

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

300 Sunset Blvd., Peterborough ON K9H 5L3
Tel. 705-748-4881

www.northminsteruc.ca Email: info@northminsteruc.ca

Minister: Rev. Kevin Derry

Email: minister@northminsteruc.ca

Organist: Nola Wilson

Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 10 am

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that Northminster United Church and the communities it serves meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle: Honouring the Promises of the Holy

Please stand for Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU500

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you.
As the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.

All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you. < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: The Holy calls us to gather together.

All: Called to remember the promises of the Holy.

One: We are called to open ourselves to the Holy.

All: Called to faith-filled living.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of the Epiphany Season is the ever-present
Light of the Holy.

**All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, as we
find ourselves in the Light of Epiphany, we can live
faithfully and authentically as children of the Holy.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Cathy Rowland

^{17:5} Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,

and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm Selection: VU724 (from Psalm 1) *Led by Cathy Rowland*

Psalm 1

Refrain

T. Barrett Armstrong 1979

Bless - ed are those who fol - low the law of God.

Copyright © 1979 T. Barrett Armstrong

Refrain: Blessed are those who follow the law of God.

One Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel
of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners,
or sit down among those who mock.

**All But their delight is in the law of God,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

One They are like trees planted beside streams of water,
yielding their fruit in due season.

**All Their leaves do not wither,
and whatever they produce shall prosper. R**

One As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

**All but they are like the chaff,
driven away by the wind.**

One Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand
when judgement comes,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**All For God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. R**

Hymn: VU589

“Lord, Speak to Me”

- 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.

- 2 O lead me, so that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

- 3 O teach me, so that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

- 4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show. < >

Young at Heart Time:

“*Root of the Matter*”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

Cathy Rowland

^{6:17} He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Responses

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us by the Spirit of the Holy.

Reader: In the name of Jesus, the Christ...

All: Amen.

Meditation:

"Promises"

Music for Meditation

Please stand for The New Creed

The New Creed

VU918

One: Let us join together in a statement of our communal faith...

**All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,**

to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Receive the Offering

Doxology: VU542

“We Give You But Your Own”

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully. < >

Dedication of Our Gifts

A Minute for Mission:

Read by Cathy Rowland

“Accompanying Young Adults Through Transformative Years”

We would like to share a wonderful thank-you letter we received from the Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) at the University of Guelph, a Mission and Service partner located in Guelph, ON. We're sharing it with you with deep gratitude for your generosity.

“Thanks to support from United Church Mission and Service, the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph has been able to support the UofG community and accompany young adults during some of the most transformative years of their lives.

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry has been a partnership of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church at UofG since 1968. The chaplaincy is fully supported by alumni, parents, and grants from partner churches—the university does not fund faith programming.

Over the 2023/24 academic year, ECM was able to serve 25 free meals to university students, provide weekly worship services right on campus, conduct field trips to 10 local churches, hold 3 public presentations on issues of faith and inclusivity, mentor 5 student leaders, host 2 different weekend retreats, and coordinate the Queer Christian Community for 2SLGBTQIA+ students at UofG. This just scratches the surface!

This kind of ministry presence is made possible because of ECM's vision of having a full-time chaplain, something that would be unthinkable without support from United Church Mission and Service.

So from all the students at UofG, thank you for your gifts to United Church Mission and Service! Your support is making a difference in the lives of young adults at the University of Guelph."

Hymn: VU636

"Give to the Winds Your Fears"

- 1 Give to the winds your fears.
Hope and be undismayed.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears.
God shall lift up your head,
God shall lift up your head.

- 2 Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears your way.
Wait for the time, so shall this night
soon end in joyous day,
soon end in joyous day.

- 3 Even though you do not rule,
yet heaven and earth and hell
proclaim God sits upon the throne,
and rules o'er all things well,
and rules o'er all things well.

- 4 Your everlasting truth,
O God, your ceaseless love,
sees all your children's wants, and knows
what best for each will prove,
what best for each will prove. < >

Prayers of the People and Jesus Prayer

Please stand for Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU348

"O Love, How Deep"

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, in Jesus Christ, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

- 2 God sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
and freely to this lost world came.
- 3 For us he was baptized, and bore
a holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharply knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us great daily works were wrought,
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us to wicked foes betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.
- 7 To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God all praise and glory be
both now and through eternity. < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place with hope and celebration.

All: Let us go from this place with peace and compassion.

One: Let us go from this place with joy and celebration.

All: Let us go from this place love and inclusion.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Light of Epiphany.
Amen.

All: Amen.

Sung Blessing: VU964

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go. < >

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK’S VOLUNTEERS for Feb 16th

Duty	Nelson Pickett
Elevator	John Tewsley
Greeters	Gale Osmond, Mary Hess Northey
Scripture Reader	Cathy Rowland
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Al Bartholomew/Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett/Gale Osmond
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
Fellowship	Affirm Ministry
Fellowship (Mar)	Finance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are now ready for pick up.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, there is a line provided on the offering envelopes. ***Please make cheques payable to: “Northminster United Church”***. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: March 9th**. We also accept eTransfers to: treasurernuc@gmail.com

OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: info@northminsteruc.ca or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

PASTORAL CARE: If you know someone that is in the hospital that we should know about, please call the office and let us know. The hospital does not notify us & there is no longer access to a church list. If calling the church after hours, please leave a message 705-748-4881.

Please keep in mind, we all need to take care of each other.

GRACE BUCK INCOME TAX SERVICE will be preparing Income Tax returns again this year at Northminster. Scheduled dates: March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, and April 22nd. For further information please call 705-745-4303

DESSERT SUNDAY!

February 16th following Worship service. Please join us for a late Valentine Celebration. Free will donations will be appreciated.

Your Life. Your Legacy Presentation: Interactive discussion on the advantages of pre-arranging a funeral. It may also include a guest presenter on related subjects such as Estate Planning, Wills and Powers of Attorney, Fraud Prevention. A light lunch & beverage will be served on **Tuesday, March 4th**. Watch for further details.

DAY TOURS DATE CONFIRMATION:

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Date: ~~June 8, 2025~~ *date will be changed due to conflict

It is UCC 100th Anniversary at Lang Village

~~Pick up at Walmart parking lot on Chemong Road~~

~~Leave at 9:15 am — Return approx. 8:30 pm~~

KINGSTON 1000 ISLAND CRUISE (BOLDT & SINGER CASTLE)

Date: **July 17, 2025**

Pick up at Walmart parking lot on Chemong Road

Leave at 8:00 am – Return approx.. 8:45 pm

MUSKOKA STEAMSHIPS-SHIP & SHOW

Date: **July 31, 2025**

Pick up at Walmart parking lot on Chemong Road

Leave at 8:15 am – Return approx. 7:00 pm



**CARDINAL
LAKESHORE
TOURS**

To book the tour(s) of interest, call:

Adam at Bowmanville office

1-905-623-1511 asap

to reserve your seat!!!