

**November 24th, 2024**

Congregational responses are in **bold** (\*) Indicates Standing

**We Come Together**

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

**\*Introit** "Grateful" (*refrain only*) **MV#182**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: We have come to the end of a journey.

**All: A whole year has passed since we first began to wait in hope for God's reign.**

One: We searched for baby Jesus in a palace,

**All: but Jesus was not there.**

One: We searched for Jesus in all the respectable places,

**All: but Jesus often was not there.**

One: We searched for Jesus in the tomb,

**All: but Jesus was not there. He had been raised.**

One: We continue to search for Jesus,

**All: and we find him, in the midst of our daily lives and often in unexpected places.**

One: Let us open ourselves to the presence of the Holy as we mark the last day of the Christian calendar.

**\*Hymn:** "Be Still, My Soul" **VU#652**

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

One: We are here, Loving Lord.

**All: We have shown up for worship.**

One: But help us to do more than show up.

**All: We are alive with spirits strong for service and attitudes eager to be broadened.**

One: Let us do more than take up space.

**All: We are here, O God, each of us with the grace and gifts you have instilled in us.**

One: Together, we welcome your Spirit and all you might draw out of us,

**All: for we are not just here, we are ready, O God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" **VU#512**

**Personal Prayer:** "Don't Be Afraid" X 2 **MV#90**  
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

**Reader: Marlene**

**Scripture Lesson:**

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18: 33-37

**Response:**

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Mary MacPherson*

**Anthem** "Only God"

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness" **VU#565**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**\*Sung Dedication:**

"In Gratitude and Humble Trust"

**VU#544**

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

**Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our ending, bless us. Bless this church and its needed ministry. Bless these gifts entrusted to us as they support your church,**

**which is granted to our care. Bless the work of the Mission and Service Fund and its promotion of justice, solidarity, advocacy, and human dignity. Alpha and Omega, receive these offerings with joy for the benefit of your world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:**

“I am the Dream”

**MV#106**

**Blessing:** *(unison)*

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we will prepare faithfully.**

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we will work for peace and justice.**

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we will seek reconciliation and healing.**

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we will work to end prejudice.**

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we will share grace and compassion.**

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we will have hope at last.**

One: The Realm of God is coming;

**All: we go out in the name of Jesus, the Reign-maker.  
Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** “May the Blessing of God...”

**VU#429**

**Postlude**

*(Call to worship: Beth W. Johnston Blessing: David Sparks)*



***This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of  
Sheldon Nicholson by his wife, Nadine Nicholson,  
and family.***

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

**Ushers: 24** Valerie B. & John

**Screens: Nov 24** Tracy **Dec 1** Kevin **Dec 8** Erik

<b>This Week's Calendar</b>			
<b>Mon</b>	11:30am	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Tues</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	10:30am	<b>M&amp;P Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wed</b>	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	12:30pm	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

\***Tai Chi** with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am\*

### **Announcements:**

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

**Christmas Decorating:** Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas? Please meet on November 30th at 9am.

**Memorial Tree Bulbs:** Would you like to light a bulb on the Memorial Tree to honour or say thanks to someone? Send your dedication to the office by Dec 5th. Suggested donation - \$5.00

**Pancake Breakfast update:** We are thrilled to share that our recent pancake breakfast fundraiser raised a total of \$2442! Thank you again to everyone who attended, donated and volunteered!

**WOMEN UNITE: Potluck & "Christmas Tag" craft.** All women are invited to join us on ***December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm*** for a fun evening! Please let the office know (by phone or email) what you plan to bring and keep in mind that if it's a warm dish, it needs to arrive warm as we won't have kitchen access.

**Winter Item Donations for Advent:** We are collecting winter items for folks at Ensemble. Next Sunday, please bring in hats, mittens/gloves and scarves.

**A friendly reminder** that we do not "pass the plate" during our service. If you would like to leave a cash/cheque donation, please place it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary beside the guestbook.



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