

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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### **We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

### **Greeting**

### **The Light of Christ**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that the land upon which we live, work, worship and play is the unceded territory of the Wabanaki people; in this area they are they Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May the Light of Epiphany continue guiding us as we seek out reconciliation and healing with all Indigenous siblings.

### **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: God created light in the beginning.

**All: God calls us to be the light of the world.**

One: Christ reveals God's Light to us.

**All: God calls us to be the light of the world.**

One: The Spirit reveals God's Light in others.

**All: God calls us to be the light of the world.**

One: Come and worship for you are each God's Light in this world.

**All: We worship in joy, as Jesus, the Light, calls us to follow.**

### **Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Gracious God, You are great, You are wonderful, You are more than we can begin to imagine! You loved creation into being and You love us into wholeness. Just as You revealed to all peoples Emmanuel, God with us, help us to recognize Your presence among us and Your presence within us. Allow us the joy of hearing and responding to Your call, that we might be Your light throughout this community and world. In the bright and beautiful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Am the Light of the World"

**VU# 87**

**Personal Prayer:** "Lord, Listen to Your..." X 2                      **VU# 400**  
*(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)*

## **Children's Learning Time**

### **Children's Prayer:**

**Thank You, God, for gifting us and calling us to share, the gifts you've placed inside our hearts, to be an answered prayer. Help us as we listen for Your loving voice, that calls from deep within us, offering all a choice. Give us the strength to follow, wherever You may lead, and may we be Your Light, for everyone in need. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:**                      "Draw the Circle Wide"                      **MV# 145**

### **We Listen to the Word**

#### **Prayer for Illumination:**

**Reader: Marlene**

Holy One, in the reading of this Word, open our ears to hear the call of Your Son, the guidance of Your Spirit, and Your law of love written on our hearts. Reveal to us to Your calling and inspire us to offer every good gift You have given towards the building of Your Kingdom here in this place and world. Amen.

#### **Scripture Lessons: John 1: 29-42**

#### **Response:**

**One:**                      This is the Word of God,

**All:**                      **thanks be to God for this Holy Word.**

**Sermon**                      "Come and See"

**Anthem**                      "Come Now and Follow Me"

## **Prayers of the People**

### **We Respond to the Word**

#### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Just as Jesus calls those first disciples, His call continues to resonate throughout our world and our lives, binding us together by Grace. In response to that loving call we now offer back to God a

portion of that which so wonderfully blesses us. As we make our offerings this day, we do so in hope they be used for the building of Christ's Kingdom, a Kingdom to which we are each invited, a Kingdom of love without end.

**Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*

**Gracious God, along with our offering we also bring our lives and living to You. Like Peter and Andrew, like Phillip and Nathanael, we yearn to hear Your call and the words, "come and see". Accept these gifts today, that they support the discipleship of this community. By the power of Your almighty Love, transform our offerings that they might bring healing and hope, a loving embrace for all Your children. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" **VU# 567**

**\*Benediction:**

**As we have been filled, so we go now to fill the world: with God's love and hope, with Christ, and with the Spirit transforming the world through us. Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" x2 **MV212**

**Postlude**

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***This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of William Dutcher by Shirley Dutcher and family.***

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## This Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	2:00pm	<b>Sparks</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:15pm	<b>Embers</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**Study leave:** Rev. Stuart is on Study leave from January 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. In case of a pastoral emergency, contact the church office or Rev. Steve Berube (381-7869) of St. Paul's United Church, Riverview.

**Food donations:** We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee food bank. Items can be dropped off in the bin at the Bessborough entrance.

**Grocery Gift Cards:** A few are still available! Please contact the office to purchase. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

**Lunch With Friends:** Thurs., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Mon., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm! We will only order the actual number of those who have signed up. If you are unable to attend the lunch after signing up, we encourage you to invite someone to take your place. The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is Potato Bacon Soup (Gluten Free) plus dessert, tea and coffee. A short program will follow. Hope to see you there.....and mark your calendars to reserve the 3rd Thursday of the month this winter!

**Kids Korner:** Are you a child who likes to have fun and learn about the Bible? Join us for children's programming every other week: **Jan:**15 & 29 **Feb:** 12&26 **March:** 12 & 26 **Apr:** 9 & 23. Alternate weeks, explore our kid's pew packs in the sanctuary.

**Upcoming Book Study:** "*Building God's Beloved Community*" Be ready for this Lenten season book study by purchasing your book now. Contact the office for group ordering.

**Prayer concern?** Contact Eleanor at 854-2578 or the church office at 855-5771.

**Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your monthly envelopes from your mail slot at the back of the church or from the office during regular office hours. If you would like to receive envelopes for the first time, let Emily know.

**Bulletin Dedication:** Would you like to dedicate a bulletin in memory of a loved one? Recommended donation is \$25.

**New phone number or address?** Please let the office know of any changes in contact information so that our directory stays up to date.

**Have news to share?** We would love to celebrate with you. Please send your stories, announcements, news, and photos to: [office@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:office@mountroyaluc.ca)

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