



# 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."

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**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 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: Good shepherd,

**All: Light of the world,**

One: Friend of our hearts,

**All: join us here.**

One: Bread of life,

**All: Living Word,**

One: The Great I Am,

**All: join us here.**

One: In fellowship and in love,

**All: we worship Christ the King!**

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

**Tender and Loving God, You gather us here to dwell in Your Love and Grace. You comfort and guide us, heal, and redeem us. This morning as we sing Your songs of praise, let Your Light shine into every corner of our living. Guide us**

**in the way of Christ: our brother, our friend, and our great and glorious king. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise" **VU# 820**

**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)

**We thank You, God, for all the ways that Jesus teaches and leads. For the paths of peace and justice and for the people that He frees. As we grow together, let us follow in Jesus' way, so that Your Light continues to shine everywhere and everyday. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" **MV# 30**

**Prayer for Understanding:** **Reader: Karen**

**Scripture Lesson:**

**Psalm:** **Psalm 46 VU# 770, refrain #2**

**Gospel:** **Luke 23: 33-43**

**Response:**

**One:** This is the Living Word,

**All:** **moving in our lives and world.**

**Sermon** "Value"

**Anthem**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us" **VU# 399**

## *We Respond to the Word*

### Invitation to the Offering

#### \*Sung Dedication:

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

#### \*Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

**God, we thank You for all that You offer to us. And we thank you that, in return, we can offer these parts of our lives, not only to You, but to the world around us. Pour out Your Spirit upon them, so that they may multiply sharing Your Love in ways we least expect. In the name of Jesus, we offer our gratitude and prayers. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" **VU# 213**

#### \*Blessing:

#### \*Extinguishing of the Christ Light

\*Choral Benediction "May the Blessing..." **VU#429**

### Postlude

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<b>Screen operators:</b> Nov 26 Erik    Dec 3 Tracy    Dec 10 Tracy
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### **This Week's Events**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	10:00am	<b>M&amp;P Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	<b>Christmas decorating!</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

## **Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Grocery Cards are Here!** This is an excellent way to support your church and one of our major fundraisers. Please plan on to buy a card from Terry after church or stop by the office to purchase during the week.

**Christmas Decorating at Mount Royal:** Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas? We could use your help! Meet at the church on **December 2nd at 9am.**

**Advent Donations:** This year we are inviting you to **donate winter items** to share with community members in need this Advent season.

The following are suggested items:

Winter hats, mittens/gloves, socks, handwarmers, underwear (mens & ladies, no XL please), sweatshirts/sweatpants, individually packaged snacks (juiceboxes, granola bars etc), & deodorant/personal hygiene items.

Please place items in *the basket* at the back of the church on any Sunday before Christmas or drop off at the office during office hours. Thank you for participating!

**White Gift Sunday** is December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting monetary donations that will go towards purchasing gift cards that will be donated to our neighbourhood schools as well as local charities.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Thank you to our United Church Women** for their recent, very generous donation to Mount Royal. We appreciate all the many ways you make Mount Royal a wonderful place to be!

**You've Got Mail!** Please check your mailslot at the back of the church for your copy of the 2023 Christmas Letter. If you are able to deliver a few, that would be greatly appreciated!

**Christmas Carol Sing** – During Advent (beginning Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>), join us by 10:15am for Christmas carol singing before worship.

**Memorial Tree Bulbs:** Would you consider lighting a bulb on the Memorial Tree to honour or say thanks to someone? Send your dedication to the office by Dec 12th. Suggested donation - \$5.00

**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 (in the office) know.

### **Local Church Announcements:**

**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](mailto:Bbarnes.musician@gmail.com)

**Central United Church “Wednesday Coffee Gathering”** –Nov 22nd at Café Inclusio, 1150 Amirault St. at 10:30 am. Nov 29th the Coffee Gathering will be at back at Monk 10 at Hilton Garden Inn on Highfield St at 11:45am! **Please join us** for 1- 1½ hours to share and enjoy the company and great discussion. Drop in for lunch or coffee & chat!

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