



# NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

10:30 am

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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.”*

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*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: “He”** Composed by Jack Richards

**Call to Worship:**

One: Come, all who are weary of waiting,  
and all who are tired of asking.

**All: We come, trusting that God hears us.**

One: Come, all who are bold enough to knock again,  
and all who are ready to hope once more.

**All: We come, believing that God’s justice is near.**

One: Come, all who long for courage,  
all who seek strength to persist in faith and prayer.

**All: We come, for the One who neither slumbers  
nor turns away welcomes us now with steadfast  
love.**

**Let us worship God together.**

**\*Opening Hymn: VU 664**

**vv. 1-3**

**“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**All: God of justice and mercy,  
we gather in your presence this day,  
bringing with us our questions, our longings, our  
prayers.**

**Like the widow who would not give up,  
we come knocking on your door,  
trusting that you hear us,  
trusting that you will answer in your time.**

# Announcements

Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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

Today's Greeters are Colleen Harrison and Sharon Edwards.

Today's Reader is Myno Vandyke.

Bible Study starts up this week, Wednesday at 10 am. Books are available in the office for pick up.

**Rev Elaine is away today** as she celebrates the wedding of her daughter. We welcome Lynn Liddell as our licensed lay worship leader this morning.

## Coffee Time



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

## Choir Practice!

Choir rehearsals have begun! This small, but mighty choir invites anyone who loves to sing to join in. Practices are on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. and last for about an hour.

## Stewards' Events

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.

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....

Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Crock Pot Dinners. Dinner at 5 pm
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 pm	Vision 200 Meeting
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am	Bible Study begins
October 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	Sacrament of Holy Communion Blessing of the Backpacks Baked Potato Bonanza
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>★★NEW DATE for Official Board Meeting</b>
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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.

## **Orange Shirt Sunday**

You are invited to wear an orange shirt or other item of orange clothing to worship next Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Orange Shirt Sunday honours the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30<sup>th</sup>). It is an opportunity to learn about and reflect on the ongoing legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

## **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.



## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

As we move into the fall children, youth and teachers are welcome to bring their backpack (or lunch bag, binders, or whatever you use for school!) to church on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The blessing includes a keepsake for each backpack or bag.

## **Cheese Orders**

Cheese Forms are out, and are due back next week, on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **An Invitation to view the Replica Witness Blanket**

A unique experience is happening in our region. Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Cannington is hosting an art installation of the replica Witness Blanket, now until October 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday to Sunday, from noon to 8 p.m (closed Mondays). Admission is free.

The original Witness Blanket was created by artist Carey Newman to honour his father and other residential school survivors. Made of cedar and hundreds of items, when fully assembled, it measures 12 meters long and 3 meters high. The Witness Blanket team travelled 200,000 km across Canada to collect the over 800 pieces of history used to create the blanket. The artifacts were donated by residential school survivors and their families, band offices and governments. Churches and Canadian federal government, those responsible for the residential school system, donated pieces as a gesture of reconciliation. Still other pieces were reclaimed from former residential school sites.

While the original Witness Blanket is preserved by the Canadian Museum of Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a reproduction has been created so that the sharing of its stories and message can continue.

If you would like to go as a part of a group, please let the church office know and we will choose a date that suits those interested and arrange for carpooling. This is one way to live into our congregation's weekly land acknowledgement.

**Give us courage to persist in faith,  
patience to keep seeking your way,  
and hearts open to your Spirit's movement among  
us.**

**As we worship, renew our hope,  
strengthen our voices,  
and draw us into the rhythm of your justice and  
love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **Conversation Time**

**\*Hymn: VU 400**

**“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

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

**Psalm 121 (The Message)**

**Scripture Luke 18:1-8 (The Message)**

**Ministry of Music “Trust and Obey”**

**Composed by James H. Sammis & D.B. Townner**

**Message: The Weight of Expectations**

**Ministry and Service**

**Hymn: MV 79**

**vv. 1-3**

**“Spirit Open My Heart”**

## **REFRAIN**

**Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living,  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender,  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender..... REFRAIN**

**Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory..... REFRAIN**

**May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another..... REFRAIN**

## ***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 Lord's Prayer**

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

### **\*Closing Hymn: VU 646**

#### **We Are Marching In the Light of God**

**1 We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (we are marching,)  
oo-oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (we are marching,)  
oo-oo,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

### **\*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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

Composed by Ludwig van Beethoven Arranged by Victor Labenske

## **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 21: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Faithful in small things, faithful in all things.*

### **Contacting Rev. Elaine directly**

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