

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Second Sunday of Advent-December 8, 2024
White Gift Sunday

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Prelude/Gathering Music

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

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Acknowledgement & Thanks for White Gift Donations

Gathering Song: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VU#2

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Lighting The Advent Candle of Peace

The story of the Word Made Flesh brings peace to our hearts,
the Prince of Peace is coming!

Our Prince of Peace will lead us to salvation.

A great triumph is coming for all those who hold faith.

We await the birth of our Lord

Our hearts anticipate the arrival of our Savior.

Advent Hymn A Candle Is Burning (Vs2) VU#6

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

[Light the Candle of Peace]

Opening Prayer

**O, Father in Heaven, we await Your peace to be poured
out upon us. Let our minds and souls rest in the tranquility
of your presence, that we may hear your Spirit, by the
voice of prophets, preparing the way for Your Son.
Prepare us for worship 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. Our sins are many, Lord, but Your mercy is great. Our vision is dim, but Your will is absolute. As children we wander, but your Son comes to find us. Our peace is possible because Your promises stand forever. *(Silence for private prayer)* 3.

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Psalm 62:1-12 read by Regina Cote

Luke 3:1-6 read by Rev. Shaw

Matthew 24:36-44 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Hymn There's a Voice in the Wilderness VU#18

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

Lord bless these offerings, as Christ did with the loaves and the fish, multiply them for the glory of this Gospel ministry.

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn On Jordan's Bank VU#20

- 1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lamb is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of Kings.**
- 2 Then cleansed be every life from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.**
- 3 In you, we find abundant life,
our refuge in the midst of strife;
without your grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and help us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won;
and praise to God whom we adore,
with Holy Spirit evermore.**

Benediction

Our anticipation grows, and with God's purpose for us in mind, we find peace in the Lord.

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

***Sung Advent Benediction Hope Is a Star (Vs2)VU#7**

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.**

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †



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

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.

December 8th: Christmas Tea at St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, 105 Elmwood Drive. 1-3 p.m. Freewill offering. Everyone welcome.

Please have your Annual Reports emailed to the office by January 7th, 2025.

Email: mtviewunited@rogers.com

Community Dinner Cards that you can use as Christmas gifts are available in the narthex.

Psalm 62

- ¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.**
- ² Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**
- ³ How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw
me down-this leaning wall, this tottering fence?**
- ⁴ Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless,
but in their hearts they curse**
- ⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.**
- ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**
- ⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your
hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**
- ⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance,
they are nothing; together they are only a breath.**
- ¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen
goods; though your riches increase, do not set your
heart on them.**
- ¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God,**
- ¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”; and, “You
reward everyone according to what they have done.”**

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—

² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

**⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.**

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”^[a]

Matthew 24:36-44

36 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but only the Father.

37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.