



# 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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**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Christmas Eve (10:30am)**

(\* indicates standing      Congregational responses in bold.

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## **We Come Together**

**Musical Prelude ...** (*This is an opportunity for us to appreciate the  
gift of music rejoicing in Jesus' birth*)

**"The Invitation"**

*Choir*

**Greeting/Announcements**

**"Noel! Noel!"**

*Choir*

**Narration**

**Advent Candle Lighting:**

One: How does the world rejoice in love?

**All: We sing songs of love.**

One: We allow love to change us, to strength us.

**All: We tell stories of what has been,**

One: and what can be.

**All: We gather at manger in awe and wonder,**

One: at the birth of our hope and joy,

**All: our love and our light.**

One: This is the day that God has made,

**All: come and witness the birth of love!**

*(Lighting the Candle of Love)*

**Candle Lighting Hymn: "Look to the Light"**

**"Bethlehem Suite"**

*Choir*

**Narration**

**"Creature Praise"**

*(Children are invited to the front)*

**Narration**

**Godly Play**

Rev. Catherine Stuart

**\*Hymn:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1,3,5,7 **VU#1**  
*Congregation*

**Narration**

**"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"** *Choir*  
**Narration**

**"One Holy Night"** *Choir*  
**Narration**

**\*Hymn:** "Hope Is a Star" **VU#7**  
*Congregation*

**Invitation to Offering**

**\*Sung Dedication:**  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU# 541**

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

**Generous God, it is fun to give. The look of delight from the receiver is a gift in and of itself. May our offerings be just as pleasing to you. Let them bring hope to those in need, ministry within this community, and love to all who are hurting. With these gifts, we also commit ourselves anew to the way of Jesus, born to us this day. Amen.**

**"Once In Royal David's City"** Stephanie Mah,  
Cathy Elderkin and Esther Mah  
**Narration**

**\*Hymn:** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" **VU# 43**  
*Congregation*

**Narration**

**"The Gathering"** *Choir*  
**Narration**

**Cloth For the Cradle** *(Children are invited to the front)*

**"Candlelight Service"** *Choir/Children lighting candle*

# Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" **VU# 35**  
*Congregation*

## Commissioning:

In an out of the way place, in an out of sync time, Jesus was born. The Love of God has taken on human form and cares for us beyond all imagining. Let us rejoice in that Love this day and pass it from our heart to another and another all year through. **Amen.**

**\*Choral Benediction "A Christmas Blessing"**

## Postlude

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**Ushers:** Dec 24 10:30am Katelyn & Colin 7:00pm Kim & Kevin  
**Screens:** Dec 24 Erik Dec 31 Tracy

## This Week's Events

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
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\*Please note: Office is closed on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

## Mount Royal Announcements:

**Grocery Card Fundraiser!** We still have a few cards available for purchase during regular office hours.

**Kids Korner:** Our Sunday children's program will start back up on January 14<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, there are pew packs at the back of the church with quiet activities for young people to use during the service.

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