



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."

Advent 4 - Love

December 19th, 2021

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 Love:

One: Love abundantly overflows, pouring into our midst, so take heart and dare to love deeply.

All: The glow of God's divine love lightens our hearts.

One: We are together and never alone. Gathered on this fourth Sunday in Advent, we are witness to God's deep love and tender compassion for the whole world. Our witness is love.

All: Let us witness to that love as we worship our God together.

We Listen (*Nancy Brown*)

Hymn:

"We Light this Candle"

Opening Prayer:

Ever loving God, kindle our hearts that we may burn anew with your love. Bless us with the flame of lively living in faith. Take our words to share that love, take our minds to broaden that love and take our hearts that we may share your love with one and all. In the name of Love incarnate, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **VU#64**

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

With open hands and hearts, dear God, we thank you for the light: Your love that shines, that never dims, and stays throughout the night. Let it grow and spread through us, in all we say and do, so no one feels alone or scared: for your love always bursts through. Amen.

Hymn: "There Was a Child in Galilee" **MV#134**

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Joe Avery

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 1:39-55

One: This is God's promise of Love to the world.

All: **Today we rest in that love.**

Sermon

"God's Heart Skips a Beat"

Anthem "Mary, Did You Know?" by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green

Pastoral Prayer

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Today we continue our journey to the manger with Mary's words fresh in our hearts, "give light to those who sit in darkness." We make the offerings of our hearts this day, that one and all may come to know the fullness of God's love.

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of unending love which follows us throughout this life, let these offerings we make in love this day be blessed by you. We ask these and all our prayers for the sake of your people that you came to save. In the name of Jesus, love embodied, we pray, Amen.

Hymn: "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary" **VU#14**

Blessing: Friends, as we leave this place love leaves with us:
tending our hearts,
guiding our feet,
blessing our path,
as we approach the stable
only to find that love walks with us, **Amen.**

***Our candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love continue to
lighten our way...***

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Dec 19 – Erik, **Dec 24** – Debbie, **Jan 2** – Esther, **Jan 9** – Elizabeth

Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

Dec 19 – Stephen, **Dec 24** – Tracy, **Jan 2** – Stephen, **Jan 9** – Tracy

This Weeks Events

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| Tuesday | 10:00am | Craft Group | Church Hall |
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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.

MEMORIAL TREE DEDICATIONS

For:

In memory of Les Parrott

In memory of Cedric & Kathleen Allaby

To honour Susan Fowler for her devotion to the Mount Royal family and her role as chair of Council

To thank Bill Millett for his countless volunteer hours keeping us connected to our church family

In memory of Aunt Phyllis Thompson

In memory of Carolyn Dalzell

In celebration of Aunt Patricia's 100th birthday

In celebration of Eli Cotê's 1st birthday (great-grandson)

In memory of Eldon Freeman

Dedicated for our 4 grandchildren, Annabelle & Felix Nicholson and Layla & Levi Pringle who light up our life all year round but especially at Christmas

In memory of Herb, Vi and Eric Dixson

In memory of Bill Dutcher

In memory of Heather Dutcher

In memory of Jet and Bop Aikman

In memory of Robert Aikman

In memory of George and Jean Owen

In memory of Ken Smith

By:

Tracy & Andrew Parrott

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Joan & Susan Jardine

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Ina Freeman

Ensor & Eleanor Nicholson

Brian Dixson

Shirley Dutcher

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Jennifer & Nick Smith

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| In memory of Bill Smith | Jennifer & Nick Smith |
| In memory of William McShane | Jennifer & Nick Smith |
| In memory of Margaret & Billy Barr | Jennifer & Nick Smith |
| In memory of friends we lost in 2021 | Jennifer & Nick Smith |
| In Appreciation of Rev. Scott's ministry and leadership through Covid-19 | Jennifer & Nick Smith |
| In celebration of Jane Aikman's 80 th birthday on December 18 th | Jennifer & Nick Smith |
| In memory of my uncle, Tom Roache | Cathy Elderkin |
| In memory of my uncle, Joseph O. Skerry | Cathy Elderkin |
| In memory of my aunt, Chris Skerry | Cathy Elderkin |
| Giving thanks for my family | Cathy Elderkin |
| In memory of Wayne Tremble | Valerie Tremble |
| In memory of Walter McQuinn | Helen McQuinn |
| In memory of Jeanie Shaban | Helen McQuinn |
| In appreciation for the love & support of family & friends past & present | John & Nancy Brown |
| In appreciation for all the kind folks at Mount Royal who have worked tirelessly to continue our worship services | John & Nancy Brown |
| Thanks to the dedicated team at Mount Royal who continue to keep us connected | Ron & Valerie Berry |
| In memory of Irving & Avis Scott | Ron & Valerie Berry |
| In memory of Carl & Pauline Berry | Ron & Valerie Berry |
| In memory of Jean and Fred Hurley | Sandra & Gil Webb |
| In memory of Jean & Louis Webb | Sandra & Gil Webb |
| In memory of Arthur Hurley | Sandra & Gil Webb |

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| In memory of loved ones: Alta and Wes, Marion, Ian, Sybil and Gerald and Esther | Susan Fowler |
| To celebrate family and friends for their love, friendship and support | Susan Fowler |
| In gratitude to Tracy and Bill and all the Tech Team for all the extra work they do to make worship and special events meaningful for those participating in person and online | Susan Fowler |
| To thank the team of volunteers who work every Sunday as door greeters, contact tracers and ushers | Susan Fowler |
| To thank the Staff of MRUC | Susan Fowler |
| In gratitude for Members of Council and Committees for their continuing hard work on behalf of the Community of Faith | Susan Fowler |
| To those unnamed elves who maintain and clean the building and property, and ensure the entrances and sanctuary are seasonally decorated and welcoming | Susan Fowler |
| In memory of loved ones | Carol & Merlin Mullin |
| In memory of Eleanor B. Wolf | Betsy Innes |
| In memory of Richard D. Wolf | Betsy Innes |
| In memory of Ronalee W. Johannsen | Betsy Innes |
| In memory of Margaret Yacuzzo | Betsy Innes |
| Thanks to all who made it possible for church services to be viewed from our home | Ida & Cindy Cameron |
| In memory of Marie McGrath | John & Melanie Fleming |
| In memory of Margaret MacFarlane (mother) | Sandra MacFarlane |
| In memory of Doreen MacFarlane (sister) | Sandra MacFarlane |