

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada



~ Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871 ~

10:30 a.m., 25th December 2011

Christmas Day

THE GATHERING

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

The Fort Massey Chimes

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*OPENING SENTENCES

*God of creation, shaper of seas and stars of planets and of people
God is here with us.*

God, born in Bethlehem gurgling, crying, laid in a manger

God is here with us.

God, breath of the universe flickering, dancing in the candle flame

God is here with us.

God, Emmanuel, among us, within us

We bring ourselves and our dreams

for we want to be here with you. Iona Community

*OPENING CAROL

Angels from the Realms of Glory

VU 36

*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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Over the past four Sundays we have lit our Advent candles.

*The ways hope, peace, joy and love are always brought to birth
in, through, and among, all creation.*

We come again to light our Christmas candle.

*It will lead one in unknown paths to learn more
about the mysteries of life.*

Once upon a time a little baby was born

who taught us to love and understand one another.

And they called his name, Jesus.

The Christmas candle is lit

OFFERTORY CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

VU 58

** Please stand as the Offering is brought forward on the last verse.*

A READING FROM THE BIBLE Luke 2:1-20

CONTEMPORARY WORD

“One Special Day”

~ where life and faith meet~

PRAYER

*CLOSING CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

VU 35

*WORDS OF MISSION

*Mysterious God, confounding our expectations
meeting us where we least expect to find you...*

Stay with us now.

Child of the manger, healing our pain, sharing our weakness...

Stay with us now.

Source of life, birth of God within our own experience...

Stay with us now.

Stay with us in our frailty, stay with us on our journey...

Walk beside us, live within us, lead us to glory, lead us home.

*BLESSING WORDS

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Welcome & happy Christmas. 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.

Please note that the church office will be closed this week. **Next Sunday** at 10:30 am, we will be celebrating New Year’s Communion *at-the-rail*.

At the Kirk...

Please note: most activities are cancelled this week due to the holidays.

The Church Office re-opens Jan 3, 2012. Emergencies, call the manse @ 425-3810.

Mon	11-1	Church Hall/Cornwallis Park	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Tue	10 am, <u>TBA</u>	TBA	Next Women’s Coffee Group
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men’s Basketball
Tue	7 pm, <u>Jan 10</u>	Lower Hall	Yoga with Jenny MacDougall
Tue	7:30 pm, <u>Jan 3</u>	Music Room	Board of Management
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
	(1 st & 3 rd 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	10:30 am, <u>Jan 5</u>	The Berkeley	Next Spirit Connectors
Thu	11 am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men’s Floor Hockey
Thu	7:30 pm, <u>Jan 5</u>	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
Sun	10 am, <u>Jan 8</u>	Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10:30 am, <u>Jan 1</u>	Sanctuary	Worship & Communion
Sun	10:30 am, <u>Jan 8</u>	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	2-3 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	3-4 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society

Coming up @ the fort...

Jan 1, New Year’s Communion at-the-rail, 10:30 am

Jan 8, Epiphany Sunday, A Service 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
 H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
 Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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