



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: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Arranged by Victor Labenske

Call To Worship:

One: This is the first day of a new week.

All: We give this day to God.

One: We are thankful for this new season in God’s world. We have laughed and played in the sunshine of God’s summer.

All: Now we turn to a time of change and harvest in our land.

One: This is a new time in our lives. We have returned to our homes and our classrooms, our jobs and our commitments, to new challenges and to new joys.

All: We celebrate that God will walk with us in the midst of those challenges and joys. We are ready to be shaped by God’s presence in our lives and to worship God with gladness.

***Hymn: VU 374**

vv. 1-3

“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

- 1** Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

- 2** Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

- 3** In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Opening Prayer:

All: Holy God, you are the potter and we are the clay. We come into your presence this day seeking your tender embrace. Shape our lives according to your will. Mold us into the likeness of Christ. Push us into new ways and new life. May we be granted

Announcements

Sunday September 7th, 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 Diane Winchester.

Today's Reader is John Smithson.



Coffee Time

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

You're Invited! Corn & Hot Dog Lunch!

Join us for a fun and tasty Sunday lunch brought to you by our amazing Sunday School team!

🕒 Date: Sunday, September 14, 2025

🕒 Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM (We'll wrap up on time for a hall rental at 1 PM!)

UCW Meeting

Welcome all ladies of the congregation to our next UCW meeting, to be held on Monday September 8th, at 1:30 pm in the Church Hall. Join us for a time of devotion and fellowship. A short business meeting and time to chat over a cup of tea and refreshments.

Choir Practice!

Choir practice will begin Thursday, September 11th at

3 pm. If you know of anyone who enjoys singing, please feel free to invite them along!

From Stewards...

The Stewards are looking for your help! Would you like to be involved with the NUC fundraising plan for this year? Reach out to Heather at 905-440-0038 and we'll invite you to our upcoming meeting, (date and time to be determined). Members Heather Griffin, Susan Pascoe, Megan Snoxall, Marlene Stacey.

From Property...

Just like the Stewards, the Property Ministry would gratefully welcome a few more helping hands. We have had one person resign and Nate is off to school for the fall in Windsor. Please reach out to Lynne or Stuart if you are interested. We will set up a meeting some time soon.

**We wish the best of luck to Nate this fall in school.

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.

Thank You's

We would like to acknowledge a few of the people who have helped keep our church property looking great this summer. First – to John Smithson and Don Scott for the repairs to the front steps. Thank you for making it safe for us all. Thank you to John for cleaning up the gardens and the sidewalks around the church. They look so much better. Lastly, to the various Jeffersons.

Richard and Tessa have taken turns mowing the lawn this summer. This certainly helps keep the costs of running the church in hand. Thank you!!!!

ECORC Nominations

As our Regional Council seeks to find our way forward, we look to the members of our community for vision and leadership. There are two positions that the Nominations Team is looking to fill. We hope to find candidates who are comfortable with taking a long view

- 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.

The Expression of Interest form will be open from September 1st to September 26th. You can find it by visiting our webpage. <https://ecorcuccan.ca/fall-nominations-2025/>

100th Anniversary Celebrations

Many celebrations are coming up soon. See the web page below for local events coming up this fall. Events happening at Quin-Mo-Lac, Napanee, Sand Banks, and Prince Edward County. <https://ecorcuccan.ca/a-celebration-100-years-in-the-making/>

General Council 45, Wrap Up

During General Council 45 last month, *Broadview* brought you daily coverage of the proposals and discussions happening in Calgary.

You can read all of the stories here....

<https://broadview.org/tag/general-council-45/>

Stewardship Second.....

Sept 7: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Let us not hold back from giving to others as God has given to us.

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.

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the courage to be receptive to your call and to boldly serve you and your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Conversation Time

*Hymn: VU 365

vv. 1-3

“Jesus Loves Me”

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.

REFRAIN

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' **REFRAIN**

3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. **REFRAIN**

Listening For God's Word

Responsive Psalm: VU 861 Psalm 139

Refrain: God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Response:

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: We give praise for the presence of God through the Word.

Message: "Poked and Prodded?"

***Hymn: VU 644**

vv. 1-7

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

- 2 I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.**

- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**

- 4 If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.**

- 5 In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

6 When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

7 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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 670**

vv. 1-3

“Precious Lord, Take My hand”

**1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3 When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

***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: “Keep On the Sunny Side”

Composed by A.P. Carter & Gary Garrett