

# Fort Massey by-the-Sea

*A Congregation of The United Church of Canada*

*Watching over Halifax Harbour c. 1871*

*~ transforming God to a verb ~*

*“Here is God's purpose - for God, to me, it seems, is a verb, not a noun, proper or improper; is the articulation, not the art, objective or subjective; is loving, not the abstraction "love" commanded or entreated; is knowledge dynamic, not legislative code, not proclamation law, not academic dogma, not ecclesiastic canon. Yes, God is a verb, the most active. Let it burn swiftly.” – R. Buckminster Fuller*

Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ 10:30 am, April 6, 2014 ~ Tartan Day

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Janna Janson, Nursery  
Linda MacDonald, Nominatin  
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus  
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Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator  
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator  
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## ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

### PRELUDE

Prelude for Organ — Johannes Brahms

Ringing of the Trinity bell and lighting of the Community candle

### OPENING WORDS

#### \*OPENING HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

### THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

### WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

## OFFERINGS

\* Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own vs.1 VU 543  
Standing, as the offering plates are brought forward.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** with the *Sunday's Cool Crowd* – “Blessing of the Family”  
Please have your tartans ready to be blessed.

## PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

\*HYMN I Have You Called You by Your Name  
MV 161

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** – Morgan Angus Gillis, b. August 9, 2013

Assisting the Minister is the Rev'd *Bill Gillis*

**ALL: We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family makes to the journey of faith and pledge ourselves, through the symbol of this water to their love, support and care, as they discover the ways the Spirit unfolds for them.**

## BAPTISMAL BENEDICTION

VU 454

ANTHEM Pie Jesu — Andrew Lloyd Webber  
featuring the *Junior Choir* and *Sophie Boileau*, soprano

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** – *Elliott Prouty*

HYMN (remaining seated) In the Bulb There Is a Flower VU 703

READINGS “Liberating the Gospels” (excerpts) by J.S. Spong  
Gospel of John 16:25-33 – *Alison McDonald*  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey. **May we walk in its light.***

SERMON Trekking Toward Holy Week

\*CLOSING HYMN Miracle of Life INSERT  
Words c. Scott Kearns 2008; Tune: *Hymn to Joy*  
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## \*PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE Toccata from 'Pour le piano' by Claude Debussy  
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**Welcome** to Fort Massey. A special welcome to the family of *Morgan Gillis*, who is being welcomed into the church - the family of God - through the waters of baptism; and to our **visitors**. Morgan is the son of *Rhia & John Gillis*. Joining them today are grandparents, *Bill & Diane Gillis* and *Val Perkins*; and godparent, *Sarah Perkins* (maternal aunt). Unable to be here are *Mike Perkins* (maternal grandfather) and godparent, *Heather Gillis* (paternal aunt). We are delighted to have you joining us today. 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 in the lower hall after the Service for a haggis **luncheon** and anniversary cake. **Thank** you to *Tom MacDougall & Membership Development Committee* and friends; our piper, *John Gillis*; *Angus McDonald* who will offer the “Burns’ address to a haggis”; and *Mary Carmichael*, organizing the kitchen. **Best wishes** to *Tom & Vee MacDougall* celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

## Fort Massey United Church Halifax ~ April 6, 2014

**Newsletter** available today. Thank you to our contributors and editor, *Holly MacIntosh Benninger*.

**New Residents at Parkland at-the-Gardens:** *Betty Easton, Doug Ritcey*

**Leah's Graduation Recital:** Come hear Fort Massey's resident pianist, *Leah*, perform selections by Bach, Debussy, and Schubert at her Graduation Recital on Monday, April 14th at 7:30pm. The recital will be held at the Dunn Theatre in the Dalhousie Arts Centre. Admission is free; reception to follow.

**Holy Week Services Participants** are needed for Palm Sunday (4 youth readers), Maundy Thursday (2 female readers), Good Friday (2 readers). Contact *Rev. Trent*.

**Outreach Committee** is looking for new members. If you have an interest in refugees, homelessness, poverty, or local outreach initiatives, please contact *Ian MacDonald* or the minister.

**Easter Flower Festival.** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact *Carol Robinson* (429.5954) if you would like to make a financial donation to the flower fund, in memory of a loved one or in honour of an occasion. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver flowers to some of our parishioners after the Easter Sunday Service. Please sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

### **This Week @ the fort ...**

- *Recording*, Tue-Fri, all day, sanctuary
- *Next Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, 10 AM, TBA
- *Cozy Wear Outreach Project*, Tue, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- *Service & Fellowship*, Tue, 2 PM, Joe Howe
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Next Men's Breakfast*, Fri, April 25, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Tea & Tango*, Sat, 2-3:30 PM, Lower Hall

**Next Sunday @ the fort...** we'll be celebrating the sacrament of baptism and blessing the tartans (National Tartan Day) at our 10:30 Service; and *Tom & Vi MacDougall's* 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during our **Haggis Lunch** at 11:30 in the Lower Hall. We need helpers to prepare, serve and clean-up. Sign-up sheet is on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Chowder lunches** at the Presbyterian Church of Saint David, Weds til April 16.

**A Service of Lenten Music and Meditation.** The Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello Street, Palm Sunday, April 13, 4 PM.

**Spring Flea Market & Book Sale.** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30-11:30 am, Fort Massey Church Hall. Start cleaning off those book shelves and going through your attic. Tables include: clothing (spring and summer only), books, new-to-you, linens, tapes/CDs/DVDs/records, pantry, miscellaneous, large items, toys & puzzles, and jewelry. Admission: \$1. Items needed for all tables. Workers needed at the tables on Saturday, setting up on Thursday at 7, marking and sorting on Friday, cleaning up on Saturday – sign up on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby. Thank you.