

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

~ Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871 ~

10:30 a.m., 18th December 2011

Advent Four ~ Love

THE GATHERING

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

- PRELUDE** Advent Carols on the Fort Massey Chimes
- *PROCESSIONAL** Once in Royal David's City VU 62
- *A MEDITATIVE PRAYER** *back cover of bulletin*
- *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, v. 4 VU 7

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTER

Lighting of the Advent Candle Four, LOVE

Each night we sleep wearily under a large winter moon.

The days are short and the night comes soon.

Come, Companion Jesus, Come.

Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy, the third Advent candle.

We light it again, along with the candles of hope and peace,

which will always be brought to birth

in, through, and among, all creation.

First, second and third candles lit

The fourth Advent candle is the candle of Love.

In the stillness of our worship here we light it,

watching it burn and glow.

Fourth candle lit

***And we affirm that we are a people of God
always seeking to break down the walls
that divide and separate us, as a community
and in the lives of people near and far.***

- *ADVENT CAROL** A Candle Is Burning, v. 4 VU 6
Children leave for Church School and Nursery.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA – Fort Massey Church Choir, directed by Pierre Perron
Shannon Lawson, soprano; Valerie Bellamy, soprano, harp; Thomas McCullum, counter-tenor

Narration I (Narration from Purify's Cantata)

- Longing for the Light Words by Susan Bentall Boersma; Music by David Lantz III

Narration II

- Born a Saviour, Born a King John Purifoy

Narration III

- Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head I Wonder as I Wander
Collected by John Jacob Niles; Arranged by Thom Dutton
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Narration IV

Carols of the Angels

1) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

2) Les anges dans nos campagnes

3) Angels from the Realms of Glory

Arranged by John Purifoy

Felix Mendelssohn

French Noel

Henry Tomas Smart

Narration V

- *CAROL** O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 1,3,5 VU 64

Narration VI

Organ Interlude (**OFFERING** will be received)

Narration VII

- *RECESSIONAL CAROL** O Come, All Ye Faithful VU 60

***BLESSING**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Fort Massey Church, 18 December 2011

~ where life and faith meet ~

Welcome to Fort Massey by-the-sea on this 4th Sunday of Advent — Love. A special word of appreciation to the choir, under the direction of our Music Director, 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 *Irene Parks and Leslie Pezzack*.

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

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

Thank you to all those who filled Mission to Seafarers shoe box/bag and M&S Stocking.

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 camp next summer. If you are interested please contact Angela 835-2453, ange@ns.sympatico.ca

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St. David's Presbyterian Church's Carol Service is TONIGHT at 7 pm.

Memorial Service. 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.

Christmas Eve Choir. We're looking for 14 people to form a choir on Christmas Eve. The only qualification is a love of singing. Please contact either the minister or music director after the Service today.

Congratulations: to Dick & Margie James who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec 27; and to Maddy Spicer who will join the octogenarians over the holidays.

Coming up @ the fort... Dec 24, Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 pm;
Dec 25, Christmas Day Service, 10:30 am;
Jan 1, New Year's Communion at-the-rail, 10:30 am;

The Church Office will be closed Dec 25-Jan 2. Emergencies call the Manse 425-3810.

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator

Pierre Perron, Music Director
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
Elaine Janson, Nursery

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