

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
December 28th, 2025**

Praise Medley: Angels We Have Heard On High, Hallelujah,
We Three Kings, Do You Hear What I Hear,
Good King Wenceslas

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing **VU 48 vs 1**

Call to Worship:

Praise God, Creator of all things!

Let the whole earth sing!

Praise God, sun and moon and shining stars, mountains and trees,
fire and snow and stormy winds:

Let the whole earth sing!

Praise God, you sea monsters and all deeps, wild animals, creeping
things and flying birds!

Let the whole earth sing!

Praise God from the highest heavens and from the earth, the one
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

Let the whole earth sing!

God has created us all – different ages and sizes and colours – and
calls us all to sing praise.

Let the whole earth sing! Come let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**God, you who are the very symbol of new beginnings, wrap us in
your acceptance as we come to this time of worship. Open to us
the wonder of your loving mercy, your promise and your word,
that we may truly become your faithful children through Jesus
our loving Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: The First Nowell **VU 91**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**We draw near to you, Ancient of Days, as a new year begins. We
measure time in smaller increments than you do, Creator, and we
seek your presence in the coming weeks and seasons. May that**

**glory that arose on a people of old set free from captivity come
to bless the many in our world who await liberation and peace.
Forgive us our love of shadows, Holy One. Though Christ waits
for us as always, we are slow to bring our treasures to him. We
save our best for other gods and wonder why the shadows
persist. Forgive us and set us free, that we might truly journey
with Christ your best gift to us.....(silent reflection)**

Assurance of Pardon:

I bow my knees before God, from whom every family in heaven and
on earth is named according to the riches of God's glory.

**God grant us strength through God's spirit in our souls.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn: Jesus, Our Brother **VU 56**

Offering: When We Are Living **VU 581 vs 2**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**Great and glorious God: you have shown your infinite wisdom in
coming to us as a tiny child. In his helplessness, we learn how
to depend on you. In his fragility, we learn to give you thanks for
the miracle of our lives. In his humanness, we learn to treasure
all humanity. May what we give be a blessing to all. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148 **Page 871 of VU**

Luke 2:22-40

Hymn: I Am the Light of the World **VU 87**

Meditation

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: He Is Born **VU 50**

Benediction