

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11 am  
Anniversary Sunday (1887-2022) – Celebrating 135 years!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

## THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*Tradition is not the worship of ashes but the preservation of fire.*

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## T H E G A T H E R I N G

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

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

**\*INTROIT: Holy, Holy, Holy, #315 VU v.1**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** For 135 years people have been gathering here in this place to worship God.

**People:** For 135 years people have been gathering here to sing and pray, to bless and be blessed.

**Leader:** For 135 years people have preached, and baptized, and celebrated the Lord's Supper here.

**People:** For 135 years, people have gathered to share in the work and the fellowship; to share in the joys and the sorrows,

**Leader:** to remember what *was*, to be faithful witnesses *now*,

**People: And to look forward to what God has in store for us all!**

**Leader: And now, as it has been for 135 years, our worship continues in the name of Jesus, who was, and is, and evermore shall be!**

**\*HYMN: #660 VU How Firm A Foundation**

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

**God of all history, God of our hearts, we gather this day in gratitude and trust. Help us to glean wisdom from the past; to trust you in the days to come; and to serve you in the holy "now". May we celebrate every day that you give us with joyful praise, and abundant hope. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught his friends 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.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN # 28 MV God Of The Bible, verse 1**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN# 28 MV God Of The Bible, verse 2**

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

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE OFFERTORY: The Doxology #541 VU**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures high and low,  
give thanks to God in love made known,  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**SCRIPTURE: 2Thessalonians 2: 13-17**

**SERMON: *Keeping The Fire Going!***

**CHOIR: *Fly Away Medley***

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Invitation**

**\*HYMN # 469 VU We Gather Here**

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung refrains: #203-205 MV, Kingsfold)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of Love, God of Courage, we give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

**For the wonder of the earth, for food on our tables, for the love of family and the love of neighbours.**

For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of peace in a world that threatens violence,

**For this, and so much more, we offer our thanks and praise.**

We remember the complicated stories of our forebears in the faith, people like Noah and Sampson, Miriam and her brothers, Sarah and Hagar, David and Jonah and Mary Magdalene.

**We lift up the countless saints, the hapless and the heroic, the terrified and the wholehearted, who have gone before us to teach us the ways of your people.**

And so we lift our voices, singing together the praises of the ages:

*Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.*

*All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.*

*Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,*

*And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!*

We give thanks for Jesus, the One we call Brother. The one we call Christ. Child of Mary, he came to teach us about the wonders of your love. Sharing a table, a meal, with absolutely anyone and everyone, he showed us what the Great Banquet of Life could look like. And as we gather now, at this table, we remember another table, long ago, and far away....

[the Institution Narrative continues]

And so, God of Love, we eat and drink and we remember. And in our remembering, we sing the mystery of our faith:

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,*

*Christ will come again!*

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,*

*Christ will come again!*

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this table, and upon these your people. And may we all be transformed. And all the people sang:

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

~~~~~ *We share the Feast* ~~~~~

**The Prayer After Communion:**

Day by day, God will lead us:

**To the places of holy encounter; the places of daring and courage.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:

**To give ourselves in service; to offer ourselves in love.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

**The people we might be; the community we might become.**

And all God's people said:

**AMEN!**

**\*HYMN: The Church In The Wildwood (see sheet)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace (Don Besig)**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others, so all the world can see,**

**God will be there, watching from above,**

**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**A-men. A-men. A-a-a-men.**

*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of  
Dawn and Bob Watson from the Choir.*

# 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. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeter This Week: Linda Watson**

**Tellers This Week: Jim Merrill and Meg Simms**

**Trustee On Duty (Nov): Ann Urquhart**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Online Auction (see over)**

**Mon., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting**

**Wed., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm – Official Board Meeting**

**Wed., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>- 6:30 pm -UCW Christmas Meeting in church kitchen**

**Note: Your Advent letter is available for pick up today in the foyer.**

**SPARE CHANGE JARS:** It is that time of year again - leaves are falling, the weather is getting cooler and it is time to think about returning our spare change jars! Please continue to drop your spare change in the colourful jar until **Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**. Then it will be time to return it to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Power at 292-4106. Thank you for contributing to the Mission & Service Fund.

## **Church Offering**

Anyone wanting a church envelope number (an annual tax receipt is issued for all contributions) or anyone interested in signing up for PAR (pre-approved remittance – where monthly contributions can be made to the church through your bank), please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150) or [smorriso@unb.ca](mailto:smorriso@unb.ca).

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

**The December issue of BROADVIEW** has now arrived and is available to borrow from the library area.

**DAILY BREADS** – New copies of “**Our Daily Breads**” (Dec/Jan/Feb) are now available in the main entrance. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container is available for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class.

**GREETER SIGN UP SHEET** – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by any Sunday that would be convenient for you. Thanks!

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** – For the month of **November**, we will focus on **canned meats**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

The **NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB** has announced that the “**2022 Food & Toy Drive**” will be returning to its original format ... on the Village streets for the first time in three years on **December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>**. The Christmas hampers help families in need in the New Maryland and surrounding areas. **In the past, NMUC has collected canned peas to contribute to this project. The peas should be in by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH** (183 Gibson St.) will be hosting a **Breakfast & Christmas Market** on **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022** from **8 am-11 am**. The breakfast will be from 8 am – 10:30 am at \$10/person. The market tables will feature Christmas cards by Lori Donovan, a church table with baking, pickles & knitting and a Book & Puzzle table. Everyone is welcome!

## **"The BIG EVENT HAS BEGUN!!!!**

Our Online-Silent Auction started yesterday. You have all week to browse, look at the items (there are 100!!!) and enter bids. Bidding closes next Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. So you want to be checking the site close to closing time, in case someone out bids you and you want to up your bid.

The link to the site is below. There has also been an email sent with the link. Please feel free to share it with family and friends.

You do need to set up an account with Auction 32, which is the online auction website.

Please let one of the committee members know if you have any questions at all.

Pick up for items will begin on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> after church.

Thanks all!

<https://www.32auctions.com/nmuc>

