

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
'A city upon a hill' ~ watching over Halifax since 1871

The Sunday Gathering – White Gift Service

10:30 a.m., 23rd December 2012

A D V E N T I V

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

GATHERING MUSIC

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

*CALL TO GATHER

*ADVENT SONG Hope is a Star "Love is a flame", v. 4 VU 7

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE IV – LOVE (Bulletin Back Cover)
Grandparents, Ian & Linda MacDonald

*CANDLE-LIGHTING SONG A Candle Is Burning, v. 4 VU 6

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*BAPTISMAL HYMN A Little Child the Saviour Came v 1-3 INSERT
TUNE: HAMBURG

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jasmine Mae MacDonald

b. June 17, 2012, Ottawa, ON

Parents: Matthew & Shannon (Bowers) MacDonald, Ottawa

Grandparents: Ian & Linda MacDonald, Halifax

Richard & Constance Bowers, Sydney

and the late Lorna Bowers

Louisa Olive Grant

b. August 28, 2011, Halifax, NS

Parents: Rosalyn Hayman & Ted Grant, Charlottetown

Grandparents: Deborah Grant & Peter Douglas, Toronto

Alan & Joanne Hayman, Halifax

* (To the congregation, standing)

Each of you is whole and loved, yet knows the need for support and care upon the spiritual journey. As these families gather to commit to the journey, let us pledge our care to them.

ALL: We stand as witnesses to the commitment these families make 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 HYMN A Little Child the Saviour Came v 4&5 INSERT

THE STORY IN DRAMA

Christmas in Genesis? How could this be?
written by Meketa Swords
Fort Massey Church School

Congregation: Please have your hymn book open to Carol # 48 in VU.
You will be invited to sing v. 1, and later v. 3, during the pageant.

Offering & White Gift Offering

Offertory:

* Response: All Poor Ones and Humble, v. 1 VU 68

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

*CLOSING ADVENT CAROL Hark the Glad Sound VU 29

*BLESSING WORDS

MUSIC FOR GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

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Welcome to Fort Massey. A very special welcome to the *MacDonald* and *Grant* families. We thank our Church School under the direction of *Sancia Knorr*, *Leah Collins Lipsett* (music), and *Richard Robinson* (set). We strive to be a **scant free** and **nut free** space. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card. Join us for a **Coffee & Conversation** after the Service in the lower hall. Your hosts today are *Muriel & Bill Hale*.

The poinsettia plants in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of *Patsy Dick* by *Guy & Judy MacLean*.

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

Merry Christmas

The Notices, Fort Massey Church, Halifax, Dec 23, 2012

A Minute for Local Mission from the Outreach Committee of Fort Massey: With the cold days and nights closing in on us, many on the streets are experiencing the bitterness of winter's reality. The committee is looking at our latest project, "Cozy Hands", which will truly enhance our already active involvement with the less fortunate in our city - projects such as the Out of the Cold Shelter and the Brunswick Street Mission. However, we need your help in making the project come to life. In January we will be making mittens from recycled wool sweaters and ask that you check your closets, your neighbours closets, drawers or other storage spots to see if you can give up your 100% wool sweaters for our outreach endeavour. We will also be looking for volunteers to meet weekly to cut out and/or sew these treasures. A presentation will be made to the congregation in early January when we launch this special event. All sweaters can be brought to the church and given to an Outreach Committee Member. As usual, thank you so much for helping us out.

At the Kirk...

Today 2013 *Canadian Church Calendars* are for sale - \$10 (UCW fundraiser)

Mon 7 pm Dec 24 Sanctuary Christmas Eve Service

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

Sun 10:30 am Dec 30 Sanctuary The Sunday Gathering
Sacrament of Baptism

Bring your favourite stuffed toy to the manger

Fri 9:30 am Jan 4 Cousin's Restaurant No Church School
Next Men's Breakfast

Sun 10 am Jan 6 Minister's Study Kirk Session

Sun 10:30 am Jan 6 Sanctuary New Year's Communion

Epiphany

Bring a small baby gift for the IWK-Grace

Tue 10 am Jan 8 Isabel Robertson's Next Women's Coffee Gp.

Thu 10:30 am Jan 10 Berkeley Next Spirit Connectors

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor

Robert Bossler, Student Minister

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 Organist

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

H. Douglas Ritcey, OFM, Honorary Elder

Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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