

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11 am

Christmas 2 – Celebrating Epiphany

An All-Ages Service as we tell the story of the Coming of the Magi in the Huron Tradition

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this 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 throughout this Holy season of Epiphany!

## Thought for Meditation

*No story sits by itself, sometimes stories meet at corners and sometimes they cover one another completely, like stones beneath a river.*

Mitch Albom

## THE GATHERING

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

### \*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### \*INTROIT: Joy to the World #59 VU v.1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Come, let us worship together: And as it was for the Magi and Chiefs, may the joy of discovering Emmanuel be with you all!

**All:** And also with you!

### \*HYMN# 81VU As With Gladness Men of Old

## **OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Eternal God, you have made yourself known to people of all ages, all times, and all walks of life. As the Wise Ones were overjoyed when they saw the star, so may we be filled with joy as you reveal yourself to us this morning. With grateful hearts, we pray in the name of Emmanuel, God-with-us, 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.**

**Chalking The Door: An Epiphany Blessing for our Church**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12**

**ANTHEM: *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime trad French/Brebeuf***

**An Interactive Story Time: *Old Bear's Tale: Seeking the Holy Child***

**\*HYMN: We Three Kings (adapted)**

**1. We three chiefs of forest, are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,**

**Following yonder star.**

***O star of wonder, star of night,***

***Star with royal beauty bright,***

***Westward leading, still proceeding,***

***Guide us to thy perfect Light.***

**2. Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Earth to the heav'ns replies.**

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING & OFFERTORY (tune #55VU, verse 4)**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

## **PRAYERS & A LITANY FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Holy God, Light of Light, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end: we balance on the cusp of our days,  
**teetering between old and new, between coming and going, between sojourning and homecoming.**

To you, O God, we entrust all our yesterdays: yours to hallow and hold; yours to forgive and cherish.

**To you O God, we dedicate all our tomorrows: strengthen and challenge us; and guide us to your light.**

And hold us – and surprise us, O God - in the holy now! And blessed be all those we encounter.

**Blessed be our humility, blessed be our care, blessed be our blunders.**

Blessed be this family of faith in this time and place! Amen!

**\*HYMN#86 VU Will You Come and See the Light**

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL BLESSING: (#75 VU v.6)

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
Good will to all from highest heaven, begin, and never cease.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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*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. Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeters This Week:** Keith and Lorna Ball

**Tellers This Week:** L. Penney

**Trustees On Duty (Dec):** David Ward and Ann Urquhart

## LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service

Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service

12:15 pm – Official Board – Budget Meeting

Our United Church calendars are still available from Linda Watson following the service. Cost is \$6.00. This is a project of the U.C.W.

2015 Church envelopes are available for pick up at the back door. If you would like envelopes for 2015, contact Lloyd Penney at 459-8622.

**FOOD BANK:** For the month of January we will focus on baked beans. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. As well, they are collecting egg cartons and clean plastic bags.

Our Sunday School is organizing their annual M & S fundraiser, which will begin in the New Year. In preparation, we are asking for donations of mason jars. If you have a jar or two to spare, please bring them to Church over the next couple of weeks for the Sunday School to use. Thank you for your support! The N.M.U.C. Sunday School /4

