

Christmas Eve at Historic Fort Massey Church

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

7:00 p.m., December 24, 2013

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Trinity Bell is rung and the Community Candle lit.

*CALL TO GATHER

standing

Leader: Children, turn to the nearest grown-up and, on the count of three, whisper: 'It's time.' ... 1, 2, 3 ...
Grown-ups, turn to the nearest child and, on the count of three, whisper: 'I know.' ... 1, 2, 3 ...

*PROCESSIONAL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

VU 60

PRAYER READING

"Christmas" by Gretta Vosper

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hope (Peace, Joy Love) Shines as the Solitary Star

MV 220

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE - *the Janson family*

*ADVENT CAROL

Hope Is a Star

VU 7

*THE PEACE

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

CHOIR

Puer Nautus

anonymous

WELCOME

OFFERING

Offertory:

* Response:

Joy to the World

VU 59

REFLECTION I

CHOIR

Gloria

Purfoy

REFLECTION II

CHOIR

The Angel Gabriel

Malcolm Archer

PLACING OF THE BABY JESUS IN THE CRECHE

*CHILDREN'S CAROL Away in a Manger

VU 69

CHILDREN'S STORY "The Message of the Birds" by Kate Westerlund
Images by Feridun Oral

SONG Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, children all are we;
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
with every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

PARTING WORDS

*CLOSING CAROL Silent Night, Holy Night

VU 67

MUSIC FOR GOING OUT INTO THE STARLIT NIGHT

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Welcome! A special welcome to our **visitors**. We are delighted to have you joining us at our annual Christmas Eve Family Service. **Children** should feel free to be children tonight! 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. Our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services include a staffed Church School & Nursery.

Over the holidays: Church Office closed Dec 25-Jan 3.
Emergencies, call the Manse at 425-3810.
Dec 29, 10:30 AM, A Service of Readings & Carols
Jan 5, 10:30 AM, New Year's Communion Service

Thank you to all our participants, including, The Chancel Choir, *Simon Abbott*, Director of Music/organist; *Leah Collins Lipsett*, pianist; *Erin Lesser*, guest flutist; and *Kevin Robarts*, resident flutist.

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