

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 11 am  
Season of Epiphany: Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

## Thought for Meditation:

*Every day I see or hear something that  
more or less*

*kills me with delight, that leaves me like a needle in a haystack of light.*

Mary Oliver

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

\*HYMN # 409 VU Morning Has Broken

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

**Holy God, before time you named us. Through time you redeem us.  
And always, you call us precious in your sight. Named and claimed  
as your own, we are bold 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 #710 VU Shall We Gather At The River, v.1**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #710 VU Shall We Gather At The River, v.2**

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

**THE RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29, p. 756 VU**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3: 13-17**

**SERMON: *The Baptism of Jesus: What He Didn't See Coming***

**\*HYMN #356 VU Seek Ye First The Kingdom**

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

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN#288 VU Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*CHORAL BLESSING: When You Walk From Here (#298 VU) x2**

**When you walk from here,  
When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.**

## **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: Dorothy Webster and Keith Ball**

**Trustee On Duty (Jan): Jim Merrill**

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Wed., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Annual Reports for 2022 due**

**Tue., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards Budget Meeting**

**Sun., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Official Board Budget Meeting (following the service)**

**Sun., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Annual Meeting (following the service)**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Would all chairpersons from each church committee check with your members to see if they are willing to serve on your committee for another year and advise David Ward (455-8208). If they need replacement please advise. Also at this time, I invite members of the congregation to put their name forward to serve on one of our committees and we will find a spot.

The **2023 Church envelopes** are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Only those who use their envelopes regularly have been issued new ones this year. In an effort to reduce our costs, those using PAR will not receive 2023 envelopes.

### **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.

The Jan/Feb edition of **BROADVIEW** has arrived and is available in the library area for you to borrow.

**NMUC LIBRARY** – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow.

**JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY** – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time in the cold winter months. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:** For the **month of January** we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. 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.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).