

A brief history...

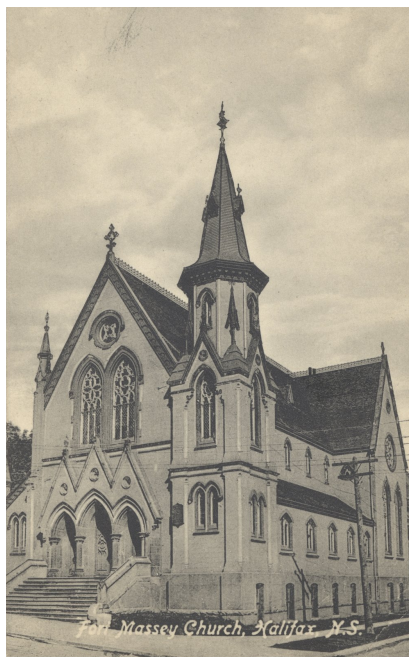
The Name: The unique name of Fort Massey Church recalls the early years of the garrison town when there was a blockhouse on the site. The fort was named after *General Eyre Massey* who was commander-in-chief at Halifax from 1776-1780.

The Building: From the *Halifax Reporter*, 1871: "The interior ... has almost a cathedral appearance. In form and style there is nothing like it in Nova Scotia." From the *Canadian Illustrated News*, 1873: "...one of the most handsome specimens of Gothic architecture to be met in the Dominion." Opened in 1871, the Scottish architect, *David Stirling*, made skilful use of Gothic designs with more than a dozen window shapes and sizes and numerous versions of decorative window tracery. Inside there are richly-carved ceiling braces supported by hammer-beams, ornamental kings' heads and bands of trefoil arches punctuated by protruding, small winged creatures which gaze down into the nave below. The church hall with gymnasium was added in 1898, and is shared with numerous community groups.

The Organ: The three manual Casavant organ, installed in 1913, was played by television's first lady of the organ, *Diane Bish* (Joy of Music) to a full house; and each October the local chapter of the *Royal Canadian College of Organists* (RCCO) brings together organists and musical guests for an evening of 'frighteningly fine music' at the *Phantoms of the Pipes* concert!

The People: Fort Massey, along with many other Presbyterian churches, joined the Methodists and Congregationalists in the union of *The United Church of Canada* in 1925. Over the years many notable Halifaxians attended Fort Massey including *Lucy Maud Montgomery* (author of *Anne of Green Gables*) and *Anna Leonowens* (Governess to the King of Siam's children).

Today, the congregation consists of long-time south-enders, students, seniors, and new residents who live in the neighbour-ing buildings, as well as people from throughout the metropolitan area. We strive to be a welcoming oasis in the midst of city living.



T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Simon Abbott, Director of Music
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward

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*Season of Pentecost
Summer 2015*

*Fort Massey
by~the~Sea
A Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
Watching over Halifax
Harbour
since 1871*

~ Creating Community ~



Sizzling

Summer

Student

Sermons

July & August

The Sunday Gathering

June 28, 2015 ~ 10:30 AM

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

Volunteers are welcome to ring bell, light candle and read Minute for Mission;
please advise worship leader. Thank You.

PRELUDE

SILENT REFLECTION The Trinity Bell is rung & the Community Candle is lit.

GATHERING WORDS & PRAYER

- ***OPENING HYMN** Praise with Joy the World's Creator VU 312
- ***THE PEACE** *The Peace of Christ be with you.*
And also with you.

WELCOME & THE NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

- OFFERINGS** Offertory
* Response: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen** VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS VU 921

***HYMN** O God of All the Many Lands VU 523

READING(S) Excerpt from "The Good Book" by Peter Gomes
John 8:48-50
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON Waving the flag of truth – Rev. Trent

***AFFIRMATION** A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Insert) HB 156

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

***NATIONAL ANTHEM** O Canada VU 524

POSTLUDE Humoresque Antonín Dvořák
Kevin Roberts, flute; Jenny Trites, piano

Welcome to Fort Massey! We are delighted to have you joining us today. A special welcome to our **visitors**; you are invited to sign our Guest Book. If you're looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** leaving it with the guest book. Please join us after the Service for **lemonade & conversation**.

Thank you to all those who helped with the meal and tour for the *Smith Memorial Congregational Church Youth Group* from Hillsborough, New Hampshire, on Tuesday (June 23). A **“Thank You”** from the youth is posted on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

Givings. Summer is here! Please review your envelope givings for this year; or you may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). Contact *Ruth MacKenzie* @ 902.477.5365. *Thank you.*

Minister's Summer Schedule. Our minister is on vacation in July; in August he is on sabbatical leave.

Emergency contacts: *Alison McDonald* 902.422.0850
Ruth MacKenzie 902.477.5365

Summer Pulpit Supply: Join us at 10:30 AM on Sundays through-out July & August for fresh perspectives on old stories with theology students from AST.

July 5 – *Heather Ferrier*

July 12 – *Kate Jones*

July 19 – *Heather Ferrier*

July 26 – *Daniel MacDonald*

Aug 2 – *Daniel MacDonald*

Aug 9 & 16 – *Lisa Clarke*

Aug 23, 30 – *Daniel MacDonald*

Our Organist, *Simon Abbott*, is in India for the summer, returning in September.

Supply organists/pianists are:

June 21 & 28 – *Jenny Trites*

July 5 & 12 – *John Walter*

July 19, 26, & Aug 2 – *Gus Webb*

August 9, 16, 23, 30 – *John Walter*