

The Gathering @ Fort Massey

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

~ transforming God to a verb ~

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10: 30 am, December 22, 2013

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Simon Abbott, Organist & Music Director
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Sancia Knorr, Church School
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, OFM, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, OFM, Senior Trustee
H. Douglas Ritcey, OFM, Honorary Elder
Irene Parks, OFM, UCW President
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Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Roberts, Flutist
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support
Elliott Prouty, OFM, Head Usher
Janna Janson, Nursery
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
John Gillis, Board Chair
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

Music from Charlie Brown's Christmas by Vince Guaraldi

*PROCESSIONAL

"Once in Royal David's City"

VU 62

The Trinity Bell is rung and the Community Candle lit.

ADVENT READING

"Love" by Gretta Vosper

CHORAL RESPONSE

'Love' Shines as the Solitary Star

MV 220

THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT SONG

'Love' Is a Song

v. 4, VU 7

Love is a flame that burns in our heart, Jesus has come and will never depart. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

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| ADVENT WREATH | Lighting of the Candle of Joy – <i>the Fraser family</i> | |
| ADVENT CAROL | A Candle Is Burning | v. 4, VU 6 |
| SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | | INSERT |
| | <i>Hayley Catherine MacLeod</i> , b. May 12, 2013, Halifax, NS Parents: Marceline “Marcie” Trudeau & Ryan George John MacLeod Grandparents: Catherine & Michel Trudeau; Brian & Fiona MacLeod Godparents: Adam Trudeau, Charissa Trudeau, Danielle Goodfellow | |
| CHILDREN’S CHOIR | "Angels We Have Heard" | |
| CHILDREN’S PAGEANT | <u>JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS</u> by Sharon Kay Chatwell | |
| MINUTE FOR MISSION | “There and Back Again” – <i>Nancy E. Riggs</i> | |
| OFFERING & WHITE GIFT OFFERING | | |
| | Offertory Carol "All Poor Ones and Humble" | VU 68 |
| * | Standing as the offering plates are brought forward. | |
| CHILDREN’S CHOIR | "Do you Hear..." | |
| PRAYER (by Sally Foster-Fulton) & PRAYER OF JESUS | | |
| * CLOSING CAROL | "Hark the herald angels sing" | VU 48 |
| PARTING WORDS | "For Winter Solstice" by Gail Corbett | |
| CHORAL RESPONSE | "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" | |
| POSTLUDE | Linus & Lucy by Vince Guaraldi <i>Leah Collins Lipsett</i> , piano | |

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Welcome to Fort Massey. A special welcome to our **visitors**. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering . You are invited to sign our Guest Book; if you’re looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the **guest book**. Join us for **Coffee & Conversation** in the lower hall; hosts are – *Bill & Muriel Hale*. Coffee & Conversation **sign-up sheet** is on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby.

White Gifts today will go to the Brunswick Street Mission Food Pantry.

Our appreciation to our Church School today under the leadership of *Sancia Knorr* for their participation in today’s White Service Service.

Thank you to *Peter & Stephanie Coulthard*, *Gwen Smith-Dockrill*, & *Alan Parker* for decorating the sanctuary; to *Bill Smith’s Christmas Tree Lot* in Harmony (outside Truro) for the evergreen; to *Doug MacDonald & Richard Robinson* for the hall chair carts that were designed and built by these gentlemen.

Our sympathy to *Anne & Kevork Peltekian* and family on the death of her brother, *Glenn Rodger* – Service held Dec 19; and to *Judy Robertson* and family on the death of her mother, *Shirley Robertson* – Service held Dec 21.

In Hospital: *Archie Rasley* (HFX INF)

FORT MASSEY UNITED CHURCH, HALIFAX, NS, DEC 22, 2013

Holiday Church Office Hours: Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Dec 24/13 to Jan 3/14. Call the Church Manse for emergencies at 425-3810.

Available TODAY: 2014 Canadian Church Calendars are For Sale from the UCW. **Jan-Feb-Mar 2014 Devotionals** “These Days” is available in the Tobin St. lobby. \$4 optional in the offering plate. **2014 Offering Envelopes** are available TODAY in the Tobin St. lobby. **Newsletter** “The Star”. Thank you to all those who contribute-ed articles, and to our editor, *Holly MacIntosh Benninger*.

Mission to Seafarer’s shoe boxes/bags are due today. Thank you to all those who helped with this outreach project, and to convener, *Kathy Evans*.

Thank you so much for your support with the sale of the bracelets for SOAR (Sending Orphans of AIDS Relief). Special thanks to *Sally deWolf* for taking the lead in helping to sell the SOAR bracelets at Fort Massey - our Fort Massey total was \$680! Please know that your generous efforts contributed significantly to the overall success of this fundraiser for SOAR and for that we are deeply grateful. With sincere appreciation, *Leslie McLean*, on behalf of the women of SOAR.

NEW: Accessible Parking on Tobin St, next to church, Sundays.

The Choir of Saint David’s presents: “No Small Wonder: an evening of Lessons and Carols”, TONIGHT at 7. Join us for an evening of music on pizza corner at the Presbyterian Church of Saint David’s with music by Howells, Rutter, Chilcott, Clebury and more. The free will offering will be donated to the church music fund. The Presbyterian Church of Saint David, 1544 Grafton St.

@ FORT MASSEY CHURCH ...

- *Next Women’s Coffee Group*, Tue, Jan 7, 10 AM, TBA
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tuesdays at 7 PM in the new year, Lower Hall
- *Spirit Connectors*, resumes Jan 9, 2014, Thursday, 10:30 AM
- *Next Men’s Breakfast*, Fri, Jan 10, 2014, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- Dec 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve Family Service
- Dec 29, 10:30 AM, Readings & Carols Service (Church School/Nursery resume Jan 5)
- Jan 5, 10:30 AM, New Year’s Communion Service

Annual General Meeting for Camp Kidston, January 8, 2014 at 8 pm in the parlour at Bedford United Church. All Presbyters and anyone with an interest in the Kidston Ministry is welcome to attend.

Onelight Theatre presents “Tell It On The Mountain” featuring the gospel music of The Sanctified Brothers, Dec 26-31, at Alderney Landing, Dartmouth. Tickets 1.888.311.9090.