

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11 am  
ADVENT III

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Burke. Grace and peace to you all in this Holy Season of Advent!

## Thought for Meditation:

*We have to confront ourselves. Do we like what we see in the mirror?  
And, according to our light, according to our understanding,  
according to our courage, we will have to say yea or nay - and rise!*

Maya Angelou

## THE GATHERING

\*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

### \*WELCOME

\*Introit: O Come All Ye Faithful, #60 VU, v.1

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come, ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem:  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The joy of Advent be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

## **\*HYMN #68 VU All Poor Ones And Humble**

### **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Leader:** Advent God, we journey together towards Bethlehem's stable and our newborn King.

**People:** Attune our ears to the songs of the angels.

**Leader:** Focus our eyes on the light of the star.

**People:** Fill us with amazement at your coming.

**Leader:** Emmanuel: God in human likeness. Born among us.

**People:** Again.

**Leader:** Still. Even here, and now, and so we dare to pray together, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done,**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES:**

**Reader 1:** Joseph was probably just looking to settle down and have an ordinary family.

**Reader 2:** A comfortable life. A good life.

**Reader 1:** Was God asking too much of Joseph?

**Reader 2:** Maybe. But he wouldn't know unless he tried.

**Reader 1:** And so Joseph got up, and dared to follow the words of an angel.

**Reader 2:** And he was never the same again!

*[The third Candle of Advent, The Candle of Daring, is lit.]*

**Sing: (#36 VU Angels, From the Realms of Glory, v. 2)**  
Shepherds from the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

## **T H E W O R D O F G O D**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25**

**ANTHEM: *Be The Light Of Christ*                      W. Cameron**

**SERMON: *On Joseph, Intervening Angels and Winging It!***

**\*HYMN #38 VU Angels We Have Heard On High**

## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

**Dedication of Memorial Plaque: In memory of Marilyn Parlee,  
Presented by Lee and Dianna MacPherson**

**Response (Rev. Kelly):** On behalf of the congregation we accept this generous gift with much gratitude. We shall place it with thanksgiving in this church that meant so much to Marilyn, and to us all. Let us pray together:

**ALL: Holy One, source of all inspiration and generosity, we thank you for this gift now dedicated to you. And we thank you for Marilyn, for her courage and strength, for her love of family and community. May your Spirit, O God, guide us in the loving and reverent use of all that is entrusted to us. This we pray in the name of your most extravagant gift, Jesus. Amen.**

## **T H E A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old, v.3)**

**As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger crude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you our heavenly King!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN #47 VU Still, Still, Still**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: While Shepherds Watched #75, v.6 VU**

**All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace.  
Goodwill to all from highest heaven  
Begin and never cease!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)

*If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeters This Week:** Doug and Linda Watson

**Trustees On Duty (Dec):** Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Mon., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am – NMUC goes to Christ Church Cathedral**  
**Sat., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30 am - NMUC goes to F'ton Community Kitchen**  
**Sun., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve - No morning service**  
**7:00 pm - Family Service**  
**10:00 pm - Candlelight & Communion Service**  
**Sun., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service**

**U.C.W. – 2018 United Church calendars** are now available for purchase for \$6.00. Sue Morrison is the contact person.

**It's that time of year .... Our MITTEN TREE** is now in place and ready to receive any knitted items you would like to contribute. By Christmas, these items will be distributed wherever the need exists.

## **GREEN TIP: Candles**

Paraffin candles are made from petroleum residue and are not good for your health or for the environment. Candles made from soy, beeswax or natural vegetable-based wax are more eco-friendly because they are biodegradable and are smoke-free.

**NOTECARDS** designed by Pam Gonnason and featuring the artwork of the church are now available to purchase. Each package has 4 cards / envelopes and sell for \$10. All profits will go to NMUC. There are limited quantities in the church office but they can be ordered at any time through Pam or Trevor ([tpgonnason@gmail.com](mailto:tpgonnason@gmail.com))

**New copies of “Our Daily Breads” (Dec/Jan/Feb)** are now available at both doors of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Price Class is available.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** - For the month of **December**, we will focus on **school snacks: puddings, fruit cups, granola bars, and juice boxes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

## **STORM NOTICE**

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am**.

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: <http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/> It will be on the Home Page.

The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).

The **Church envelopes for 2018** are now available for pick up in the main entrance. This includes anyone on PAR. If anyone wishes envelopes or has any questions or concerns, contact Lloyd Penney at 450-4342 or e-mail [lloyd.penney02@bellaliant.net](mailto:lloyd.penney02@bellaliant.net)