

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



## **Gathering Music**

## **Words of Welcome/Announcements**

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

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

**Why do we gather this night?**

**To celebrate the birth of the Christ.**

**Who is this Christ?**

**The One, the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

**Why has this child come to us?**

**To bring the Kingdom of God, to share with us  
God's hope, peace, joy and love.**

**How should we give thanks?**

**In worship, praise, and song, we shall rejoice for  
the King will be born this night.**

**Hymn:           A candle is Burning**

**VU 6 v.5**

We honour Messiah with Christ-candle's flame, our  
Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim. O come,  
all you faithful, rejoice in this night, as God comes  
among us, the Christian's true light.

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of Light and Love, this is a holy night. We  
come longing to hear Your story once again. Speak  
your words of revelation to us, let us come to know  
the gift You have sent us, Your Son. Let Your way,  
truth, and life be known to our hearts all the better  
because of the glory of Christ's birth. 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 Time**

### **Ministry of Music - Choir**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord, we often come to Christmas longing for a cozy story of a baby born in a manger. But the way of the Christ, the truth of God, and the life in the Spirit brings with it great strength and challenge. Through the Christ child, God brings forth justice, righteousness, and mercy for all the world. Enlarge our minds, increase our vision, and make steadfast our hearts to what is unveiled to us this Christmas night.**

**Words of Assurance:** May all our reflections and pauses into stillness be for your glory, and may our ears and eyes be open to the magnitude of God with us. Amen.

### **Scripture 1: Isaiah 9:2-7** read by Gary Carey

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

**Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing    VU 48**

- 1    Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!' Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
- R    Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'
- 2    Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! R

3 Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. R

**Scripture 2: Luke 2:1-14** read by Shalon Noble

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the

Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

### **Hymn: Away in a Manger                      VU 69**

- 1     Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord  
      Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the  
      bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord  
      Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2     The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little  
      Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord  
      Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side  
      until morning is nigh.
- 3     Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me  
      for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear  
      children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven, to  
      live with you there.

### **Scripture 3: Luke 2:15-20** read by Loramae Gabiana

<sup>5</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and

Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### **Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High VU 38**

1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er  
the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their  
joyous strains.

R Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains  
prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire  
your heavenly song? R

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the  
angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the  
Lord, the newborn King. R

4 See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels  
praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts  
in love we raise. R

### **Message**

## **Hymn: What Child Is This                      VU 74**

- 1     What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
- R     This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!
- 2     Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. R
- 3     So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. R

### **Invitation to Share Offering**

#### **Musical Offering - Choir**

#### **Offertory Prayer:**

**Lord, we come to You with our offering, we are generous to Your ministry because You were first generous to us. Multiply the fruitfulness of our offering so that our labor can support the important work that Your Son's birth once began.  
Amen**

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



## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Lighting of New Christ Candle and Spreading of Light**

Light Bearers: Earl Nisnisan, Loramae Gabiana,  
Errol Red Nisnisan, & Erlo Blue Nisnisan

### **Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night VU67**

- 1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright round  
yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and  
mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing  
Hallelujah, Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the  
Saviour is born.
- 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of  
redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord,  
at thy birth.

**Benediction:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the  
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all, now and forever. Amen.

## **Postlude**

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## **Merry Christmas from the Mountain View Family:**

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