

Mountain View United Church
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Gathering Music

Words of Welcome/Announcements

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

Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice VU35

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today. Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest

forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The King of kings, the Lord of lords has come to us. His light is beautiful, true and pure. May we walk by His light. May we converse by His light. May we share His light with every person we encounter by our proclamations of faith and by our serving hands

Call to Worship:

The hope of advent has been born.

Our Christ King is here.

The peace we seek is known to us.

Our Christ King is here.

Now Joy and Love will our hearts each and every day.

Our Christ King is here and He shall reign forever more.

Where Are We: Within the 12 Days of Christmas

Opening Prayer:

Lord of Heaven and Earth, we come this day to find refuge in the glow of the twelve days of Christmas celebration. It warms our hearts to know that the Christ child came to usher in a new way of living and a new covenant of faith. Bless our time together as we deepen our understanding of the teacher that Christ's child would grow to be. Amen.

Hymn: Angels, from the Realms of Glory VU36

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight
o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
- R come and worship, come and worship, worship
Christ, the newborn King.
- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your
flocks by night, God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light: R

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: R
- 4 Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: R

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

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 63:7-9 read by Esther Agboola

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us - yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew 2:13-23 read by Pastor Isaiah Agboola

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child

and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and

he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Reflection

Hymn: Once In Royal David's City

VU62

- 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly
cattleshed, where a mother laid her baby in a
manger for his bed. Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven who, with
God, is over all, and his shelter was a stable, and
his cradle was a stall. There among the poor and
lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- 3 For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on
earth he grew, he was tempted, scorned, ejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels
for all our sadness, and he shares in all our
gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
own redeeming love; for that child who seemed
so helpless is our Lord in heaven above; and he
leads his children on to the place where he is
gone.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering: Esther Agboola

Offertory Prayer:

We want our longing, our labor, and our fruit of living to all be in service of You. Help us O God, to give of ourselves, mind, body, soul, as You gave Your whole Son to us. Let these gifts be a symbol of our pledge of fidelity to You. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God **Lord's Prayer**

Hymn: There's a Star to the East

VU70

- 1 There's a star in the East on Christmas morn, rise up, shepherd, and follow; it will lead to the place where the Christ was born; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
- R Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow, follow the Star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
- 2 If you take good heed to the angel's words, rise up, shepherd, and follow, you'll forget your

flocks, you'll forget your herds; rise up, shepherd,
and follow. R

Spoken Benediction

Until we see our King face to face, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you, now and forevermore. Go in peace. Serve the King. Amen.

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



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!

Office Holiday Hours

Dec 29: 9:00 – 12:00

Dec 30: 9:00 – 12:00

Jan 1/26: CLOSED

Dec 31: 9:00 – 12:00

Jan 2/26: CLOSED

Coming Up at Mountain View

Jan. 4: Parent Child Program

Join us immediately after Coffee & Conversation for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. All families with school age (or younger) children welcome!

Other Announcements

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

Annual Meeting – Our Annual General Meeting will be held after Service & Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

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

Financial Update - At the end of November we were in a deficit of \$9,700, due in large part to unexpected roof repairs of \$6,100. We also wish to remind all that the recent renovation project had no financial impact on our operating results as it was financed through separate fund raising and the Capital Improvement Fund. With only one Sunday remaining in 2025 please remember that donations for 2025 must be received by December 31st. Please consider our financial position and give as you are able.

Mitten Tree - The mitten tree is up and waiting for the mittens that many of you have knit for children who do not have any to wear this winter. They will be collected and distributed to schools in our neighborhood for dispersal to students in need. Thank you to all who donate to this project.

Anniversary Items – if you loaned the church items for our Anniversary service and have not yet picked them up, please contact the office to retrieve your items and photos!

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.

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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