



Mount Royal United Church

"At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God;
living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing
each individual on their faith journey."

Nov 12th, 2023

(*) indicates standing

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

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

***Introit** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

VU#213

***Greeting**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Gathered together,

All: we are Gods children.

One: Longing for worship,

All: we settle our bodies and still our minds:

One: As our hearts beat,

All: we come to know God through that rhythm.

One: As the Spirit moves,

All: we come to know God through that movement.

One: As we lift our voices to sing,

All: we come to know God through our many voices.

One: Come now and let us worship,

All: In peace and in hope.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

**Light of Life, You are our rest at the end of a long day,
our direction in a world that often seems to have lost its**

way. In You, we ground our hope of a world made new and pray for that hope to move us into action. As we worship this day, allow Your Spirit to touch our spirits, awakening and sparking in us a renewed passion for Your Kingdom being built through this faith family and beyond. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" **VU# 299**

Personal Prayer: "Don't Be Afraid" x2 **MV#90**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer: (repeat after me)

Thank you, God, that this family is made of me and You. You made each one of us in Your image, giving us different things to do. Help us to hear Jesus calling us to follow in His way, that we can use the gifts we have to help people every day. In the name of the Spirit, we offer this prayer, that it leads us and stays with us, helping us to care. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Bathe Me in Your Light" **MV# 82**

Prayer for Understanding: **Reader: Caroline**

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

Response:

One: This is the living Word of God:

All: **Light for our way, hope for our hearts.**

Sermon "The Audacity of Hope"

Anthem "My Tribute" offered by Charlie & France

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **VU# 664**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU#541**

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

Gracious God, You are the eternal source of all good gifts. You call us as Your family, to share all that we have, and all that we are with one another and the world. Our sharing is an act of hope that we pray will be taken, multiplied beyond all reason, and sent out into Your world as signs of Your Kingdom, in this community and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Take Time to Be Holy" **VU# 672**

***Blessing:**

One: Beloved of God, as we ready ourselves to leave this place of sanctuary for the week ahead.

**All: May the Love of God rest with you,
the Hope of Christ work through you,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide you,
this day and always. Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "May the Blessing..." **MV#429**

Postlude

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Screen operators:

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Ushers: Nov 12 Annie T & John B. **Nov 5** Sue R. & John B

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Club	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:00pm	Lunch with Friends	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Scouting, Guiding & other rentals meet throughout the week.

**Please note -office will be closed on Mon in lieu of Remembrance Day*

Mount Royal Announcements:

Lunch with Friends: Thursday, November 16th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church today! 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: Beef Meatloaf (ham for those requiring gluten free), mashed potatoes, peas, Christmas cupcakes & peppermint ice cream. Program: Maple Sugar Band

The Ministry & Personnel Committee provides resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting our ministry personnel and lay employees. If members or adherents have praise or concerns about staff, these can be submitted in writing to the Committee. They will be considered confidentially, and if necessary, action will be recommended to Council. The next meeting of the M & P Committee will be on Monday, November 27th.

Correspondence can be left in the M & P mailbox by the Mount Royal Blvd. entrance or submitted through the web site under "contacts".

UCW Meeting: Tuesday, November 14 @ 11:30am *Program:* Bring and Buy Sale, auctioneer to be engaged for this special event!

Weekly email: Did you know that Mount Royal sends out a weekly email every Friday? If you are not receiving it and would like to, please let Emily know in the office.

Christmas Decorating at Mount Royal: Do you love decorating for the holidays? Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas? We could use your help! Anyone interested in lending a hand is invited to meet at the church on December 2nd at 9am.

Local Church Announcements:

St. Paul's Senior Exercise Classes (60+) Tues & Thurs 9am to 10am at 404 Cleveland Ave, Riverview. Fall session ends on Dec 14th & Winter Session is **Jan 9th - May 16th**. Jane Cowan is a certified trained senior instructor, with a focus on senior core fitness, balance & memory exercises. No floor work. Weights, balls, rubber bands & chairs in some classes. Contact **Wendy Marney 506-386-2032**

Hillsborough United Church is hosting "**Souper Saturday**" on **Nov 18th from 11am-1:30pm**. All are welcome to enjoy a **FREE** lunch on us! It is our gift to the community – but if you wish to pay, we will accept donations of 25¢ per bowl! Includes a choice of soup, rolls, and cookies! Bring a friend & join us for lunch.

ACW Christmas Bazaar, Nov.18th, 9AM – 1PM St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 Woolridge Street, Riverview. Coffee, muffins & cinnamon rolls. Lunch: soup, chili, rolls & pie. Bake Table, preserves, crafts, gently used books, puzzles, Christmas decorations, Silent Auction & so much more!

United Christmas Celebration: Join us **Sun, Dec. 3rd at 7 pm** as **United Churches** of greater Moncton (**including Mount Royal!**) gather to share our Music Ministry and Celebrate Christmas – **everyone is welcome** – St. Paul's United Church 404 Cleveland Ave in Riverview. Refreshments to follow & **donations** will be collected for our **local food banks**. Any inquiries contact: Bbarnes.musician@gmail.com or marthashaw11@gmail.com

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