

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11 am  
ADVENT II: PEACE  
WHITE GIFT SUNDAY & THE MITTEN TREE

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. 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

*Let us bring equality, justice, and peace for all. Not just the politicians and the world leaders, we all need to contribute. Me. You. It is our duty.* Malala Yousafzai

## THE GATHERING

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

### \*ENTRANCE OF THE CHOIR: #1 VU, v. 7

O Come, Desire of Nations, bind, all peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us the Prince of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us worship the Lord together!

### \*HYMN #18 VU There's A Voice In The Wilderness

# **THE ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY: Outreach Committee:**

**Linda Watson & Steve Hayward**

**Reader 1:** And so continues the Season of Advent: the season of waiting for Jesus to be born.

**Reader 2:** It is a season of waiting in wonder; of waiting in PEACE!

**Reader 1:** “For unto us, a child is born, unto us, a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!”

**Reader 2:** And so week by week, Sunday by Sunday, we wait in hope, and peace. And as we do, we will light the Advent candles.

**Reader 1:** This ritual helps us to prepare our hearts for the great gift of the king born in a manger: Emmanuel: God-with-us!

*[The Blue Candle of Peace is lit]*

**ALL SING: Hope is Shining, v.2**

**V. MacKenzie**

**Peace is shining in the darkness, Rejoice! The Lord is near.**

**We are waiting for the Christ child, the Saviour to appear.**

**Our Messiah, born in Bethlehem, will lead us through the night.**

**Peace is shining in the darkness, follow its light.**

**Reader 2:** And now let us pray together, as the Light of the World taught 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.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #7 VU, v. 2, Peace is a Ribbon  
PRESENTATION OF WHITE GIFTS & MITTEN TREE  
CHILDREN'S HYMN#7 VU, v. 2, Peace is a Ribbon**

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

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Malachi 3: 1-4**

**ANTHEM: *Come, Lord Jesus*                      JC. Landry/P. Orr**

**SERMON: *Of Prophets and Fire and Blown Glass***

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

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

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: (#55 VU, 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.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN #44 VU It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL BLESSING: (#69 VU, v. 3)**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

# 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:** Maxine MacConnell

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

**Tellers Today:** Meg Simms and Lloyd Penney

**Sunday School Teachers Today:** Sheila and Brooke-Lyn Power

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

<b>Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Men's Club Supper (see below)</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>U.C.W. Christmas Get Together</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Advent III: Joy - The Children's Pageant</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> -</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>Advent IV: Love - Holy Communion</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b>
	<b>10 pm</b>	<b>Service of Candlelight and Holy Communion</b>

*Advent 2 - Today is White Gift Sunday. Items will be picked up from you by the Sunday School children during the service.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** A reminder to all parents, grandparents and guardians that the Sunday school will be taking part in the service on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will be practicing each Sunday between now and then. As well, we will be having a dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at the church at **9:00am**, for approximately one hour.

**MEN'S CLUB** – On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, the Men's Club will be holding their annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be held at Wetmore's Pub. This outing is open to all men of the congregation. Please confirm your attendance with either Keith Ball or Dave Ward.

The **U.C.W. December Christmas Party/Meeting** will be held on **Wed., Dec. 12th** at the earlier time of **6:30** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Dr. Everyone will bring a finger food to share and a wrapped gift for our Yankee Swap. All women of the congregation would be very welcome to join us for this fun event. Call Dorothy **(457-9795)** for more info.

The **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.

**Salmon Supper (2018)Update** - Please be advised that after all expenses have been determined, this year's Salmon Supper realized a profit of **\$4,089.23** which is the best year ever! The Men's Club has already donated \$200 to the Lion's Club Turkey Drive. Also the purchase of just over \$100 for men's undergarments in honour of Frank Glendenning and \$100 for the purchase of men's socks in memory of Bob Watson was made and these items of essential clothing will be distributed by our Outreach Committee. On behalf of the Men's Club, many thanks again to everyone who worked and participated in making this project such a huge success!

## **OUTREACH:**

The sign up schedules are out for both the Community Kitchen Volunteers and Christ Church Sandwiches, they are found on the Outreach Committee bulletin board in the foyer by Lorna's Office.

The Community Kitchen is in great need of more volunteers to fill up the schedule for Saturday mornings. NMUC has traditionally sent 4 people on the 4th Saturday of the month. Over the last year we have seen a great decline in volunteers for this service. It is a very rewarding experience and not overly strenuous. If you have never been to the Community Kitchen and are interested in more information please approach someone on the Outreach Committee or someone who is already on the sign up sheet.

Food Bank donations are always welcome in the designated bin in the main entrance of the church, and are especially needed at this time of year. Please also note that you can make a monetary donation to the /5.

Food Bank through your offering envelope, simply by marking the amount on the envelope that you wish to direct to the Food Bank, or you can designate a portion of your monthly PAR specifically to the Food Bank simply by sending an email to Lloyd Penney.

As always the Outreach Committee is very appreciative of all the support we receive from the congregation either through donations or helpful volunteering. Merry Christmas!

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** – For the month of **December**, we will focus on **stove top dressing, cranberry sauce or 1 litre apple or orange juice**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

**DAILY BREADS** - New copies of “**Our Daily Bread**” (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.

**BULLETIN DEDICATION** - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to celebrate a family event, special day, or memorial can do so by contacting the Church secretary at 459-3313. The cost is \$20.

## **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 scrolling feeder on the Home Page.

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