

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

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

The Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 8th January 2012

First Sunday after Epiphany ~ The Baptism of the Lord
* Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE Hymns for Epiphany on the Fort Massey Chimes

*PROCESSIONAL Songs of Thankfulness and Praise VU 101
(Tune: ST GEORGE'S, WINDSOR VU 516)

*OPENING SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY Human Touch Can Light the Flame (Tune: OLD 100TH 88 88, VU 541)

*The human touch can light the flame
which gives a brightness to the day,
the spirit uses mortal flame,
life's vehicle for work and play.*

*The lover's kiss, the friends embrace,
the clasp of hands to show we care,
the light of welcome on the face
are treasured moments all can share.*

*May all who come within our reach
be kindled by our inner glow,
not just in spirit's words we preach,
in human touch love's faith we show.* JStorey

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Sharon Ross

OFFERTORY HYMN I Am the Light of the World VU 87
* Please stand as the Offering is brought forward on the last verse.

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTER "A Holy Swim"

PRAYER *And we cry: "Glory!"*

PRAYER OF JESUS The Lord's Prayer VU 921

MUSICAL INTERLUDE One More Step Along the World I Go (*flute & piano, VU 639*)
Children leave for class and the choir comes forward for the anthem.

ANTHEM We Three Kings of Orient Are John Henry Hopkins
Melchior - Glenn Musgrave, Caspar - Thomas McCallum, Balthazar - Matthew Dick

READING from *The Bible*, Matthew 2:1-6; 9-12

CONTEMPORARY WORD "The Bobbing Star" – Rev. Trent

*LITANY "Travelling On..." (J Berry)

*When hope invites us to journey elusive, beckoning onward
but never in our grasp:*

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

*When dreams glimmer in the distance, fading, clouded and hidden
or shining with new brightness:*

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

*When established patterns collapse into the uncertainty of the unknown
and security dissolves into a memory:*

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

*When the illusion of success threatens to divert us
and silence our souls' yearning:*

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

*When we think our journey has ended in the star-lit glow only to find
the end is a new beginning:*

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

*CLOSING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

*BLESSING WORDS

POSTLUDE Sing the Glad Song Franklin Ritter

*Some of the resources used in shaping our liturgy today are from Rex Hunt, of the
Uniting Church of Australia; and Thom M. Shuman, from the Presbyterian Church USA*

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Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles. Epiphany falls on Friday, January 6, 2012. In most countries, including Canada, the celebration of Epiphany in 2012 is transferred to Sunday, January 8. The famous American carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are* was written in 1857 by the Rev. John Henry Hopkins. The minister is reputed to have written this carol for the General Theological Seminary in New York City as part of its Christmas pageant.

~ where life and faith meet ~

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 guardians or join their peers in either the Church School or Nursery.

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. **Annual Reports** are due January 31st.

Scholarship Fund for a child at the Ratlam Christian School in India is and on-going fund raiser by our Sunday Church School. They have committed \$30 a month from their offerings. You too may help. Place your loonie/twonie change in the glass teddy bear jar near the chancel area. Thank you for your support.

UCW annual meeting, Sunday, Jan 15, after 10:30 Gathering. Brown-bag lunch. The year 2012 is the 50th anniversary of the UCW. Plans for a celebration, as well as other events, including the 2012 budget, will be made. All women are welcome.

Job: The "Out of The Cold" emergency winter shelter currently has an opening for the following position: Overnight Staff - Contract position. This position's hours are 11pm to 6:30am, either 3 or 4 days per week (changes from week to week). Interested persons should apply, with resume, by responding to OoTC Hiring otcshiring@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until Friday January 6th. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted on Jan 6th and scheduled for an interview during the week of Jan.7th - 12th. The position begins Monday, January 15th and ends Monday, April 30th 2012.

Summer Employment: Thinking about summer? Want to spend July & August in a leadership role at a UCC accredited camp? Do you know someone who might be interested? Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp is accepting applications for summer staff positions. Further information and the application form are online http://www.campkidston.com/jobs_volunteers.htm. Applications are due by Jan16/12

Nova Sinfonia presents Mozart Concerto for Flute and Harp. 7:30 pm, Mon, Jan16, at Faith Tabernacle- 6225 Summit Street. Soloists: Elizabeth DuBois McCarthy Flute, Ellen Gibling Harp, Conductor Martin MacDonald

Evangelism for Non-Evangelicals - an online Continuing Education Opportunity from Atlantic School of Theology. Registration deadline is Jan 31st. <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/UpcomingEvents.html> for details.

2011 Receipts are available today in the Tobin St. lobby. We can save in postage if you make the effort and pick up your receipt today. Thank you.

At the Kirk...

Today	9:45 am	Minister's Study	Nominating Committee
Mon	11-1	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Tue	10 am	Jean Cudmore's	Women's Coffee Group
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7 pm	Bedford UC	Halifax Presbytery
Tue	7 pm	Lower Hall	YOGA with Jenny MacDougall
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
			(1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays of the month) in partnership with Public Health
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Wed	7:30 pm	Minister's Study	Property Committee
Wed	7:30 pm	Parlour	Music Committee
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, <u>Jan 20</u>	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
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

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
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