

Fort Massey United Church

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

First Sunday after Epiphany ~ 10:30 am, January 12, 2014

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, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
Irene Parks, UCW President

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Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Roberts, Flutist
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Janna Janson, Nursery
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
John Gillis, Board Chair
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

Variations on "Mein junges Leben hat ein End" "
(J.P. Sweelinck 1562-1621) – *John Walter, organ*

*PROCESSIONAL

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
ALTERNATE TUNE: ST GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

VU 101

The Trinity Bell is rung and the Community Candle lit.

OPENING WORDS

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERINGS

Offertory Hymn: I am the Light of the World

VU 87

* Standing on the last verse as the offering plates are brought forward.

CHILDREN'S TIME "A Slice of Encouragement"

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

***HYMN** One More Step Along the World I Go VU 639
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *Heather Ferrier*

ANTHEM "All We Like Sheep" (J.M. Martin)

READINGS "If Jesus read today's newspaper" by Michel Quoist
John 2:13-16
*Offered as wisdom for the journey. **May we walk in its light.***

SERMON The Big Sheet of White Paper – *Rev. Trent*

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

PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE Prelude (D. Buxtehude)

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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; host is – *the MacDougall family*. Coffee & Conversation **sign-up sheet** is on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby.

Our sympathy to family & friends of the late **Archie Rasley**, who died January 3, 2014, at home in the Veterans Unit of Camp Hill. A memorial service was held from United Memorial Church, Halifax, on January 10th.

This Week @ the fort ...

- *2013 Tax Receipts* are available today in the Tobin St. lobby.
- *Jan-Feb Devotional* "These Days" available in the Tobin St. lobby. \$4.
- *Nominating Committee*, **TODAY**, 10 AM, Minister's Study
- *Annual UCW Meeting*, **TODAY**, 11:30 AM, Parlour
- *Next Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, Jan 21, 10 AM, *Jean Cudmore's*
- *Cozy Wear Outreach Project*, Tue, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue at 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Halifax Presbytery*, Tue, 7 PM, Bedford UC
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Next Men's Breakfast*, Fri, Jan 24, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Nominating Committee*, **next Sunday**, 10 AM, Minister's Study

Coming Up @ the fort...

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, Wed, Jan 22, 12:15 PM, Sanctuary
Robbie Burns Celebration, Sunday, Jan 26, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall
Chinese New Year Celebration, Sunday, Feb 2, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall

Valentine Tea, Sat, Feb 8, 2-4 PM, Lower Hall

Annual Meeting Working Lunch, Sunday, Feb 16, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall

Hockey Night in Halifax, Sat, Mar 15, HFX Metro Centre,

Sign-up in Tobin St. lobby

Irish Stew Luncheon, Sunday, Mar 16, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall

Elizabeth Dorey and her classmates are raising money to help build a school in a developing country. They are making, and selling, Rainbow Loom bracelets for \$1.50 each. If you would like to support this fundraiser, Elizabeth will be selling her bracelets at coffee and conversation over the next several weeks.

Our student minister, Heather Ferrier, will be leading an educational series during the month of February: "The Seeds of a Speech" will use video, small-group discussion, and activities to explore the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. Together, the group will explore the historical, cultural, and Biblical origins of this famous speech. How has King's dream been realized, where has the dream gone unfulfilled, and what can we learn about becoming an intercultural church? Please speak to Heather if you have any questions or are interested in participating in this series. Dates to be announced.

The Cozy Hands group will again be meeting in the lower hall beginning on Tue, Jan 14, 1- 3:30 PM - a return to cutting out and sewing the wool/fleece mittens that we started last January. We had a very successful year and were happy to play a small part in the comfort of our local folks on the streets. We have had a request from ARK for more mittens. This is the organization that looks after homeless youth, ages 16 - 24 years. With this in mind, we are still looking for 100% wool sweaters. If procurement of this material becomes a problem we will be making lined fleece mittens as replacements. NEWS FLASH! In addition to our Cozy Hands project, we are adding a new enterprise on Tuesday - Our Cozy Necks and Noggins Apparel Brand will be launched! We will be recycling scarves and making fleece toques - don't miss out on an opportunity to be a part of this Outreach Ministry. Seats still available - For those with sharp scissors and a sewing machine, bring them along. No scissors or sewing machine - don't worry - we have a number of other jobs to be done. Join us on Tuesdays for fellowship, fun and fulfillment. Require info, please see Muriel Hale or by e-mail to murielandbill@ns.sympatico.ca or to Irene.beeler@ns.sympatico.ca

Organ Repairs begin in the sanctuary this Wednesday, Jan 15.

An Open Discussion on *Housing for the Second Half of Life*, with *Pat Kipping*, Wed, Jan 22, 1:30 PM, Council House, Inglis & Young, sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women. RSVP Carol Sinclair at CSinclair@eastlink.ca

DAL Music Dept's 23rd Annual Student Musicale, sponsored by DAL Alumni Association Women's Division, MacAloney Rm, 406, DAL Arts Centre, Sunday, Jan 19, 3-4:30 PM. \$10 at the door. Reception to follow.

The Caledonian Scottish Fiddle Orchestra of Nova Scotia will perform at Bedford United Church. February 2, at 2:30 PM, in support of *Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp* and their summer programs.