

First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" **VU#108**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn:** "This Day God Gives Me" **VU#410**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, through Advent's patient waiting, we followed. To the side of Jesus' humble manger, we followed. To Epiphany's dawning light, we followed. And now, at the threshold of this new season, Your call echoes to us once more. Allow us the grace to hear that call and to follow wherever it may lead. In the loving name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "And When You Call for Me" x2 **MV#96**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

**As we're tempted, God, be our guide,
let Your voice ring, far and wide.**

**When choices come, let love be near,
to chase away all doubt and fear.**

**When we forget, or lose our way,
help us to follow, day by day.**

**Like Jesus, give us strength to stand
for truth and love, throughout the land.**

**Your love goes with us, on our way,
with wisdom's light, to brighten our day. Amen.**

Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Mar 9 Valerie B. & John	Mar 16 Annie T. & John	
Mar 23 Kim & Kevin		
Screens: Mar 9 Kevin	Mar 16 Erik	Mar 23 Tracy

This Week's Calendar

Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Women Unite – Games Night	Boardroom
Wed	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
Thurs	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall
Sat	6:00pm	St. Paddy's Pasta Supper	

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri *

**Scouts, Embers, Rumi After School Learning Centre, Church of Pentecost and other groups use the church spaces during*

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UCW Meeting: Please note UCW has a regularly scheduled meeting on March 11th at 11:30am in the boardroom.

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., Mar 20th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Mar 17th at 12pm. Cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is ham & scalloped potatoes, plus dessert, tea and coffee.

Women Unite meet for a games' night on March 11th at 6:30pm. All women welcome!

St. Paddy's Pasta Night! - evening of Friends, Fellowship and Food!
Sat, Mar 15th @ 6pm. Menu: Spaghetti, baguette, salad, beverages & dessert. **Cost:** Adults \$25, Children under 12 \$10 Family \$50. Purchase tickets **TODAY** from Women Unite or from the office. *Seating limited to 80.*

Notice of Annual Meeting: Mount Royal's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 23rd at 10:30am.

2024 Annual Reports: Will be sent out electronically (Mar 10th). If you would like a printed copy, sign up at back of the church or let Emily know. ***Please note*** printed copies of the financial statements and nominating report will be available for everyone at the Annual Meeting.