

WARNING! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's soul challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 AM

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE	Selections from J.S. Bach's 3-part Inventions	
* PROCESSIONAL	Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped	VU 221
SILENT REFLECTION	The Trinity Bell is rung & the Community Candle is lit.	
GATHERING WORDS		
ANTHEM	<i>I give you a new commandment</i> — Peter Nardone	
WELCOME & THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	"Bridges to Hope" – Colleen Estabrooks	
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
* THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i>	
A MOMENT WITH THE SUNDAY'S COOL CROWD		
PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS		VU 921
* HYMN	I Have Called You by Your Name	MV 161
PRAYER		
MUSICAL REFLECTION	The Last Rose of Summer – Irish Air	Kevin Roberts, flute
READINGS	Ecclesiasticus 44:19-21; Matthew 1:1-17 <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.	
SERMON	<u>And You Are?</u> – Rev. Trent	

*AFFIRMATION	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	To Abraham and Sarah	VU 634
*PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen.</i> May it be so.	
POSTLUDE	Postlude on <i>Light of the living God</i> — David Paxton	

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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 a BBQ & corn boil.

The flowers in the chancel today are a gift from *Atlantic School of Theology* in appreciation to the congregation of Fort Massey for hosting the Installation of AST's 9th President, *the Rev'd Neal S. Bennet*, on Thursday, Sep 17. **Special thanks** to *Ian MacDonald* for tech support; *Irene Parks, Sally DeWolf, Viola Greer* for assisting with the reception; and *Richard Robinson* for preparing the facility.

Stewardship. We are grateful for your support over the year. As we begin another 'year' of activity, fall can also be the time that we review our financial commitment to our Church. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie* @ 902.477.5365 or <raem@ns.sympatico.ca>, if you have any questions about weekly envelopes; you may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). *Thank you.*

South End Playgroup gathers Mondays, 11 to 1, in the Church Hall.

YOGA is offered with *Jenny* on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM; and with *Alison* on Fridays, 9:30-10:30 AM. Fees or pay as you can apply.

Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:30 PM, and Sundays 10 AM, in the sanctuary. New choristers are welcome! See Simon today, or show up this Wednesday.

Men's Breakfasts start Fri., Sep 25, 9:30 AM, at *Athens* on Quinpool.

Women's Coffee Group Tue., Sep 29, 10 AM, at *Mary Carmichael's*.

100 year celebration of CGIT. Please come and join us for an afternoon tea in the hall at Woodlawn United Church on October 3rd at 2 pm to celebrate the 100th anniversary of CGIT. Former leaders, girls and all women of the congregation are welcome to attend and share memories and stories. Admission is by donation to Mission and Service Fund. In order to prepare for the tea, please respond by September 28th to *Ruth Boutilier* at <ruth.b@ns.sympatico.ca> or call 902 462 7727.

World Communion Sunday will be observed on Oct 4, 10:30 AM.

2015 Mission Breakfast, Oct. 15 at 7:30 AM. World Trade & Convention Centre. Hear inspirational educator, *Stacey Bess*, who taught homeless children in a small shed known as *The School with No Name* for 11 years. During that time she discovered by teaching and modeling love, self-worth and courage she could reach children with home and little hope. Her memoir from that time was adapted into a Hallmark Fame movie *Beyond the Blackboard*. Sign-up in Tobin St. lobby. \$100.

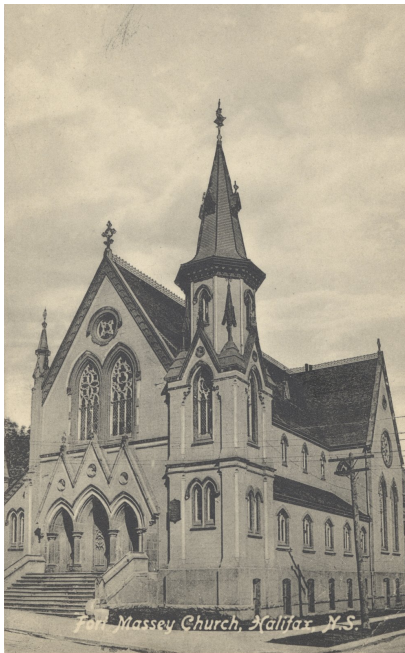
Nocturne – art at night will be held on Sat, Oct 17, 6 PM til midnight, throughout Halifax, including Fort Massey Church. We need volunteers to take turns hosting an hour. A sign-up sheet is in the Tobin St. lobby on the easel board. Thank you.

Harvest Tea, Sat, Oct 17, 2-4 PM, Fort Massey Church, Lower Hall.

Phantoms of the Pipes, Friday, Oct 30, Fort Massey Church.

Masquerade Gala & Dinner in support of Camp Kidston, Fri., Oct 30, 7 PM, St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Rd, Halifax. Featuring Chef *Richard Julien*. Read more on the poster in the kitchen lobby.

Christmas Tea & Sale, Nov 14, 10:30-12:30, Fort Massey Church.



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