lost and Found"

***Hymn: VU 266 "Amazing Grace"**

vv. 1-5

**1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved and strengthened me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Responding To God's Word

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Hymn: MV 191 "What Can I Do?"

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Going Into The World

***Hymn: VU 651**

vv. 1-3

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,**

**hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to 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: "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"
Composed by R.H. Daniel & Charles Gabreil (1914)