

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
~ Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871 ~



“Calling Disciples” by He Qi

The Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 5th February 2012
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER of SERVICE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE Chorale Variations on Sei gegrusset, Jesu gutig J. S. Bach
(Hail to Thee My Jesus, Holy)

***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.

***PROCESSIONAL** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VU 264

*OPENING SENTENCES

*When we look at the night sky, speckled with stars,
we discover the never-ending imagination of our God.
When we pick those not chosen on life's playgrounds,
we join Christ in the ministry of healing and hope.
When we set aside the time for prayer, as well as wonder,
we meet the Spirit who is at our side in every moment.*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF JESUS The Lord's Prayer VU 921

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Sally deWolfe

OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory: Chorale Variation J. S. Bach

* Response: **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.** VU 541

***PSALTER** Psalm 147, Part One (1-11) VU 869

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTER "God's Smile"

***CHILDREN'S HYMN** Give To Us Laughter (omit v. 3) VU 624

SILENCE

SOLO Come Unto Him (from Messiah) G. F. Handel
Shannon Lawson, soprano

READINGS Excerpt from "Who are we to judge" (MacLean's, Jan 23/12)
Genesis 12:10-20 (The Bible, NEB)

CONTEMPORARY WORD The Cover-up - Rev. Trent

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN**

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us VU 399

***WORDS OF MISSION**

*The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...
The community candle is extinguished*

*Now may our wisdom show itself in deeds of compassion
and in acts of understanding.
May the fruits of the spirit be apparent in our lives.*

***BLESSING WORDS**

POSTLUDE

Chorale Variations

J. S. Bach

*You are welcome to express your appreciation for any part of the Liturgy (words or music)
by approaching the respective individual(s) after the Service. Thank you.*

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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. **Coffee & Conversation:** All are welcome to join us in the lower hall after the Service for a hotdog lunch prior to skating at the Oval.

Hosts for Coffee & Conversation are needed for the remainder of the season. You may sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby. We provide everything but the milk.

Painting on bulletin cover is by Dr. He Qi, a professor at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary and a tutor for master candidate students in the Philosophy Department of Nanjing University. He is also a member of the China Art Association and a council member of the Asian Christian Art Association.

Daily Devotional Book, *These Days*, is available. Sample copies are located on the Welcome Table for viewing. Sign-up on the easel board to order, \$3 & \$4 (large print).

Scholarship Fund for a child at the Ratlam Christian School in India is and on-going fund raiser by our Sunday Church School. Place your loonie/twonie change in the glass teddy bear jar near the chancel area. Thank you for your support.

Observer Renewal. Your \$20 subscription is due. Please let Irene Parks know by Jan 31 if you do not wish to renew, if you'd like to be a new subscriber. Place your \$20 in your offering envelope or an envelope with your name and address, marking it OBSERVER.

Taize Prayer, St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting it's monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Feb. 5th - 7 p.m. in Studio 3 in the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Matthias Lane entrance. All are welcome.

Capella Regalis Men and Boys' Choir will be singing the latest in a series of monthly Choral Evensongs Tue, Feb 7, 5:30 pm, at King's College Chapel. The music includes: Tallis, T. Walmisley, W. Smith and Herbert Howells.

40 Years: An Achievement to Celebrate, Ecumenical Worship Service in honour of AST's 40th Anniversary, Feb 10, 7:30 pm, Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello Street, Halifax. Choral Music - The King's College Chapel Choir, Paul Halley-director. The AST story to be narrated by Adrian Hoffman, former CBC Radio host/producer.

Valentine Tea will be Sat. Feb 11, 2-4 pm, Fort Massey Church Lower Hall. Bake Table. Musical Entertainment provided by *The Cranston Trio*. Free will offering for local charities. Sign-up sheets for sandwiches, cookies and squares on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

Concert, Feb. 12, 7 pm, the Choirs of St. John's United, Halifax, present "Music For A Winter's Evening", a program of music, readings and visuals for the winter season. Admission \$15 at the door. Reception to follow. The Lilian Piercey Concert Hall at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, Chebucto Rd., Halifax.

FMC Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Feb 19/12, at 11:30 am in the Lower Hall. Pot-luck lunch. You provide the main course, we'll provide dessert.

Pathways into Lent: Spiritual Practices that Move Body and Soul, Saturday, 25 February 2012, 10 am to 2 pm, Fairview United Church. At Pathways into Lent, we will experience three ancient spiritual practices: Body Prayer, Labyrinth Walking, and Guided Meditation. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Lunch will be provided, and we ask for a small donation to defer the cost. Please sign-up by calling

the Church office at 443-7123 or emailing fairviewuc@ns.sympatico.ca, before Friday 24 February.

Camp Kidston Roof Appeal. For every dollar you donate, an anonymous donor will match! Donations can be made quickly and easily through Camp Kidston's new website, www.CampKidston.com, by clicking the "**Donate Now**" icon. Registration forms for Summer 2012 are available on the table outside the kitchen.

At the Kirk...

Today	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Hotdog Lunch
Today	12:30 pm	Halifax Commons	Skating on the Oval
Today	2-4 pm	Parlour	RCCO Executive
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
Tue	10 am	Isabel Robertson's	Women's Coffee Group
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
Tue	7:30 pm	Parlour	Board of Management
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Thu	10:30 am	The 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, Feb 17	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
Sat	2-4 pm	Lower Hall	Valentine Tea
		<i>Bring-a-friend-to-Church Sunday</i>	
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship
Sun	10:30 am	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	2-3 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	3-4 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society

Community activities coming up...

Annual Meeting Potluck, Feb 19, 12:30 pm
Halifax Rainmen vs Moncton Miracles
Basketball Game, March 1, 7 pm

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister	Pierre Perron, Music Director
Robert Bossler, 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	Elaine Janson, Nursery
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session	Kevork Peltekian, Board Chair
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee	Leslie Pezzack, 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

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