

**Mountain View United Church  
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

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

**Gathering Hymn: 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.**

**R. 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, and be for us the Prince of Peace. R**

### **Call to Worship & Lighting of the Candle of Hope:**

The mountain of the Lord stands high above every empire.

**Come, let us go up to meet Him!**

The day is coming when swords will be beaten

into plowshares, and the nations will learn war no more.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

No one knows the day or the hour, yet the Master is already on His way.

**Ready or not, here He comes!**

So we light the candle of Hope, and with hearts awake we sing:

**O come, O come, Emmanuel— ransom Your people!**

Come, let us worship God!

**Hymn: A Candle is Burning**

**VU 6 v.1**

**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.**

**Where Are We: Advent 1**

## **Opening Prayer:**

**O Bright Light of God who rises while it is still night, on this first Sunday of Advent we step into the watching season. You have promised a world made new, a peace that will not be negotiated but given. O Lord, wake us from sleepy routines and half-hearted faith. Fill our hearts with steadfast, wide-eyed hope that refuses to let go of Your promise, even when the night feels long and the news feels loud. We ask this in the name of the Coming One, Jesus Christ, our Hope. Amen.**

## **Children's Song: Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**VU 43**

**R 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**

## **Children's Ministry: Rev. Jacob's Toy Bag**

### **Ministry of Music**

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Merciful God, You have told us plainly that the Son of Man is coming at an hour we do not expect, yet we live as though there is endless time. We have hoarded our hours instead of giving them away. We have sharpened our words when we could have blunted them into grace. We have grown drowsy while the world groans for redemption. Forgive us for treating Your future like a distant rumor instead of the heartbeat of every today. Burst in on us, O God— not to shame us, but to find us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture readings:

**Isaiah 2:1-5** read by T.J. Munikwa

This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all - the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship. <sup>3</sup>People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup>Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Matthew 24:36-44** read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

<sup>36</sup> “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. <sup>37</sup> When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. <sup>38</sup> In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. <sup>39</sup> People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left. <sup>42</sup> So you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”

**Message**

## **Hymn: Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness**

**VU 028**

- 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.**
- R 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. R**
- 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**

**Invitation to Share Offering**

**Musical Offering**



## **Offertory Prayer**

**God of the sudden dawn, these gifts are small compared to the Day that is coming, when every tank will be melted into a tractor and every tear will be turned into laughter. May our giving be practice for the great generosity of Your kingdom, until the day we lay every crown, every wallet, every heart at the feet of the Lamb who was slain and who lives forever. In His coming name we pray. Amen.**

## **Offering of Personal Prayers to God**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound**

**VU 029**

- 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.**

**Spoken Benediction:** Keep your eyes open, your hands generous, and your hearts ready— for the Seeker is already counting down. And until He bursts in with the great “Ready or not, here I come!” the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit will keep you awake, alive, and unafraid. Amen. Go in Hope!

**Benediction: Hope is a Star** **VU 7 v.1**

**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**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week at Mountain View

#### **Today: Community Dinner Sunday**

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. with dinner at 3:00.

Volunteers always welcome and appreciated!

#### **Tuesday: Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour**

#### **Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00p.m. Sanctuary**

#### **Friday: Jonny & the MoonDawgs 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets \$20.00, now available in the office.

**Scripture Readers Needed** – we need volunteers to read scripture during services in December. Sign up sheet can be found in the Narthex.

### Coming Up at Mountain View

#### **Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Angel Sunday**

Bring an angel to be placed on the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary during Service. If you have not contacted the office to add your name to the list, please do so by **noon tomorrow** (Monday, Dec 1). You can collect your angel on Christmas Eve to return home to your own tree.

#### **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: White Gift Sunday**

Please bring a non-perishable donation for the food bank, or a gift for a child, to Service and we will distribute to those in need.

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Christmas Pageant Service 10:30a.m.**

Join us during regular service time for a no-rehearsal Christmas pageant. Tons of fun for the whole family so bring everyone you know!

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a contemplative service on the longest night of the year. Our service is designed to create space for the acknowledgment of the heaviness often carried during the holiday season, offering hope that Jesus gives.

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.**

**Keys** – we are changing the key system and require every key-holder to return their existing keys (with your name on it please). If you believe you still need a key, please contact the office with your key number and reason it is needed.

**Calendars** – now available in the church office for \$8.00 each. Organize your 2026 with beautiful Canadian Churches!

**Events Calendar** - We are developing an Events Calendar for 2026 so if you or your group know of an event that should be booked in, please contact the office.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed** – we still need volunteers for the nursery. If you can help with this, please see Barb Groundwater or call the church office.

**Grocery Cards Available** for Sobeys and Superstore (\$25, \$50 or \$100) every Sunday and can be purchased with cash, cheques, or e-transfer. Superstore cards can also be used at Independent, No Frills, and Wholesalers Club.

<b>FALL FAIR TOTALS FOR 2025</b>		
<b>Table #</b>	<b>Description</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Kitchen/ Cafe</b>	<b>\$696.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Silent Auction</b>	<b>\$1,501.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Attic &amp; Christmas Teasures</b>	<b>\$378.30</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Books/CD's/DVD's/ Puzzles/Games</b>	<b>\$220.50</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Crafts and Fancy Work-Esther</b>	<b>\$162.50</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Breads,jams and jellies-Esther</b>	<b>\$293.25</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Bake Table -Pickles-Fudge</b>	<b>\$734.75</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>\$226.65</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Plants, scarves and purses</b>	<b>\$135.30</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Donations,</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,383.25</b>
<b>Thank you!</b>		

**Christmas Stocking Fundraiser** - Mountain View UCW is once again doing their Christmas Stocking Fundraiser to raise money for the less fortunate. Envelopes are available in the narthex following the service. There is a box in the narthex in which to deposit the returned envelopes. We thank you for your continued support.

**If you or you know someone that would like a home or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please contact the church office. Please note that due to hospital policy, Rev. Shaw is unable to visit patients without an express request from the patient or their next-of-kin. Home visits and/or phone calls can also be arranged by advising the office.**

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