



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."

December 5th, 2021 – White Gift Sunday

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 "Light of Light"

Greeting

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace:

One: Arise, take courage, and catch a glimpse of peace!

All: The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.

One: We are together, not alone. In spirit and in community, we gather on this second Sunday in Advent in solidarity and with courage as we work for peace within ourselves and within our world.

We Listen (*Marlene MacLeod*)

Hymn: "We Light this Candle"

Opening Prayer:

Holy Mystery, we continue in this season of Advent with great anticipation of your coming to live among us. This has been a year like no other we have experienced. So much has been outside of our

control. And so, as we draw nearer to your manger this week, we pray for peace within us and around us, that by your gentle grace, we may once again find our center, our light and life by your side. Amen.

Hymn: "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" **VU#18**

Personal Prayer "Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark" x2 **VU#19**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Learning Time Lesson

Learning Time Prayer *(repeat after me)*

Your peace, dear God, is a gift so great! But we can't wait to celebrate! So still our hearts, and quiet our minds, to focus on peace and how to be kind. For these are the gifts you want us to bring, to announce your coming, as Angels sing—not wrapped in paper or ribbon or gold, but your gifts from our hearts for both young and old. In Jesus' name we offer this prayer. Amen.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **VU#333**

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Karen Hudson

Holy Spirit come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and challenged the people, come to us now: to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, to fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence, and to fill our hearts with your love poured out through your Word this day. In Jesus precious name we pray, **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to you our Lord Jesus.

Sermon "Learning to Listen"

Anthem "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin - France & Lee

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Friends, as we continue in this Advent season, we do so knowing that it isn't so much the value of the gift but the love behind it which truly matters. With that in mind we make our offerings of love this day that your gifts of this season may be known by one and all.

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Abundant God, sustain in us a willing spirit to serve your purpose in this world. Inspire us to share peace where there is discontent, to bring healing in the place of hurt, to shine your love into the overlooked corners of our world and on this White Gift Sunday, bless each of these gifts to warm, feed, comfort and uphold those that would otherwise go without. In Jesus' tender name we pray, Amen.

Hymn: "On Jordan's Bank" **VU#20**

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing: May the God of hope be with you,
The Son of peace remain with you,
And the Spirit of love hold you
this day and always
Amen.

Postlude

Ministers: The Gathered Community
Clergy: The Rev. Scott Stuart, BA, MDiv.
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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9am - 3pm

Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Dec 5 – Esther, Dec 12 – Elizabeth, Dec 19 – Erik, Dec 24 – Debbie

Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

Dec 5 –Tracy, Dec 12 – Tracy, Dec 19 – Stephen, Dec 24 – Tracy

his Weeks Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Comm	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thursday	7:00pm	Ministry & Personnel	Boardroom
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10:00am	Tai Chi	Church Hall



Announcements

Grocery gift cards are now available. Please contact Terry Foreman at 388-4887 or grocerycards@mountroyaluc.ca or the office at 855-5771 or office@mountroyaluc.ca to place your orders. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

Memorial Tree Bulbs - You can request a bulb be lit on the outdoor tree celebrating the life of a loved one; acknowledging a person you are thankful for or even celebrating a special life event. Please contact the office at officeadmin@mountroyaluc.ca or 855-5771 or and provide the specifics of the person or event you wish to honour. The cost is \$5 per celebration. Dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Dec 19.

White Gift Sunday will be celebrated on **Dec 5th**. This year we are asking for donations of grocery gift cards, cash or personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, tampons) as well as toques, gloves, scarves and men's and women's undergarments (smaller sizes).

Carol Sing - Plan to join the choir for a carol sing on **Dec 12th** at 7pm. Details to follow. Please send your carol requests to music@mountroyaluc.ca or call the office at 855-5771 by Nov 28th.

