

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 16th, 2025 at 10 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost & Peterborough Action for
Tiny Homes (PATH)

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: Acknowledging Surprises of the Holy

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn:

"Jerusalem the Golden"

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,

and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision,
that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn. †

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to experience the presence of the Holy.

All: Hallelujah! The Creator calls us to acknowledge and celebrate the surprises of the Holy.

One: Called to be a Holy surprise ourselves.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Called to decisive, love-filled action.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Let us worship!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The Spirit of Creation reminds us of the enduring,
eternal presence of the Holy.

All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we respond to the Creation Spirit.

Hymn: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

1 My Shepherd, you supply my need,
most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2 When through the shades of death I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with Blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

3 Your sure provisions gracious God
attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006

Young at Heart Time: "Unexpected Friends"

PATH Presentation: *Sue Gontier and Janice Davis*

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 *Carrie Varga*

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Homily:

“Sign of the Times”

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: VU540

"Grant Us, God, the Grace"

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully. †

Dedication of Our Gifts

Hymn: VU220

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health
and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work
and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.

- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before
him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him. †

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU713

“I See a New Heaven”

- R I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.
- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born
again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from
above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. †

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: The Holy sends us out with love, compassion and inspiration.

All: We go with renewed energy and commitment.

One: The Holy stands with us, among us and within us as we share who and whose we are.

All: We go with compassion and acceptance.

One: The Holy transforms us all through faith and action.

All: We go into the world pursuing hope and peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing:

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will be with you each hour of everyday.
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 you with love;
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. †

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

East Central Ontario Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world for the week of November 16, 2025

Cambray Community United Church

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for November 16, 2025

Duty	Al Bartholomew
Elevator	Carrie Varga
Greeters	Linda Munroe, Dave Underhill, Ann Thomas
Scripture Reader	Carrie Varga
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
Fellowship	Rick & Janet Peconi

JOIN US FOR COFFEE TIME each Tuesday morning at 10 am. at Northminster United Church in Upper Wright Hall for a warm cup of coffee or tea and possibly a little snack. Bring a friend!!
November 11th , we will live stream the service from Ottawa during Coffee Hour.

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 the Sanctuary and at back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, ***please make your cheque payable to: "Northminster United Church"***. This can be placed on the offering plate. We also accept eTransfers to: treasurernuc@gmail.com
Next Date: **November 9th**

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.

MARK YOU CALENDAR... More information to follow

Saturday, November 22 nd	Church Bazaar
Sunday, November 23 rd	Adult Choir Concert during service
Friday, December 5 th	East Side Mario's Dinner
Sunday, December 14 th	Children's Choir during service

Next Rehearsal Date(s) for Children's Choir at 11:15 am

- Sunday, November 16th
- Sunday, November 30th
- Sunday, December 7th

- Saturday, December 13th 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party

SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED if you are available now and again to help out Sunday mornings follow the worship service, please let us know. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway beside Rev Kevin's office. Thank you!

FAITH RE-LOADED: "Discover the Bible in a language you speak." "Christianity isn't about age, it's about purpose."

Christianity is for a multitude of ages. The Bible speaks to real struggles, questions, and hopes that young adults face today, giving us guidance that is relevant even in today's world. If you see yourself being a part of something that inspires practical faith, builds community, makes scripture relatable, and encourages an open dialogue with varying opinions, please attend the upcoming sessions for young adults aged 15-40. Sessions run every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (weather permitting). Next Meeting: November 19th

If interested, please contact Payton by emailing paytonld97@outlook.com with your name(s) and contact info.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Saturday, November 22nd, 2025 at 10 am to 1 pm. Admission \$2.00.

- ❖ Bake table
- ❖ Craft table
- ❖ Christmas crafts
- ❖ Frozen soups & entrees
- ❖ New To You table
- ❖ Books, puzzles & games

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, Sunday, January 11, 2026. Anyone wishing to be a member of Northminster United Church, please let Rev Kevin or Michele in the office know.

REQUEST

The church is requiring a dehumidifier for the Friendship Room to help eliminate the dampness in the room. If you have an extra dehumidifier you do not need, we would be happy to take it off your hands.