Mountain View United Church 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3 February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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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 Joy of God VU#407

- 1 O joy of God, we seek you in the morning and long to see the glory of your face: rise on our darkness with your sun's new dawning. Flood all our being in this feast of grace.
- 2 O life of God, for you our spirits hunger; unless we feed on you we surely die: with love and faith renewed and hope grown younger, send us from here to serve you, God most high.

**3** O peace of God, you pass our understanding; safe through each moment keep us every day: with joy divine and mercy never ending, direct our path and prosper all our way.

# **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Our hearts can beat like a drum. Our voices can sing a tune. Let our worship be as a chorus joining the glorious choirs of heaven.

## **Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts, we lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

## Hymn Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty VU#315

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Opening Prayer** 

Lord, we seek to make the ways Your kingdom our second nature. We seek to make your truth the words of our lips. We seek to live out a life in harmony with Your eternal will. Let our time of fellowship and worship strengthen our faith and embolden our spirits. Amen.

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song Jesus Loves Me Vss 1&2

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1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.' R

**Ministry of Music** 

**Prayer of Confession** 

Lord, as we seek You, we stumble. As we hear You, we ignore. As we see You, we look away. Help us Lord to rise above our limitation, to discover Your presence with us, even when we stumble, ignore and look away. Blessed are You, Lord, King

of the Universe – who saves us in all ways. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

**Words of Assurance** 

Scripture readings: Proverbs 11:1-6 read by Mo' Ogunbambo

- 1 The LORD detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with him.
- <sup>2</sup> When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
- <sup>3</sup> The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.
- <sup>4</sup> Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

<sup>5</sup> The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight,

but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

<sup>6</sup> The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires.

Matthew 6:19-21 read by Rev. Shaw

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Message

#### Hymn Jesus Shall Reign VU#330

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; and prisoners leap to lose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

**Invitation to Share Offering** 

\*Offering Song For the Gift of Creation VU#538 For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

**Offertory Prayer** 

Lord, we build up these foundations of our ministry, trusting that with each coin we cast to You, with each hour of our labour we put in, Your grace pours out in unmeasurable ways. We trust your promises, we trust Your meaning, we trust You. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** 

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

Hymn Seek, Ye First the Kingdom VU#356

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Hallelu, hallelujah.

#### **Benediction**

Let us leave go out knowing that the peace of the Lord goes with us, let our priority be for God.

\*Sung Benediction: Go Now In Peace Go now in peace. Never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. 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 from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

**Today:** Community Dinner. Volunteers are always needed and welcome with thanks and appreciation.

<b>Tuesday: Bible Study</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Parlour
Wednesday: Scrapbooking 9-11:30 a.m.		Boardroom
Choir pr	actice <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper here at Mountain View. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come and join us for Pancakes with sausage & baked beans, dessert, tea/coffee. Adults \$12.00 and children under 10 free.

Note: Sign up sheet are in the church hall for volunteers and donations.

When making a donation for the sanctuary chairs please indicate "chairs" on your giving envelope.

There are sign up sheets on the table in the church hall for scripture readers, for taking up the offering, prayer requests, and requests for church envelopes.

Sign up sheet is in the church hall for anyone who would like to do a solo during our future Services of Worship.

Lent Study will start March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

If Church Service is cancelled due to the weather, call the office 506-857-4817, the phone message will be changed.