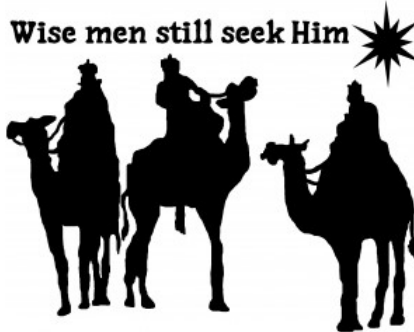


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Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: Arise, Your Light Is Come VU79

- 1 Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
 show forth the glory of your God, which shines
 on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison
 door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings
 to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
 bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort
 those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We anticipate God's light. He gave us a star and that star led us to the light of the world. A small child swaddled in a manger. His light will grow, his light will spread, and his light will become our life's vision.

Call to Worship:

Arise, for the light of the world has come and God's glory is upon you.

Nations shall come to witness God's Light, and the wise will come to worship.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the wise men came saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

We have seen God's star, followed its illumination, and have come to worship Christ.

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Where Are We: Epiphany Sunday

Opening Prayer:

O God, who on this day revealed Your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in Your mercy that we, who know You already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of Your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: A Light is Gleaming

VU82

R A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

- 1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place, it hurts our eyes to see the glow. Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears, our memories and tears. R
- 2 When night is round us and every shadow grows, a star is there to light our way. It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say: 'God's light will ever stay.' R
- 3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk. He showed us things we hadn't seen. Now we, like

Jesus, can help creation shine, and this will be a sign: R

- 4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n, and let us rise to see the dawn. We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze, warming all our days.
R

Children's Song:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (vs 1,2,5)

1. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
2. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
5. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

Children's Ministry

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Lord of All, we must be truthful to You, though we love the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we often rush to see Christmas set aside in pursuit of the normality of life. Help us be patient during our time with Your gracious gifts. Let us soak in all that Christmas has to offer.

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6 read by Régina Côté

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from

Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Reflection

Hymn:

Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky VU85

1 Midnight stars make bright the skies, Bethlehem
in slumber lies: glistening heaven sends forth
great light, shepherds see a wondrous sight!
Angel ranks in chorus sing. Silken sounds from
heaven ring. Frightened shepherds hear them say:
'Christ comes down to earth today!'

R Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the
sky.

- 2 Midnight slumber lies o'er all; one lone bright
lamp lights the stall. Choose old clothing, wrap
him warmly, manger shall his cradle be. Born to
save us from our sin, Word made flesh, our lives
to win. Came to earth from heaven's throne,
mortals' sin to bear alone. R
- 3 Wise men long foretold the way, saw the strange
star's shining ray. Knew a child was born in
Jewry, worship would be joy for aye! Took strong
camels hurrying, crossing desert sought their
king. Reverently to him present gold and myrrh
and frankincense. R

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Go out into the streets and lanes,
bring in the poor, the blind, and the lame.
Go out into the roads and alleyways,
compel people to come in,
that my house may be filled
and my feast may be complete *Luke 14:21-24*

Call to Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give you thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Song of Creation

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering Jesus at Table

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the Mother and Father of us all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Prayer of Self-Giving

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Transformation

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Concluding Praise

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen.

With Jesus, we pray together, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and filling of the Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Receive these gifts, Lord: our money, our time, our talents, and the very lives we lay upon Your altar, that through them Your light might shine farther—into the dark places of our community, our nation, and our world. May these offerings bear witness to the nations that Your glory has risen upon us, drawing others to worship the King of kings.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Hymn: When a Star is Shining VU97

1 When a Star is shining over eastern hills, when
the air is silent, and the clamour stills, when the night
is waiting, and the old hopes rise, then the time has
ripened and the heart grows wise.

2 Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,
where a voice forgotten cries, 'Prepare the way!'
where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold,
there the gifts are offered: incense, myrrh and gold.

3 Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night; guide
us through the shadow with your gentle light; show
us in a manger our redemption's sign; bring us to a
morning where the promise shines.

Spoken Benediction

As you go from this place, remember the promise
spoken through the prophet: “Arise, shine, for your
light has come.” Walk in that light. Reflect that light.
And look always to the east, for the Son is coming—
soon and very soon—with open arms.

Benediction: Gloria

VU37

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
hallelujah, hallelujah!

Postlude

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Announcements

This Week at Mountain View

Today:

Coffee, Conversation & Christmas Cleanup

Stay after service for Coffee & Conversation! We would also appreciate volunteers to help pack away Decorations.

Parent Child Program Hall

All caregivers with school-age children (or younger), please stay after coffee and conversation for fun and fellowship.

Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary

Coming Up at Mountain View

Jan 12: UCW Meeting 1:30pm Parlour

Jan 13: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

Jan 14: Scrapbooking 9:00am Board Room

Jan 14: Exec. Meeting 1:00pm Board Room

Annual Meeting – Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Please have your Annual Reports emailed to the office by January 21, 2025.

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

Anniversary Items –please contact the office to retrieve your items and photos as we will be finding places to put any unclaimed items soon.

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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