

# The Sunday Gathering

\* indicates standing for those who are able; silent reflection begins with the Prelude

## PRELUDE

**SILENT REFLECTION** Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.

## GATHERING WORDS

\***OPENING CAROL** Angels from the Realms of Glory VU 36

**THE PEACE** *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*  
Christ Candle is lit.

## WELCOME & THE NOTICES

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Body and Soul”

**OFFERING CAROL** In the Bleak Midwinter VU 55  
Offering is brought forward on last verse

**TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD** “Christmas Gifts”  
You’re invited to show/tell us what you got for Christmas

**A READING** “A Bluenose Twelver Days of Christmas”  
By Bruce Nunn; Illustrations by Doretta Groenendyk

\***CHRISTMAS SONG** Nova Scotian Twelve Days of Christmas

**INSERT**  
**READING** From the Epistle to the Colossians 3:12-17

\***CAROL** All Poor Ones and Humble VU 68

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES** “The Finest Tree and other Christmas Stories  
from Atlantic Canada” edited by Dan Soucoup  
You’re invited to share a Christmas memory

\***CAROL** ’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” VU 71

## PRAYER

**PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord’s Prayer VU 914

\***CLOSING CAROL** Go Tell It on the Mountain VU 43

\***PARTING WORDS** *Amen. May it be so.*

## POSTLUDE

Please be seated after the ministers have left the nave of the sanctuary;  
after which you may rise and exit, or remain for part or all of the Postlude.

**Welcome** to Fort Massey! Merry Christmas! May your holiday travels with family and friends be *of good cheer!* We are delighted to have all **visitors** joining us today; please sign our Guest Book. If you're looking for a church home, you may fill out a **Welcome Card** (found with the guest book) leaving it with the guest book. Please join us in the lower hall after our Gathering for our special **Coffee & Conversation**.

**Church Office** will be closed til Jan 5. Please call the Church Manse (902.425.3810) for emergencies.

**2016 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Tobin St. lobby. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie @ raem@ns.sympatico.ca*, 902.477.5365, if you have questions about weekly envelopes or the advantages of PAR.

**Daily Devotional**, *These Days* for Jan-Feb-Mar is available in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Door Fund**. You are invited to give a special Christmas gift to Fort Massey this year for the purchase of new Tobin St. doors. We'll be warmer, safer, richer and more environmentally friendly. Mark it DOORS on your envelope.  
Raised as of Dec 13 - \$1,595.00.

**2016 Canadian Church Calendars** for sale during C&C. \$10.

**Tell It On The Mountain** with *Reeny Smith* and the Gospel Music of *The Sanctified Brothers*, Dec 27-29 (show times vary 2, 5 & 7 pm), at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 in Kenneth C. Rowe Hall. For tickets, call 902.425.6812 or [onelighttheatre.com](http://onelighttheatre.com)

**Christmas Services @ the fort:**

**Jan 3**, 10:30 AM, *The Epiphany - New Year's Communion*

**Board of Management** meeting will be Tue, Jan 5, at 7:30 PM.

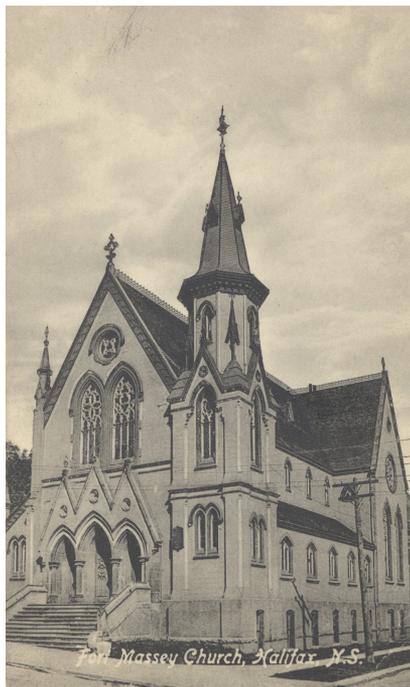
**Next Men's Breakfast**, Fri, **Jan 8**, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

**Fort Massey, St. Matthew's & St. David's Refugee Committee:** Three churches have banded together to sponsor a refugee family. We will need to raise \$30,000.00 to support our family for a year. A volunteer group met last week to begin writing the application. Through a local family and their contacts we have a specific family in mind to sponsor. We would like to invite everyone to support our fund-raising campaign. In order to begin the fundraising at each of the three participating churches the Fundraising Committee proposes three possibilities: (1) mark your special contribution to your church "for refugees;" (2) consider making a contribution to the refugee fund in lieu of Christmas gifts, either from you or to you; (3) Sign a pledge card available during the coffee hour for a monthly amount for one year. Information and gift cards will be available after the Service.

**A second meeting** of the full sponsorship committee on **January 10th** at St. Matthew's United Church which will begin as soon after 12 noon as we can. The meeting will take place in the gymnasium. On the agenda of that meeting, among other things, will be the following items.

- Establishing an executive committee representative of the constituent churches and friends who make up the committee.
- Organizing working groups to plan for and carry out the different aspects of the project. This is an important starting point as it will enable us to fill out the "Settlement Plan" forms. The settlement plan is an essential aspect of the application to sponsor a refugee family.
- A discussion of the fund raising goal. Perhaps an additional \$15,000 – \$20,000 that would be a contribution to the United Nations Refugee Agency. The work to sponsor one family is vitally important, but we also need to remember there are millions of refugees who will not be invited to live in Canada. They need our assistance too.

You now have the convenience to donate on the Fort Massey website at [www.fortmasseychurch.com](http://www.fortmasseychurch.com)



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The United Church of  
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**~ Creating  
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Simon Abbott, Director of Music  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
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**WARNING!** To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter Christ's soul challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2015  
10:30 AM**