

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
First Sunday of Advent-December 1, 2024
Memorial Angel & Communion Sunday

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Prelude/Gathering Music

God is good, all the time... all the time, God is good.

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VU#1

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. R**

- 3 O come, O come, great God of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. R**
- 4 O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. R**
- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. R**
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. R**
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,**

Lighting The Advent Candle of Hope

The story of the Word Made Flesh begins with hope for a child

**A child, born to humanity for humanity's sake;
A child who will lead us and inspire us,**

A child who will be our living hope of salvation.
We await the birth of our Lord

Our hearts anticipate the arrival of our Savior.

[Light the Candle of Hope]

Advent Hymn A Candle Is Burning (Vs1) VU#6

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.**

**While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

Opening Prayer

O God, Your promise to send us the Messiah; one who would crush the head of the serpent but would suffer for His righteous love, is fulfilled in Christ. Bless our time of worship as we celebrate our King's soon arrival. Let us find Hope in Your promise this day. Amen.

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song

Go, Tell It on the Mountain VU#43

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. R**

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! R**

**3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. R**

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we seek the serenity of hope, peace, joy, and love, as we long for the good news of Christmas Day. Unveil to us Your revelation and speak to us by the Spirit and we will listen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Psalm 25:1-10 read by Allan Borden

Luke 21:25-36 read by Rev. Shaw

Matthew 5:13-16 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Hymn Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness VU#28

1 Herald! Sound the note of gladness!

**Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.**

Sound the trumpet!

Tell the message!

Christ the Saving One has come!

**2 Herald! Sound the note of judgement,
warning us of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness,
till once more we sing the song. R**

**3 Herald! Sound the note of pardon!
Those repenting are forgiven;
God receives these wayward children,
and to all new life is given.
Sound the trumpet!
Tell the message!
Christ the Saving One has come!**

**4 Herald! Sound the note of triumph!
Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power,
granting victory in our strife. R**

Presentation of Memorial Angels:

Memorial Angels

(Angels are placed on the tree as names are read)

In Loving Memory of *Placed by*

Frank Delong	wife Joan & Family
Mel Johnson	wife Mary & Family
John Ellison	wife Debbie Ellison
Mabel Leaman	grandchildren, great grand children and great, great grandchildren

Marie & Gordon Leaman	Heather wood & Family
Jack & Nettie Leaman	daughter, Joan Richardson & grand-daughter Lynn
Mel Johnson	Doug Hoyt
Donna Moore	husband Jim Moore
Joy MacKay	Reta MacKay

Sacrament of Communion
For the Season of Advent

Invitation

The celebration of communion is always a festival of friends, a pulling together of our loves and our hopes, our moments of agony and our glimpses of victory. It is here, where bread is broken and wine is shared, that we can most fully be ourselves and see others for who they truly are: sons and daughters of the living God. Here the common things of life—bread and wine, memories and dreams—become holy, touched by God. Here that which is earthly becomes divine, and that which is human becomes more than it has ever dreamed.

Call to Give Thanks

Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace to all!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, God of peace and promise.

Through the words of your prophets and the faith of your followers you prepare the way of our redemption and bring hope to birth. And though we often grow weary of waiting, your signs call us to keep watch for that day when all things shall be made new. In assurance of this hope, we join with all the company of heaven and earth to give you praise:

Song of Creation

Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Remembering Jesus at Table

As we gather at this table, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends. He took a loaf of bread, thanked you as we have thanked you, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup is the promise of God, made in my blood. Each time you drink from this cup, remember me."

Prayer of Self-Giving

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim.

Christ's resurrection we declare.

Christ's coming we await.

Glory be to you, O God.

Prayer of Transformation

We pray you, God of Love, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to each other, and to all the world.

Concluding Praise

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and filling the Cup

The body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life.

The blood of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

Invitation to Share Offering

***Offering Song In the Bleak Midwinter Vs4 VU#55**

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what can I give him – give my heart.

Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayers, and Prayer Given to God

Hymn Hark the Glad Sound VU#29

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

- 3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.**

- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.**

Benediction

Our anticipation grows, our hope renewed, and our lives pulse purposefully.

Let this Advent journey deepen our love for God and God's creation.

***Sung Advent Benediction Hope Is a Star (Vs1)VU#7**

Hope is a star that shines in the night,

Leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

**The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †



Today: Join us in the church hall following the Service of Worship for Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, Dec 10th - Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Boardroom

**Thursday, Dec. 5th: Parent/Children Christmas Party
6-8 p.m.**

Next Sunday -Dec. 8th – White Gift Sunday, you may bring in a non-perishable donation for the food bank, or a gift for a child, and we will distribute to those in need.

Church calendars are available \$8.00 each, call the office at 506-857-4817 if you wish to reserve a calendar.

Dec 1st: A United Church Celebration, 6:30 p.m. United Churches of greater Moncton gather to share our Music Ministry & Celebrate Christmas. Everyone is welcome. St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview. Refreshments to follow & donations will be collected for our local food banks.

Offering: Your offering can be placed in the offering plates located just inside the sanctuary doors. If you would like church envelopes please call the church office at 857-4817. Donations may also be made by e-transfer to mtviewteller@gmail.com

**Dec. 21st: Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.**

Envelopes for the annual UCW Christmas Stocking Fundraiser will be available following the service today. Envelopes with your donation should be deposited in the Christmas Stocking box in the narthex by December 8th. Thank you for helping us to help others.

December 14th: 'Twas a Night Before Christmas Dinner & Music Show. 5 Course Prime Rib dinner. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Performances 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$40.00 each (in advance) \$50.00 at the door if space available. Call the church office 506-857-4817.

If our Church Service has to be cancelled due to severe wind and rain weather and winter storms, just call the office number 506-857-4817 to find out from the phone message. Thank you.

If you wish to place bulletins “In Memory of” or “In Celebration of” a loved one, please call the church office (506) 857-4817.



First Sunday of Advent

Psalm 25:1-10

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.