



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 26th, 2021

Congregational responses in bold.

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

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship:

One: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth,
peace and goodwill toward all.

**All: For out of God's own being, Jesus has come to
bring light and love to all people.**

One: Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us,
come to gather our tears and laughter,
our work and our play, into God's loving embrace.

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.**

Scripture: Psalm 34: 1-10

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" **VU#35**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Wondrous God, thank you for revealing your glory to us through unlikely people in unexpected places. Be with us this day as we remember your incarnate love born to a poor woman from a forgotten corner of the

world. Let the holy mystery that surrounds Jesus' birth surprise us with joy and strengthen us to go out into the world with your light, that hope, peace, and love might shine forth from us to your honor and glory and praise. Amen

- Scripture:** Micah 5: 2-4
Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **VU#64**
- Scripture:** Luke 2:1-7
Hymn: "What Child is This" **VU#74**
- Scripture:** Luke 2:8-15
The Carol: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" **VU#36**
- Scripture:** Titus 2: 11-14
Carol: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" **VU#43**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer (*Unison*)

God of all goodness, source of every good and perfect gift, bless the giving and the gifts we offer. Use these gifts and use us so that Christ might be born in us, not only in this season, but the whole year through. We pray in the name of the child of Bethlehem. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Joy to the World" **VU#59**

Blessing (*Unison*)

We go out into this day in joy and hope, with the song of the angels on our lips to tell: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace. Jesus Christ is Born!

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