



## *Welcome to Visitors and Newcomers!*

If you are new to Northlea, please be sure to make yourself known to the minister and sign the visitors' book beside the centre doors of the Sanctuary.

The Nursery is on the main floor beside the Minister's Office. Nursery caregivers welcome infants and toddlers so

that parents can participate in the service.

Sunday School (or "Cool Church" as the children call it) for elementary school aged children is held in the church basement and for teenagers, in the youth room on the second floor. Parents, following the service, please meet your children and youth in the Fellowship Room.

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from the sound operator at the back of the Sanctuary. Audio tapes or CDs of this morning's worship service are available through the office.

### *Sunday Morning Ministries*

*Thank you for helping with today's service...*

Greeters and Ushers – Jody and Bob Kinsey, Lisa Parsons, Dorothy Saunders

Lay Reader – Ray Murrill

Refreshments – Sharyn Varty and John Earle

Sound System – Bev Vanstone

*Following this morning's service, please come to the Fellowship Room for conversation and refreshment.*

If you would like to have name tags, to be put on our mailing list, or would like more information about Northlea United Church, please contact Barb in the church office.

### **Northlea United Church**

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Music Director: Marc McNamara

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*Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship  
Northlea United Church*

February 19, 2012 10:30 am

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**Worship Celebration  
Sunday of the Transfiguration**

*There is no easy walk to freedom anywhere, and many of us will  
have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death again  
and again before we reach the mountaintop of our desires.*

(Nelson Mandela)

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

*There are times during the service when the congregation is asked to stand.  
At these times, please stand as you are comfortable and able.*

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Introit: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot!** (Michael Spiroff)

Spiritual

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn: Will You Come and See the Light**

**VU 96**

**Lighting the Christ Candle and Invocation**

**The Peace:**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**Sung Response:**

**VU 955**

***Grant to us your peace on earth, grant to us your peace, O God.***

**Opening Prayer:**

Loving God, the seasons of our lives are fraught with ups and downs. One day: joy and laughter, health, hope and peace. Then suddenly, another day: bafflement, disillusion and loss. We ask, "How this could happen?" We wonder where you are. Yet in faith and truth, we know that you are with us. We know you are loving us, holding us as you walk with us. We know you are by our side, shouldering the load we bear. Gracious Saviour, help us remember you with us now, at this moment and this hour, that we might rise with you in Spirit and walk, fulfilled in faith for the days to come. This we pray in Jesus' name ..

**The Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

**VU 921**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Hymn: A Light is Gleaming**

**VU 82**

**Theme Conversation**

*After the Theme Conversation, the children and leaders are invited to go to Cool Church. Children ages 4 to 11 go to the classrooms in the Lower Hall, pre-teens and teens (ages 12 to 15) go to the Youth Room upstairs, and infants and toddlers (newborns to 3 years) go to the Nursery on the main floor. Children who are visiting are invited and welcomed to join in!*

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Gracious Holy Spirit, fill the words we hear with truth and meaning. Let these words find new life in us so that we make your ways our own. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

**NIV 237**

One: Hear a story and a promise of the faith:

**All: that prophecy and Spirit are passed from one unto another generation.**

**Congregational Reading - A Paraphrase of Psalm 48**

*(from Everyday Psalms, by James Taylor)*

**Refrain: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all Creation. VU 220**

One: When things go right, give God the praise;

**All: give God the glory.**

One: the shadow of the Lord looms over us like a thundercloud.  
Before that awesome might, no one risks defiance,

**All: not even the principalities and powers that rule this world.**

One: They gather in force, confident of their powers;

**All: they disintegrate in chaos, aware of their weakness.**

One: The rain slices them into fragments.

**All: The hail drives them into the ground. They cry out in agony.  
Like leaves before an autumn wind, they scatter.**

One: We do not lie;

we witness in truth to what we have seen and heard.

**All: The authority of God is above challenge;  
it surpasses all other gods that humans worship. R**

One: The reality of God is more than human minds can grasp;

**All: we can only struggle to understand.**

One: The truth of God overwhelms our imaginations,  
despite our attempts to confine it to our comprehension.

**All: We know no more than to worship the Lord of creation,**

One: the one who created us, and all creatures,  
and all communities of creatures.

**All: Let them all praise God.**

One: Spend your life learning about this Lord,  
so that you may pass on to your successors the truth –  
that this is God.

**All: There is but one God, now and forever.**

**This God will lead us forward into the future. R**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9**

**NIV 714**

One: This is a story of Christian mystery and faith.

**All: May it speak to us in truthful tones of wonder.**

**Anthem: Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name**

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

**Sermon: Transformative Ways**

**Hymn: Teach Me, God, to Wonder**

**VU 299**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**The Offering is received**

**Offertory Music: Give Me Jesus (Neal Armstrong)**

**Spiritual**

**Offertory Response**

**VU 537**

*Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share*

**Offertory Prayer:**

Loving God, we pray that you receive the gifts we offer - here and through the options of our choice - and transform them into living ways of love, for Jesus' sake. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Morning Prayers**

**Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

**VU 232**

**Commissioning**

**Choral Benediction and Amen**

**VU 967**

**Postlude**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

We would like to remind you that the Annual Congregational Meeting is after church next week and that we encourage everyone to come and participate. Childcare will be provided thanks to Children & Youth.

Also, if there are any matters that you, yourself, would like to bring to the meeting, please contact the office, or Gail, or Jim, by Wednesday, February 22, so that we can adequately prepare.

Thank you so much, Gail Lindsay

**Pancake Supper Night – Tuesday February 21**



Supper from 6 to 7 pm followed by a service for all ages in the Sanctuary at 7:15.

Come one, come all – let's eat and serve and celebrate together. After all, we're family!

Tickets are \$5.00/person and will be available after the Sunday service and at the door!

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mon Feb 20	<b>Family Day</b>
Wed Feb 22	<b>Taizé Service</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Thurs Feb 23	<b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.
Sun Feb 26	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> following the Service.
Tues Feb 28	<b>Shall We Talk?</b> 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Room
Thurs March 1	<b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.
Fri March 2	<b>Come One, Come All!</b> <b>World Day of Prayer Service</b> at <b>Leaside United Church 2 -3 p.m. Malaysian Theme</b>
Sun Mar 4	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b>
Wed Mar 7	<b>Congregational Life Committee</b> meets at 7:30 pm
Thurs Mar 8	<b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.
Wed Mar 14	<b>Taize Service</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Thurs Mar 15	<b>Cool Church Players</b> meet at 3:45 for practice. <b>Adult Choir</b> meets at 7:30 for practice.
Thurs Mar 15	<b>Outreach</b> meets at 7:30 p.m.
Sun Mar 18	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>

More events and announcements from the community, neighbouring churches, and Toronto Southeast Presbytery and Conference can be found posted outside the church office.