



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 24th, 2022 - Christmas Eve (4:00pm)

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)*

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: God came into the world in the birth of Jesus.

All: Jesus came as Hope,

One: Jesus came as Peace,

All: Jesus came as Joy,

One: Jesus came as Love,

All: We have waited and watched,

One: Now His light shines brightly! Let us worship together, in the warmth of this light!

(Lighting of the Christ Candle)

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

We come tonight looking for love and light, seeking a birth that was God's delight. Jesus came to one and all, that each of us would never fall. Tonight, in a stable surrounded by hay, we come as we are, and we pray: for Jesus to enter our hearts and minds, to be born in us, that we may all shine. Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

VU#60

The Tale of the Grumpy Shepherd

Part One

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1 +2" **VU# 64**
placing sheep at the stable

Part Two

Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" vs 1-4 **VU# 75**
placing a shepherd's crook at the stable

Part Three

Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" vs 1+2 **VU# 44**
placing an angel at the stable

Part Four

Hymn: "Away in a Manger" **VU# 69**
placing a manger at the stable

Part Five

Hymn: "What Child Is This" vs 1+2 **VU# 74**
placing a child in the manger

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of stars and stables, of wealthy sovereigns and homeless youth, we each bring our gifts as we are able, knowing that the strength of your love will bless each gift. Empowered by your Son, born to us this night, we rededicate ourselves to work of your church in the world guided by the light of all lights, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Part Six

Hymn: Happy Birthday Jesus

Blessing: (unison)

**May the Love of God, the Light of Christ,
And the Joy of the Holy Spirit,
be with you this holy night, now and forevermore.
Amen.**

All children are welcome to come forward for a cupcake

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Dec 24 7pm Erik Jan 1 Tracy Jan 8 Elizabeth Jan 15 Erik

Ushers for the coming weeks:

**Dec 24 @ 4pm Katelyn & Colin Dec 24 @ 7pm Jennifer & Nick
Jan. 1 Sue R. & John B. Jan. 8 Kim & Kevin**

This Week’s Events: Dec 26th – Jan 1st

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
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Announcements

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



Holiday Office Hours – Office closes at noon on Dec. 30th. Office is closed Dec. 26th, Dec. 27th and Jan. 2nd. Open all other weekdays from 9am- 2pm.

Merry Christmas!