

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**January 11, 2026**

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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

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

**Announcements**

**Hymn: When Jesus Comes to be Baptized VU100**

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized, he leaves the hidden years behind, the years of safety and of peace, to bear the sins of humankind.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down, anoints the Christ to suffering, to preach the word, to free the bound, and to the mourner, comfort bring.

- 3 He will not quench the dying flame, and what is bruised he will not break, but heal the wound injustice dealt, and out of death his triumph make.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ: to live in love and charity, to walk in truth and justice now, and grow in Christian dignity.
- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life, we praise you, Christ, eternal Word, we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift; your triune presence fills our world.

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

We anticipated 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:**

Turn your eyes upon God—that you may see the glory of the Lord!

**We confess that we have been blind to Your ways and deaf to Your voice, yet You have not abandoned us.**

But now, thus says the Lord who created you, who formed you: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine."

**When we pass through the waters, You are with us; through the fires, You protect us.**

We gather to worship the Holy One who turns our judgment into redemption, our blindness into sight, and our fear into praise.

**Come, let us adore the Lord who loves us precious in His sight!**

**Where Are We:** First Sunday after Epiphany  
Baptism of Jesus

**Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious and merciful God, open our eyes today to behold Your glory, open our ears to hear Your redeeming voice. Gather us from the far places of our scattered hearts, and draw us near to You, precious and honored to be in Your sight. We worship You, our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## **Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine**

**VU585**

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night. In this world is darkness, so let us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him; well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim: Jesus walks beside us to help us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around; many kinds of darkness in the world are found: sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

## **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**

**Holy God, You called Your people to see and hear, yet we, like Israel of old, have been blind servants and deaf messengers. We have seen Your wonders but not observed them; our ears have been open, but we have not truly listened. We have walked in our own ways, disobeying Your law and grieving Your heart.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, for our stubborn rebellion and spiritual blindness. Call us by name, claim us as Your own, and wash us clean. Amen.**

## **Scripture**

**Isaiah 42:1-9** read by Morley Denne

**“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he**

will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the Lord says - the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

**Matthew 3:13-17** read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is

proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

## **Reflection**

### **Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise VU101**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus Christ, to you we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; and at Cana wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest; manifest in power divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will,

ever bringing good from ill; anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

- 4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word; with your grace our lives endow, grace to imitate you now, that we like to you may be at your great epiphany, anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

## **Invitation to Share Offering**

### **Musical Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer:**

**In grateful response, we offer these gifts— our resources, our talents, our very lives. Use them to bring Your light to the nations, to gather Your sons and daughters from afar, and to declare Your praise throughout the earth. Receive what we bring, multiply it for Your kingdom, and let our offering reflect the joy of belonging to You. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, Amen.**

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

### **Lord's Prayer**



## **Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God      MV48**

1    I can feel you near me God. I can feel you near.  
     Yes I know you're with me God. I feel you here.  
     I can feel you near me God. I can feel you near.  
     Yes I know you're with me God. Heaven is here.

R:   And I'll jump for joy. I'm singing Alleluia. Jump  
     for joy for you. I will jump for joy. I'm singing  
     Alleluia. Jump for joy for you.

2    I can feel you loving me. Yes I know you care.  
     God I know you're loving me. Always  
     everywhere. I can feel you loving me. Yes I know  
     you care. God I know you're loving me. I know  
     you're there.      R

### **Spoken Benediction**

Beloved people of God, go forth in the assurance of the Lord. For everyone who is called by the Lord, to love and serve the Lord is blessed. And may the blessing of God Almighty— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— be upon you and remain with you always. 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**



**Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family  
and friends of Ron Leger and his daughter Janice who  
both passed away earlier this month.**

## **Announcements**

### **This Week at Mountain View**

**Mon: UCW Meeting 1:30pm Parlour**  
**Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary**  
**Weds: Scrapbooking 9:00am Board Room**  
**Weds: Exec. Meeting 1:00pm Board Room**  
**Weds: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary**  
**Thurs: Adult Fellowship 10:00am TBD**

Drop by the church for a casual social time together. Join a board game or just catch up over coffee and snack. Everyone Welcome....Bring a friend! (see signup sheet in narthex)

### **Coming Up at Mountain View**

#### **Birthday Sunday – Sunday, January 18th**

Join us immediately after service for coffee, conversation, and cake to celebrate all the birthdays in our congregation through the year!

#### **Puzzle Day – Sat, January 24th 10am-2pm**

If you like to put jigsaw puzzles together, why not come along to the church to put a puzzle together with a friend or group of friends? Maximum of 4 people to a puzzle. Muffins, tea, coffee, cold drinks will be available. Good will offering at the door.

Register on the chart in the Narthex or call the office.

## **Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 22nd**

**Envelopes** – 2026 Offering Envelopes are now available for pickup in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes, please contact the office.

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

**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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