

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of
The United Church of Canada



~ Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871 ~

The Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 26th February 2012

ORDER of SERVICE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE Lenten Hymns on the Chimes

***ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION** *The bell is rung 3X in the name of the Holy Trinity; and the community candle is lit symbolizing the warmth and light we share in Christ.*

***OPENING SENTENCES**

*As we gather to remember and share stories of faith,
let us rejoice in the presentness of God.*

**Before our stories began, there was God;
through all our days, God walks with us.**

God's creative presence is moving among us.

Let us sing praises and offer thanks.

Dance with the God who frees us for new possibilities.

We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another.

***PRAYER OF AWARENESS**

*We pray: Surprising God, as we move into new experiences, help us
to be open to your presentness among us and within. May we sense
your glory in the sights and sounds and breath of this Lenten day.
Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN** God of the Bible MV 28

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Sharon Ross

OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer for Lent 1 (*back cover of bulletin*)

Offertory: "WikiWorship 40", Illustrator - Simon Smith (*video*)

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTERS - Robert Bossler, story teller

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***A LENTEN HYMN** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery VU 121

***A LITANY FOR LENT**

*Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with
the humble and poor.*

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

Let us walk his way with joy.

*Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have
nothing to lose.*

Let us walk his way with joy.

*Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status
are overturned.*

Let us walk his way with joy.

*Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is
transformed by the promise of new life.*

Let us walk his way with joy.

SILENCE

ANTHEM Take My Yoke Upon You Words by J. Paul Willia

READINGS Excerpt from Harold S. Kushner, How Good Do We Have To Be?
From the Hebrew Scriptures, Genesis 3:1-7 (RNE Bible)

CONTEMPORARY WORD "How good do 'I' have to be?" - Rev. Trent

***CLOSING HYMN** Jesus Christ Is Waiting VU 117

***WORDS OF MISSION**

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.

As we do, may we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world...

The candle is extinguished

Go out from this place to your daily journey through life.

**As we do, may we fashion relationships of inclusion
and reconciliation, and a life-style that loves
and treats people and the earth gently, as God does.**

And may the Holy One surprise us all on the way.

***BLESSING WORDS**

POSTLUDE Aria Dominicus Zipoli (1688-1726)

+ + +

LENT I - Today is the first Sunday of Lent - the Church's observance of the liturgical year from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, imitating the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, allowing Christians time to prepare for Easter, through prayer, penance, repentance, almsgiving and self-denial.

**Fort Massey Church ~ where life and faith meet ~
The Notices, February 26, 2012**

Welcome to *Fort Massey by-the-sea*. **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. Children are welcome to remain with their families or join their peers in either the Church School or Nursery. All are welcome to join us in the lower hall after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation** where your host will be *Irene Parks*.

A Reminder that we try to be a scent free space, and a nut free building. Your co-operation is appreciated.

CAMMAC Nova Scotia invites instrumental players to a music sight-reading of Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 2 to 5 in Room 121 of the Dalhousie Arts Centre. Guest Conductor: Bernhard Gueller. Information: pperron@dal.ca

A Conversation. "Coffee and Conversation" with reps of Occupy NS, Tonight @ 7, St. David's Presbyterian Church, 1537 Brunswick St. entrance, please.

Hymn-Fest, Sunday, Mar 4, 7:30 pm, St. Matthew's United Church, Barrington @ Spring Garden. Offering for the work of the RCCO Halifax Centre.

Roast Beef Dinner and Concert with *Evans and Doherty*, Sat, March 10, 7 pm, Port Wallis United Church, Dartmouth. Cost ~ \$30/person. 789-9886.

The Vancouver Chamber Choir Mar 10, 7:30 pm, St. Patrick's Church, 2267 Brunswick St. \$25, \$20 \$10 (Ad, Sr, St), discount of \$5 to anyone who sings in a NS choir. 423-0143. www.stcecilia.ca

Chowder Lunches. The Presbyterian Church of Saint David, 1537 Brunswick St, (Every Wednesday during Lent, until April 4. Menu: Fish Chowder and Roll, Gingerbread Dessert with Hot Lemon Sauce or Whipped Cream, Tea or Coffee. Price: \$10 - Take-outs available from 12 1:15 pm

Newsletter deadline is March 25th. Please submit your articles to our editor, Holly MacIntosh Benninger @ <dundee@seasidehighspeed.com>, or have them in the church office by March 21st. Thank you.

Membership. Please sign-up on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby if you are interested in joining Fort Massey on Palm Sunday. Any youth interested in **Confirmation** are also asked to have their names on the sign-up sheet.

At the Kirk...

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Today | 2-3 pm | Lower Hall | Choi Kwang Do |
| Today | 3-4 pm | Gym | Dal Student Taekwondo Society |
| Mon | 11-1 | Church Hall | South End Playgroup |
| Mon | 3-4:30 pm | Lower Hall | Acupuncture Class |
| Mon | 7:15-8:15 pm | Lower Hall | Women's Boot Camp |
| <i>Pre-Register 441-5135 or < letsfitnessnow@gmail.com ></i> | | | |
| Tue | 10 am, Mar 6 | TBA | Next Women's Coffee Group |
| Tue | 6:30 pm | Minister's Study | Outreach Committee |
| Tue | 7:30 pm | Parlour | Kirk Session |
| Tue | 10 am-12noon | Lower Hall | Home School Group |
| Tue | 6 pm | Gym | Men's Basketball |
| Tue | 7 pm | Lower Hall | YOGA with Jenny MacDougall |
| Wed | 10-11:30 am | Church Hall | Japanese Playgroup |
| Wed | 3-4:30 pm | Lower Hall | Acupuncture Class |
| Wed | 7:15-8:15 pm | Lower Hall | Women's Boot Camp |
| This Thursday at 10:30 am, join the Spirit Connectors at The Berkeley with Teacher, Ian MacDonald, on our Lenten Pilgrimage 2012: World Religion Tour, Stop # 1 - Islam. Handouts are on the Welcome Table in the Tobin St. lobby. | | | |
| Thu | 11am -1pm | Lower Hall | Weight Watchers |
| Thu | 6 pm | Gym | Men's Floor Hockey |
| Thu | 7 pm | Metro Centre | Rainmen Basketball |
| 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 | 6-7 pm | Lower Hall | Choi Kwang Do |
| Fri | 7-8 pm | Gym | Dal Student Taekwondo Society |
| Sun | 10 am | Sanctuary | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sun | 10:30 am | Sanctuary | Worship with Robert Bossler in the pulpit |
| Sun | 10:30 am | Church Hall | Church School & Nursery |
| Sun | 11:30 am | Lower Hall | Coffee & Conversation |

Basketball Game, March 1, 7 pm, at the Halifax Metro Centre. Halifax Rainmen vs Moncton Miracles. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby. Tickets: \$15 to \$19.75, Youth under 17, \$12.75 to \$15. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

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

5303 Tobin Street, Halifax, NS B3H 1S3
ftmassey@eastlink.ca

www.fortmasseychurch.com

(902) 423-4294