

The Gathering @ Fort Massey

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

~ transforming God to a verb ~

142nd ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY – ADVENT II

10: 30 am, December 8, 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

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
Ruth MacKenzie, OFM, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

Christmas In Sicily by Pietro Yon
Chorale Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*
by Johannes Brahms – *John Walter*, organ

*PROCESSIONAL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming VU 8

The Trinity Bell is rung and the Community Candle lit.

ADVENT READING

“Peace” by Gretta Vosper

CHORAL RESPONSE

‘Peace’ Shines as the Solitary Star MV 220

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Peace in Palestine” – *Sally deWolf*

OFFERINGS Amazing Grace – *Kevin Robarts, flute; John Walter, organ*

* **Offertory Response:** ‘Peace Is a Ribbon’ v. 2, VU 7
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. 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.

CHILDREN’S TIME

ADVENT WREATH Lighting of the Candle of Peace – *the MacDougall Family*

ADVENT CAROL A Candle Is Burning v. 2, VU 6

PRESENTATION William S. Fong Volunteer Award
2013 Recipient, *Leslie McLean* – *Peter Coulthard, Nominating*

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM The Advent Carol by Alfred V. Fedak

READINGS Song of Mary: Luke 1:47–55 VU 898
Gospel of Luke 1:26-38
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

***SONG** Dreaming Mary MV 134

SERMON Anniversary and Advent: We Dream with Dreaming Mary
The Rev’d Sally Shaw

***ADVENT CAROL** Mary, Woman of the Promise VU 16
Alternate Tune: *STUTTGART*, VU 2

***PARTING WORDS**

POSTLUDE Hungarian Dance no.6 by Johannes Brahms
- *Leah Collins Lipsett and Simon Abbott, piano*

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Welcome to Fort Massey. A special welcome to our guest preacher on this 142nd Anniversary Sunday, the Rev’d Sally Shaw, United Church Formation Director at Atlantic School of Theology; and 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 soup & chowder lunch in the lower hall; hosts are – *The Kirk Session.*

Fort Massey United Church, December 8, 2013

2014 Canadian Church Calendars are For Sale after Service 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 deadline for “The Star” is TODAY.

White Gift Bags are available today in the Queen & Tobin St. lobbies to be used for non-perishable food goods for White Gift Sunday, Dec 22nd. Goods will go to the Brunswick Street Mission Food Pantry.

“Like”the facebook page. Go onto the Fort Massey website and link to our facebook page, and then “like” us so we can get facebook updates.

Mission to Seafarer’s. Once again we will be collecting shoe boxes/bags of small gift items for Christmas presents (toiletry items, gloves, hats, scarves, candy, etc.)

Tales of A Charlie Brown Christmas , Dec 8, 2 PM and 8 PM, Spatz Theatre, 1855 Trollope Street, Halifax. During the matinee performance one child (12 and under) may accompany an adult for free. Tickets are \$40 - www.jazzeast.com

Nutcracker Luncheon in support of Phoenix House, Tue, Dec 10. 11:45 AM, Cunard Centre. \$85/\$75 Senior.

Rejouissance – Early Music Ensemble with Ann Bradley, soprano, present ‘5th Annual Olde World Christmas Concert’ on Wed. Dec. 11th and Thurs. Dec. 12th at 7:30 PM. Bethany United Church, Hfx., call 455-0521 for tickets. A variety of seasonal carols, Baroque masterpieces, including a wintry theatrical presentation.

Handel's MESSIAH with Symphony NS & Chorus, *Jeff Joudrey* - Conductor, Dec 19&20, Cohn Auditorium, 7:30 PM. Tickets @ Cohn Box Office, 494.3820.

The Choir of Saint David's presents: "No Small Wonder: an evening of Lessons and Carols", Sunday December 22nd, 7pm. Join us for an evening of music on pizza corner at the Presbyterian Church of Saint David's with music by Howells, Rutter, Chilcott, Cleobury and more. The free will offering will be donated to the church music fund. The Presbyterian Church of Saint David, 1544 Grafton St.

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.

@ FORT MASSEY CHURCH this week, Dec 8-14, 2013:

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, 10 AM, Carol Sinclair's
- *Song Service & fellowship*, Tue, 2 PM, Joe Howe Manor
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Spirit Connectors*, resumes Jan 9, 2014, Thursday, 10:30 AM
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30-9 PM, Sanctuary
- *Next Men's Breakfast*, Fri, Jan 10, 2014, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Hanging of the Greens*, Sat, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

Coming up @ the fort...

Dec 21, 7:30 PM, *Modern Grass* (bluegrass) annual Xmas Concert

Dec 22, 10:30 AM, Annual White Gift Service led by the Church School, and Sacrament of Baptism

Dec 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve Family Service

Dec 29, 10:30 AM, Readings & Carols Service

Haiyan relief. The Canadian Government has extended the deadline for the dollar for dollar matching of donations made by individuals to registered Canadian charities - including the United Church - for Typhoon Haiyan relief. Dec 23 is now the date by which donations need to be received, either by the General Council Office or by congregations.

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