

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday November 19, 2023

Hillcrest United Church

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Stewardship Sunday/Children's Sunday



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Messiter arr. Berry
“We Gather Together” Folk Hymn arr. Phillip Keveren
“March Remaine” Charles Gounod

Introit VU #87 Refrain

I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Ashlyn MacDonald

Call to Worship

We have been called out of darkness into God's
marvellous light.

We gather today to bear witness to the light.

By God's light, we see clearly the tasks we have to do.

**We gather today to rekindle our light for God's work
in the world.**

Like a light on a lampstand, which brightens all the room,

We come to let this light of ours shine!

Opening Hymn “This Little Light of Mine” Please join
us shining your flashlights around the church as we
“share” God's light with our Youth Choir.

1) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine - - -

2) Gonna take this light around the world - - -

3) I won't let anyone (*blowing sound*) it out - - -

4) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine - - -

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

God, from the beginning you made us stewards: stewards of the earth to tend your garden, stewards of your covenant to pass on the story of your love, stewards of your church to feed your sheep and build each other up. We come today in celebration of the gifts and talents you have given us to use. Pour out your Holy Spirit to animate and inspire all our work, for our great good and your great glory, in the name of Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray: **Our Father..... Amen.**

Youth Choir Anthem “One Light, One Sun”

by Raffi - verse 2 solo by David (Sibbick)

Children's Hymn VU # 361 “Small Things Count”

Please remain seated for Robin's verse 1 solo then rise & join us singing verses 2 and 3.

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Good News

**We celebrate you, in all that you do,
We love you; God bless you.
We celebrate you.**

(Children may go to Sunday School.)

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have given us more than we could earn, blessing each of us with talents, treasures, and time. In Jesus you gave us the gift of your own eternal life. We confess that we do not always return grace for grace; sometimes we withhold what is precious and let the weight of discipleship fall on others.

Forgive us and renew in us a spirit of mercy and service, through the energy of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

O God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and in love. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 20:32-38 Reader: Marjory Tattie

Psalms 123 (VU #847)

Matthew 25:14-30

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

Senior Choir Anthem “We Are Not Alone”
by Chopin with soloist, Andrea White

Sermon “The Hole”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn VU #506 “Take My Life And Let It Be”

Minute for Mission Reader: Heather MacPherson

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication based on VU # 299

Teach me, God, to serve you as I live my days,
Share with others in so many ways,
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU #371

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Benediction

Closing Blessing MV # 212

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now

To make the world the place

in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain

Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

Postlude “Psalm XX” Benedetto Marcello arr. Guilmant

***We extend a warm welcome to guests visiting with us today. Please
join us for coffee after church.***

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours are Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon.

Clergy Visiting - Please let the office (838-2698) or Timothy (905-269-7381) know if anyone in hospital, long-term care or at home requires a visit or Pastoral Care.

Puzzle Exchange – there are a number of beautiful puzzles on our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.

Offering Plates – are at each of the two doors – your offerings may be placed as you arrive or leave.

Suggestion Box – there is a suggestion box at the back of the

church, should you wish to leave a suggestion for the bulletins, activities, worship services, etc.

Save Your Stamps and pass them into the office. Stamps are sent to “*Effect Hope*” – The Leprosy Mission Canada.

Large Print Bulletins – large-print bulletins are available. If you would like one, just let the office know.

Bulletin Memorials are available for December 24 (morning & evening service) and into 2024. Suggested donation is \$25.

Fundscrip – anyone wishing to order gift/shopping cards for the Christmas season please let Nancy know – an order will go in November 30 and will arrive early December.

STEWARDSHIP – FINANCIAL UPDATE

This is a financial update, for Hillcrest, as of the end of October:

Expenses: \$147,136

Income: \$150,413

Totals: +3,277

Thanks to all for your regular donations, special events donations and the hard working volunteers who make these events a success and help offset the financial obligations of MPC.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

- thank you to our Youth Choir for sharing their music with us today!

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Monday

9.30 a.m. - Congregational Care Meeting

7.00 p.m. - Bible Study on the Book of Psalms will convene in the Shaffelburg Room.

Tuesday

7.00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday

2-4 p.m. - Bridge group – New and experienced players welcome. For more information call Sandra at 388-8844

7 p.m. - Senior Choir invites YOU to join this great group! Call Anne 838-2681 or just come along.

Thursday

9.30 a.m. - Men's Meditation Group meets in the Schaffelburg Room for a time of contemplative conversation. All welcome.

11.30-1.00 - Community Luncheon. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Friday

10.00 a.m. - Knitting/Craft Group – all welcome with your knitting, crocheting, sewing or other crafts at 10:00 or just come along for some friendship, coffee and conversation.

Sunday

10.00 a.m. - Youth Choir Practice - New youth are most welcome to join. Contact Anne 838-2681 or just join us!

Food Bank Sunday – please bring along your donations for the S.K. Food Bank. The children will be collecting these items from the end of the pews again this month. Many thanks for these most needed donations.

UPCOMING

Christmas Decorators – looking for volunteers to help with Christmas decorating on Thursday December 30 at 9.30 a.m. The more the merrier...bring a friend. Thank you in advance to all able to help prepare our church for the Advent Season.

ADVENT at Hillcrest

Advent 1 – Dec 3 – Holy Communion, Senior Choir

Advent 2 – Dec 10 – White Gift with Youth Choir and Sunday School Presentations

Advent 3 – Dec 17 – Senior Choir Cantata

Advent 4 – Dec 24 – 11 am worship

Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 pm with Senior and Youth Choirs

Cookies and Carols Concert – with music by Kelley Mooney, Christmas baking auction, 50/50 taking place at MRHS on

Saturday November 25 at 7.00 p.m. Admission by donation.
Hosted by St. Mary's Parish.

Confederation Singers - present their winter concert "In Endless Song," a musical journey celebrating the emergence of light in dark times, new beginnings, and the way singing brings people together in community, at The Mack on Saturday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://confederationcentre.com/whats-on/inendlessong/>.

Spring Park United Church - is holding a Holiday Market on Saturday November 25,2023 from 9:00AM – NOON in the church Auditorium. Please use the Trafalgar Street entrance **MPC**

Executive Meeting – November 28 at 7.00 pm.

Central Queen's Musical Friends - Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and Central Queens Musical Friends are having a Christmas Concert on December 3 at 7 pm in Central Queens United Church (\$12 at the Door)

Memorial Christmas Tree Lights Form

(Please cut off this form and submit it to the office, drop it in the offering plate, or phone or e-mail your information). Suggestion: \$10/name

In loving memory of _____

From _____

Phone Number _____