

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent-December 22, 2024**

**Worship Leader**  
**Director of Music**  
**Office Administrator**  
**Custodian**



**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Jason Noble**  
**Liz Simmons**  
**Carson McDavid**

**Prelude/Gathering Music**

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

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful VU#60**

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**
- 2 God of God, light of light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created: R**
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest: R**

**4 See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; R**

**5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: R**

**Lighting The Advent Candle of Love – Call to Worship**  
Our hearts know hope, know peace, know joy.

**Our loving God has gifted us well.**

But God's final gift for us is His greatest expression of love.

**Soon our hearts will know God's love.**

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

**Our hearts anticipate the arrival of our Saviour.**

**Advent Hymn A Candle Is Burning (Vs4) VU#6**

**A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
a candle to point us to heaven above.**

**A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

*[Light the Candle of Peace]*

**Advent Prayer**

**VU#11**

**God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of  
your love, and our minds search for the light of your Word.  
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour, and strengthen  
us to grow in love, that at the dawn of his coming, we may  
rejoice in his presence and welcome the light of his truth.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**



- 2 'I,' said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
'I carried the mother uphill and down,  
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;  
I,' said the donkey, shaggy and brown.**
- 3 'I,' said the cow, all white and red,  
'I gave him my manger for his bed,  
I gave him hay to pillow his head;  
I,' said the cow, all white and red.**
- 4 'I,' said the sheep with curly horn,  
'I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,  
he wore my coat on Christmas morn;  
I,' said the sheep, with curly horn.**
- 5 'I,' said the dove, from the rafters high,  
'I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,  
we cooed him to sleep, my mate and I;  
I,' said the dove, from the rafters high.**
- 6 Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,  
in the stable dark were glad to tell  
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,  
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.**

## **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.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Our offering is a reminder of our love for You, our God.  
Thus, we sacrifice a portion of what we could spend upon  
ourselves, and we turn it over to You, Your ministry, and  
Your will. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Offertory, Personal Prayers, Lord's Prayer, Given to God**

**Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear VU#44**

**1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold,  
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**

**2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.**

**3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and warring humankind hears not  
the love song which they bring.  
O hush the noise, and cease your strife,  
to hear the angels sing.**

**4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

**Benediction**

**\*Sung Advent Benediction Hope Is a Star (Vs4)VU#7**

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart,**

**Jesus has come and will never depart.**

**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    † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

**Bulletins today are "In celebration of the life of Melville Johnson and a big Happy Birthday to Doug Hoyt, placed by Mel's family".**

**Christmas Eve Service                      6:30 p.m.**

**Church calendars are available \$8.00 each, call the office at 506-857-4817 if you would like a calendar.**

**Offering: Your offering will be collected during the Service of Worship. Donations may also be made by e-transfer to [mtviewteller@gmail.com](mailto:mtviewteller@gmail.com)**

**If our Church Service has to be cancelled due to severe weather, call the office 506-857-4817 to find out from the phone message. Thank you.**

**Please have your Annual Reports emailed to the office by January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Email: [mtviewunited@rogers.com](mailto:mtviewunited@rogers.com)**

## Psalm 132

### A song of ascents.

<sup>1</sup> LORD, remember David  
and all his self-denial.

<sup>2</sup> He swore an oath to the LORD,  
he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

<sup>3</sup> “I will not enter my house  
or go to my bed,

<sup>4</sup> I will allow no sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,

<sup>5</sup> till I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

<sup>6</sup> We heard it in Ephrathah,  
we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> “Let us go to his dwelling place,  
let us worship at his footstool, saying,

<sup>8</sup> ‘Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.

<sup>9</sup> May your priests be clothed with your righteousness;  
may your faithful people sing for joy.’”



## **Luke 1:39-45**

### **New International Version**

#### **Mary Visits Elizabeth**

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,

<sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

<sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

<sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

## **Luke 9:21-27**

### **New International Version**

#### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone.

<sup>22</sup> And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.”

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

<sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

<sup>25</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

<sup>26</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

<sup>27</sup> “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”