

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 10 am

20th Sunday after Pentecost & All Saints' Sunday

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 Memory of Those We've Lost

Northminster United Church 2024 – 2025 Memorial Roll

Presented by Kevin and Congregational Elder, Carol Murduff,
Carnations Presented by the Christian Development Committee

James Leslie Trebbne-Reid
Isabel Hendren
Beryle Victoria Detlor
Doreen Thompson
John W. Dunham
Doris Smith
Heather Stremmler

Shirley Berwick
Thomas "Tom" Henry Arnott
Sheila Watt
George Frederick McAdams
Alfred Herbert Curtis
Mary Katherine Parker

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU217

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 4 And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! †

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 remember those who have gone before us!

One: Called to pause and honour.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Called to learn from the lives and example of those we remember today.

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: Joel 2:23-32

Iain Buchanan

²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never
again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

28 Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Responsive Selection: VU783 (sung)

“To Bless the Earth”
(from Psalm 65)

- 1 To bless the earth God sends us
from heaven's abundant store
the waters of the springtime,
enriching it once more.
- 2 The seed by God provided
is sown o'er hill and plain,
and then come gentle showers
to bless the springing grain.
- 3 God crowns the year with goodness,
the earth God's mercy fills,
the wilderness is fruitful,
and joyful are the hills.
- 4 With grain the fields are covered,
the flocks in pastures graze;
all nature joins in singing
a joyful song of praise. †

Young at Heart Time:

“Sight Seeing”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

Read by Iain Buchanan

18:9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with

contempt: ¹⁰‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

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.

Hymn: VU378

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and your love the flame. †

Meditation:

“More Than Show”

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

A Minute for Mission:

Read by Iain Buchanan
“Bread for the Journey”

Bread shows up often in the Bible in important ways—manna in the wilderness, Jesus feeding the crowds, and the bread broken at the Last Supper. Again and again, bread is a sign of God’s care and provision.

That care continues today, through the hands of people willing to share what they have. And yet, hunger is still a daily reality for far too many people. Here in Canada, millions struggle to put food on the table. Around the world, nearly a third of the global population faces food insecurity. These aren’t just numbers—these are our neighbours, here and far away, who are making impossible choices between paying rent or buying groceries, between keeping the lights on or feeding their families.

Through Mission and Service, we are part of the response. Together, we’re helping farmers in India care for their livestock so they can keep their animals and their livelihoods healthy. We’re helping families in Zimbabwe use climate-smart farming techniques so they can grow food even in drought conditions. We’re supporting Indigenous Elders in Alberta with grocery cards, and helping offset the high cost of groceries in Northern Canada through the Food for the North program.

As we give thanks for the food we share in our own homes, may we also remember those for whom a full plate is never certain. And may our gratitude move us to action—so that bread is not just a symbol of God’s promise, but a daily reality for all.

Thank you for the difference you make through Mission and Service.

Hymn: VU266

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 * that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed.

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
 this word my hope secures;
 God will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun. †

Prayers of the People and Jesus Prayer:

A Paraphrase

**All Eternal Spirit,
 Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall
 be. Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:

 The hallowing of your name echo
 through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed
 by peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done
 by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU706

“Give Thanks for Life”

- 1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, hallelujah! †

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 26, 2025

Kinmount United Church

Thank You to This Week's Volunteers for October 26th

Duty	Dave Thom
Elevator	Kathy Thom
Greeters	Al & Marg Renwick, Wayne Ferguson
Scripture Reader	Iain Buchanan
Congregational Elder	Carol Murduff
Sound	Gale Osmond
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Kathy Common
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 YOUR 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 Date(s) for Children's Choir at 11:15 am

- 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!

Northminster United Church TEENAGE & YOUNG ADULT NIGHT *creating a space for youth and young adults to encounter Christianity.* First & Third Wednesdays of each month beginning November 5th, 2025 Time: 6 pm to 8 pm. More information to follow or contact Payton at paytonld97@outlook.com

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