

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

*'A city upon a hill' ~ watching over Halifax since 1871
~ where tradition meets expansive Christianity ~*

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 a.m., 2nd December 2012

A D V E N T I

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

GATHERING MUSIC Noel sur les flûtes Louis Claude Daquin
John Walter, organist

Please **remain seated** until the Opening Song

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION The bell is sounded three times

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

MUSICAL REFLECTION – *Leah Collins Lipsett, piano*

CALL TO GATHER

***ADVENT SONG** Hope Is a Star, v. 1 VU 8

***LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE I – HOPE** (Bulletin Back Cover)

***CANDLE-LIGHTING SONG** A Candle Is Burning, v. 1 VU 6

***THE PEACE** *Peace be with you. And also with you.*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Sally deWolf*

OFFERINGS

Offertory: Joy Shall Come Israeli Traditional
* Response: All Poor Ones and Humble, v. 1 VU 68

DEDICATION Chancel Liturgical Ware for the Seasons of Advent (blue)
and Creation Time (orange)

Given by Nancy E. Riggs in loving memory of her...

maternal grandparents, John A. and Sarah E. MacInnis;
aunt, Mary D. MacKenzie, and uncle, E. Crawford MacKenzie;
parents, Katherine F. Riggs and the Rev'd Carman W. Riggs;
and sister, Katherine Anne Riggs.

***BAPTISMAL SONG** Here At This Font VU 450

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Lane Cooper Musgrave*
Born September 22, 2012, in Halifax, to Blake & Lindsay Musgrave
Grandparents are Glenn & Pat Musgrave, and Fred & Mary Maxwell

Response 1: This font and the water in it are symbols of community
and our common need for the refreshing waters of the Spirit.

Response 2: We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family
makes to the journey of faith and pledge ourselves, through the
symbol of this water to their love, support and care, as they discover
the ways the Spirit unfolds for them.

BAPTISMAL BENEDICTION May God Who Creates You VU 454

Children leave for Church School

READINGS "Maybe, Maybe Not" by Robert Fulghum
Gospel of Luke 2:8-10

ANTHEM Born to Set Thy People Free (an Advent Ceremony)
arr. Lloyd Larson

CONTEMPORARY WORD *Midnight Madness – Rev. Trent*

***COMMUNION SONG** Lo, He Comes..., vs. 1&2 VU 25

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING SONG** Lo, He Comes..., vs. 3&4 VU 25

***BLESSING WORDS**

MUSIC FOR GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Noel Suisse Louis Claude Daquin

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Welcome to Fort Massey. We strive to be a **scent free** and **nut free** space.
Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card. Join us for
Coffee & Conversation after the Service. Hosts: *the McDonalds' - Mary, Angus,
and Alison.*

The Notices, Fort Massey Church, Halifax, Dec 2, 2012

2013 Offering Envelopes are available in the Tobin St. lobby. Please contact the Church Office or Ruth MacKenzie if you'd like envelopes or would like to know more about PAR.

Daily Devotional, *These Days*, is available in the Tobin St. lobby. \$4 can be placed in an envelope found in your pew.

Sandwiches will be served with our fish chowder & soup on Anniversary Sunday, Dec 9. NOTE **sandwich makers**: ONE LOAF - NOT DOUBLE

Newsletter deadline for The Star is Tuesday, Dec 11. Please have your articles in to the Church Office by noon.

Yule logs. The minister is looking for Yule logs for the Service on Dec 16.

Misson to Seafarers. We're looking to collect 50 bags/shoe-boxes this year. Toiletry items, winter scarves/mittens/gloves/socks, candy, etc.

Christmas Stockings. This month our *Out-of-the-cold Shelter Cooking/Baking group* will be putting together Christmas Stockings for those living on the street. We need 20 pairs of new socks, 20 oranges, a large box of Ganong chocolates, 20 candy canes, and 20 gingerbread people. We'll need them by 7 pm on Tues, Dec 18th.

Halifax Explosion commemoration, Dec 6, noon gun will sound off at 9:05 am, followed by the ringing of church bells.

A Child's Christmas In Wales with *Halifax Camerata Singers* (Jeff Joudrey, Artistic Director), *Maritime Brass Quintet*, and *John Hancock* (CBC Radio), Dec 9, 4:30 PM, First Baptist, 1300 Oxford St., \$20 (\$10/students).

Coming up @ the fort:

Dec 9, 10:30 AM, **Anniversary Sunday** with the *Rev'd. Ivan & Judy Norton*

Dec 9, 7:30 PM, **Concert with *The Modern Grass*** and special guest **Jennah Barry**. Tickets \$15 at the Cohn BO, or \$20 at the door.

Dec 12, 8 PM, **Concert of 100 Candles** with *Sanctuary Trio*

Dec 16, 10:30 am, **An Acadian Christmas "Buche de Noel"** with *Les Voix d'Acadie*

Dec 23, 10:30 am, **White Gift Sunday** with the Church School

Dec 24, 7 pm, **Christmas Eve** with *Erin Lesser*, flute & *Greg Beyer*, percussion

Dec 30, 10:30 am, **Christmas One** "On the 6th Day of Christmas there were two Baptisms"

At the Kirk...

Today	2013 Canadian Church Calendars are for sale - \$10 (UCW fundraiser)		
Sun	10:15 am	Minister's Study	Kirk Session
Today	11:45 am	Parlour	Membership Dev. Comm.
Today	1:45 pm - 3 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango – Intro
Today	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Mon	11-1	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Mon	5 pm	Lower Hall	Special Olympics Supper
Mon	7 pm	St. James Anglican	RCCO Carol Service
Tue	10 am Dec 11	Kathy Evans'	Next Women's Coffee Gp
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7 pm	Lower Hall	YOGA with Jenny
Tue	NO Board of Management meeting – See you in the New Year!		
Tue	7:30 – 10 pm	Sanctuary	Concert Rehearsal
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Wed	7:30–8:45 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango - Musicality
Thu	10:30 am	Berkeley	Spirit Connectors
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor Hockey
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Fri	9:30 am	Cousin's Restaurant	Men's Breakfast
Fri	10-11:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Fri	1:30 pm	Church Kitchen	Chowder making party
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sat	10 am	Lower Hall	Set-up for Sunday lunch
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	The Sunday Gathering
			141st Anniversary Sunday with the Rev'd Ivan & Judy Norton
Sun	10:30 am	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Lunch

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Robert Bossler, Student Minister
Organist

Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, Church School
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, OFM, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, OFM, Senior Trustee
Irene Parks, UCW President
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Organist & Sr. Choir Director
John Walter, Assistant

Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director
Elaine Janson, Nursery
John Gillis, Board Chair
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
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