

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

~ where life and faith meet ~

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

The old words of churches are incapable of being saving words anymore.

**The old words fail and fall silent,
and our Christian life consists only
of prayer and trying to do the right thing.**

**It is not for us to foretell the day,
but the day will come
when some are called
to utter the word
of God**

**in such a way
that the world is changed and renewed.**

**There will be a new language,
perhaps quite unreligious,
but liberating and saving,
like the language of Jesus,
so that people are horrified by it,
and yet conquered by its power,
the language of a new truth,
the language that foretells the peace
of God
and the coming
of the Kingdom.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)
Letters and Papers from Prison

+ + +

10:30 am, 6th March 2011

Transfiguration Sunday

FORT MASSEY AT WORSHIP

** indicates standing for those who are able.*

PRELUDE Prelude (from the Te Deum) Marc-Antoine Charpentier

***ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION** *The gong is sounded three times.*

***LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE**

***OPENING HYMN** All Praise to Thee

VU 327

***OPENING SENTENCES**

*May our brief, fragile lives build on the work of those who went before us,
Let it all happen. No time is final.*

*May we create a sustainable foundation for those who follow us,
Let it all happen. No age is final.*

*May we stretch our consciousness with open minds, and a sense of
humble curiosity,
Let it all happen. No belief is final.*

*May we have courage in uncertain times,
Let it all happen. No mood is final.*

*May we recognize new beginnings in what seem to be endings,
Let it all happen. No feeling is final.*

*We are the universe becoming conscious,
Let it all happen. Breathe deeply and live now.*

***PRAYER OF AWARENESS**

We pray:

*Remind us, O Spirit, that life is worth living. Remind us, O Creator,
that the struggle for justice is worth undertaking. Remind us, O Mercy, that
love and action are one. Amen.*

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all
creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made
known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen.*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Carol Sinclair

OFFERING Offertory: Bist du bei mir (If you are with me)
G. H. Stolzel

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME *Children come forward.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN All Is Done for the Glory MV 34
Children leave for Church School & Nursery.

SILENCE ~ PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL REFLECTION

READINGS

ANTHEM Gloria in excelsis Deo John Purifoy

CONTEMPORARY WORD – *Rev. Trent*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed VU 918

*THE PEACE *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

*CLOSING HYMN We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU 104

*WORDS OF MISSION

Let us take on this week's life with renewed hope and imagination...

The community candle is extinguished.

v1 *O Shining One, you are the flame burning within...*

v2 *Transfigure us, this day, as we open into the radiance of the Christ in each other, in song, in word, and witness.*

*All **May this be the day of our enlightenment,**
when we see with clarity the sacred life we are called to manifest.*

*BLESSING WORDS

POSTLUDE Hornpipe (from Water Music) G. F. Handel

* * *

MARCH 6, 2011. **Welcome to Fort Massey Church, Halifax!** Visitors are welcome to sign our Guest Book. Coffee & Conversation will follow our Service in the lower hall where your host will be Irene Parks.

F O R T M A S S E Y A T W O R K

Congratulations to Margie & Dick James, new grandparents to *Chelsea Beth James*, daughter of Edward and Paula, New Minas, sister of Noah and Zachary.

Camp Kidston registration forms are available in the Tobin St. lobby. Canadian Tire Money is being collected for the camp outside the kitchen.

In-from-the-cold Shelter items (listed outside minister's office) can be dropped off in the box outside the minister's office. Thank you!

Theatre Classes for children & youth @ Fort Massey with Sherry Lee Hunter, 423-9954 sheeye@hotmail.com . Saturdays, 10 – 11:30 am, March 12 – April 30 (8 weeks), Ages 10 -12, \$200; Tuesdays, 5 – 6 pm, March 8th – April 26 Ages 13-16 , Class fee: \$160.

Annual Hymn Sing sponsored by the RCCO, will be held 3 pm, TODAY, March 6, at United Memorial Church, Kaye Street, Halifax. Offering and Reception.

Visiting in Palliative Care: Fairview United Church. Susan Reid will facilitate a discussion about visiting people in palliative care at home and in the hospital, March 19, 9 am to noon. No charge, All welcome. Pre-register by March 14. Call 443-7123 or email fairviewuc@ns.sympatico.ca

Triennial Visit. April 12, 2011. An opportunity to discuss the life and work, the strengths and concerns and vision of our Pastoral Charge with representatives of the Halifax Presbytery Oversight Committee. All Board/Kirk Session members and congregation are invited to meet in the Lower Hall at 7:30 pm.

Lenten Fish Chowder lunches at *The Presbyterian Church of Saint David*. For \$10.00, lunch includes a bowl of chowder, bread roll, a generous helping of gingerbread with lemon sauce or whipped cream and tea or coffee. Entrance for the church hall is at 1537 Brunswick Street beside the Spring Garden Road library building. Lunch will be served every Wednesday from March 9 until April 20 from 12 noon until 1:15 pm. Take out orders will be available.

The Halifax Camerata Singers, Artistic Director Jeff Joudrey, will perform music from northern Europe at two concerts this month — March 26, 7:30 pm, St. Patrick's Church, 2267 Brunswick Street, Halifax, with a repeat performance March 27 at 3 pm at Acadia University's Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville. Tickets – \$20 adult, \$10 student – can be purchased at the door or on-line.

FORT MASSEY ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK, MAR 6 - 13, 2011:

Today	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Mon	11-1	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Tue	9:30-11:30	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Tue	10 am	Jean Cudmore's	Women's Coffee Group
		<i>Happy 90th Birthday Isabel Robertson!</i>	
Tue	4:30-6:30	United Memorial Church, Kaye St.	Shrove Tue Pancake Supper,\$8 & \$4 child
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7 pm	Cole Harbour UC	Halifax Presbytery
Wed	7 pm	St. Matthew's UC	Ash Wed Service
Wed	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Thu	10:30 am	St. George's Greek Orthodox Church	Lenten Pilgrimage: Stop # 1
	Meet 10 am @ FMC		
Thu	11-1	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor hockey
Fri	9:30, Mar 18	Cousins Restaurant	Next Men's Breakfast
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Nursery	Lent I Worship
Sun	10:45 am	Lower Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation

Mon-Wed, Mar 7-9, Graduate Presentations, AST Chapel. Ruth McArthur presents *Shadow Soul: End of Life Issues with Pets*, Tue, Mar 8, 9 am; Terrie Burry presents *The Dating Game: Clergy Edition*, Wed, Mar 9, 11 am. Check out the Welcome Table in the Tobin St lobby for a full schedule of presenters.

COMING UP...

Tue, Mar 15, 7 pm, Shelter Cooking, Church Kitchen. Menu: Taco Soup

List of needed ingredients is posted in the Tobin St. lobby.

Thu, Mar 17, 7:30 pm, regular meeting of the UCW. All women welcome. Please bring a toiletry item for Hope Cottage or Adsum House. Refreshments served

~ ~ ~

OUR STAFF & LEADERS

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister	Pierre Perron, Music Director
Ruth McArthur, Student Minister	John Walter, Assistant Organist
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons	Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator	Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator	Angela Findlay, Nursery
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session	Keveork Peltekian, Board Chair
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee	Tim Dean, Interim Treasurer
Irene Parks, UCW President	Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast	H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair	Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

OUR CONTACT INFO

Address: 5303 Tobin Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 1S3
E-mail: ftmassey@eastlink.ca

Phone: (902) 423-4294
Web: www.fortmasseychurch.com