

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 10 am

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Creator's Promise of Holy Love

Please stand for Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee! †

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 gather in the embrace of Holy Love!

One: Called to share that love.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Called to share the promise of Holy Love with friend and stranger alike.

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.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Sheila Godby

^{31:27} The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Responsive Selection: VU840

(from Psalm 119:94-104)

Led by Sheila Godby

Refrain: Teach me, O God, the perfect way of your divine commands.

One O how I love your law! It is my study all day long.

All Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies; for it is always with me.

One I have gained more insight than all my teachers, for your instruction is my study.

All I have more understanding than the aged, for I keep your commandments. R

One I have held my feet back from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

All I have not swerved from your judgements, for you, yourself, have taught me.

One How sweet is your word on my tongue, sweeter than honey in my mouth!

All Through your commandments I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. R

Hymn: VU400

“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! †

Young at Heart Time:

“A Living Promise”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

Sheila Godby

18:1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’ ⁶And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?’ ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

Response

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 as we live and love together in the midst of the Spirit of Creation.

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

All: Amen.

Meditation:

“The Squeaky Wheel”

Music for Meditation

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: VU664

“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. †

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Please stand for Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,

and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

- 3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer! †

United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

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 October 19, 2025

St. Paul's United Church, Stirling

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for October 19th

Duty	John Tewsley
Elevator	Wayne Doherty
Greeters	Carol Doherty, Fran Morton
Scripture Reader	Sheila Godby
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
Fellowship	Pastoral Care
Fellowship (Nov)	tbd

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!!

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

Sunday, November 9 th	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday, November 16 th	Guest Speaker from PATH (Peterborough Action for Tiny Homes)
Saturday, November 22 nd	Church Bazaar
Sunday, November 23 rd	Adult Choir Concert during service
Friday, December 5 th	Eastside Dinner
Sunday, December 14 th	Children's Choir during service

Next Rehearsal Dates for Children's Choir at 11:15 am

- Sunday, October 19th
- Sunday, October 26th

- Sunday, November 9th
- 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!