

# FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

~ *Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871* ~

10:30 a.m., 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011

*Advent Three, JOY - White Gift Sunday*

## THE GATHERING

*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*

- PRELUDE** The Fort Massey Chimes
- \*PROCESSIONAL** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VU 2
- \*A MEDITATIVE PRAYER** *back cover of bulletin 'Rejoice, Pray, Praise'*
- \*PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord's Prayer VU 921
- \*THE PEACE** *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

## WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

- ADVENT CAROL** Hope Is a Star, vs. 1, 2, 3 VU 7  
*remaining seated*

## CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTER

- \* Lighting of the Advent Candle Three, JOY

*The days are being counted and the nights are filled with bright lights; excitement is building in every true child.*

***Come, Companion Jesus, Come.***

*Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace, the second Advent candle.*

*We light it again, along with the candle of hope, which will always be brought to birth in, through, and among, all creation.*

*First and second candles lit*

*The third Advent candle is the candle of JOY.*

*In the stillness of our worship here we light it, watching it burn and glow.*

*Third candle lit*

***And we affirm that we are a people of God seeking to express our JOY amid the many other voices which surround us.***

*The candle is lit*

- \*ADVENT CAROL** A Candle Is Burning, v. 3 VU 6  
*Children leave for Church School in the lower hall; Nursery is located off the Tobin St. lobby*

## PRAYERS OF OUR HEART

- DUET** Angel Voices Ever Singing Bortniansky, arr. Tchaikovsky  
*Shannon Lawson, soprano; Thomas McCallum, counter-tenor*

- MESSAGE** "Christmas Around the World: A Christmas Play"  
by Leanne Guenther, adapted by Richard L. Bush  
**CAROLS:** Silent Night (insert), 69, 48, 74 (all in VU)  
*- Fort Massey Church School*

- MINUTE FOR MISSION** – *Angus McDonald*

## OFFERING

- Offertory Words *White Gift bags are collected during the Offertory Carol.*
- Offertory Carol All Poor Ones and Humble VU 68
- \* *Please stand as the Offering is brought forward on the last verse.*

## APPRECIATIONS

- \*CLOSING CAROL** Joy to the World VU 59

## \*BLESSING WORDS

*Go now in joy, building, living in, and enjoying a community full of welcome and equality.*

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

- ORGAN POSTLUDE** Advent Postlude

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**Welcome** to Fort Massey by-the-sea on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent — JOY. A special welcome to the children who are leading in our Service today. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Join us in the lower hall after worship for **Coffee & Conversation** hosted by members of the *CE Committee*. **Thank you:** to *Peter & Stephanie Coulthard* and friends for the decorating of the sanctuary; to *Sancia Knorr* and the Church School, and Elaine Janson and the Nusrery, for their leadership in today's Service.

~ *fmc, where life and faith meet* ~

**White Gift Sunday** dates back to 1904. A Methodist minister's wife and two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need, making the gifts anonymous and each of them given in love.

**Newsletter deadline** is available today. Thank you to all our contributors and our editor, Holly MacIntosh Benninger.

**2012 Canadian Church Calendars** are for sale after the Service. \$5.

**2012 Offering Envelopes** are available today in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Mission to Seafarers** Christmas bags are due Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is 50 bags! Fill them with socks, gloves, scarves, toiletry items, etc.

**White Gift Food Bags** Thank you to all those who filled a bag today for the Brunswick Street Mission Food Bank.

**Brunswick Street Mission** pewter tree ornaments (\$15) make a lovely Christmas gift. Call 423-4605.

**M&S Christmas Stockings** are due next Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (\$10 value).

**Camp Kidston Gift Certificates** are a great Christmas gift available in any denomination and can be used to purchase Kidston clothing, etc. or to send your child or grandchild to camp next summer. If you are interested please contact Angela 835-2453, ange@ns.sympatico.ca

**Oxfam.** Want to make a difference this Christmas? Consider Oxfam Unwrapped! It is an on-line alternative-giving program that offers a selection of life-changing gifts. Visit <http://www.oxfamunwrapped.ca/>

**Fair Trade** "Breaking the Silence" Just Us! Coffee, call 1-888-668-8436; and Fair Trade Zatoun Olive Oil, Olive Oil Soap, and Za'atar Spices – contact Linda Scherzinger at 425-0339.

**Introducing Gifts with Vision: A United Church Christmas Giving Catalogue** Now available online <[www.giftswithvision.ca](http://www.giftswithvision.ca)>

**Memorial Service.** Join our minister on Wed, Dec 21, at St. Patrick's Church on Brunswick Street, for a Service at 11 am, to remember and honour the lives of people who have lived and died homeless in 2011. Donations of clothing, bedding, toiletries to the Out-of-the-Cold Emergency Winter Shelter are welcome.

*At the Kirk...*

Dec 11, 2011

Mon	11-1	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Sharon Ross'</b>	<b>Women's Coffee Group</b>
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	2 pm	Joe Howe Manor	Song Service
Tue	3:30-7 pm	Lower Hall	Capital Health
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Shelter Cooking</b>
Tue	7-8:15 pm	Lower Hall	Yoga with Jenny MacDougall
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
	(1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month) in partnership with		Public Health
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Thu	12 noon	Bistro Restaurant	Spirit Connectors
Thu	11 am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor Hockey
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Fri	9:30 am, <u>Jan 6</u>	Cousin's Restaurant	Next Men's Breakfast
Fri	10-11:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Fri	7-8 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society
<b>Next Sunday, Dec 18, Advent 4</b>			
Sun	9:45 am	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
Sun	10:40 am	Lower Hall	Church School
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation
Sun	2-3 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	3-4 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society

*Coming up @ the fort...*

Dec 24, Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 pm; Dec 25, Christmas Day Service, 10:30 to 11 am; Jan 1, New Year's Communion at-the-rail, 10:30 am; Jan 8, Epiphany Sunday–A Celebration of Light, 10:30 am

### *Leadership in our Community*

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister  
Robert Bossler, Student Minister  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator  
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator  
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session  
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee  
Irene Parks, UCW President  
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast  
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Music Director  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist  
Elaine Janson, Nursery  
Kevork Peltekian, Board Chair  
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer  
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps  
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