

# The Sunday Gathering

10:30 AM

## ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

### PRELUDE

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

### GATHERING WORDS

\***OPENING HYMN** And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time BULLETIN

\***THE PEACE** *The Peace of Christ be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

### WELCOME & THE NOTICES

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Celebrate God’s Presence” – *Alison McDonald*

**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

**A MOMENT WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD** “Child Labour”

**A PRAYER FOR WORKERS & PRAYER OF JESUS** VU 921

\***HYMN** Praise God for This Holy Ground MV 42

**READING** Psalm 128  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*  
**May we walk in its light.**

**SERMON** In The Colour of The Light

\***HYMN** My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

**COMMUNION** INSERT

\***AFFIRMATION** A New Creed VU 918

\***CLOSING HYMN** Go, Make a Difference MV 209

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

### POSTLUDE

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**And did those feet in ancient time**

**#157 The Hymn Book (Red)**

Walk upon England's mountains green:  
And was the holy Lamb of God,  
On England's pleasant pastures seen!

And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here,  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold;  
Bring me my Arrows of desire:  
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold!  
Bring me my Chariot of fire!

I will not cease from Mental Fight,  
Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand:  
Till we have built Jerusalem,

In England's green & pleasant Land

William Blake 1757-1827

**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**.

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

**Our pastor and music director** have returned. Their absence was made much easier thanks to the following people: *Alison McDonald* and *Ruth MacKenzie*, our emergency contacts; our student ministers, *Lisa Clarke*, *Heather Ferrier*, *Kate Jones*, and *Daniel MacDonald*; and our supply organists, *John Walter* and *Gus Webb*.

**Atlantic Fringe Festival 2015**. Fort Massey will be hosting 98 shows from Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. Check on line for a complete list of performances.

**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.

**South End Playgroup** gathers on Mondays, 11 AM to 1 PM, in the Church Hall.

**AST Founders meeting breakfast** will be hosted by Fort Massey this Wed, Sep 9.

**Next Sunday, Sep 13**, the children are invited to bring their school back packs for the annual "Blessing of the Back Packs". Church School begins Sep 13.

**Installation Service** for AST President, the Rev'd *Neale Bennett* will be held at Fort Massey Church on Thursday, Sep 17, 12 noon. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

**Welcome Back Sunday BBO** is Sep 20. Potluck salads and desserts are welcome! Volunteers needed to set-up, barbecue, and clean-up.

**World Communion Sunday** will be observed at Fort Massey on Oct 4, 10:30 AM.

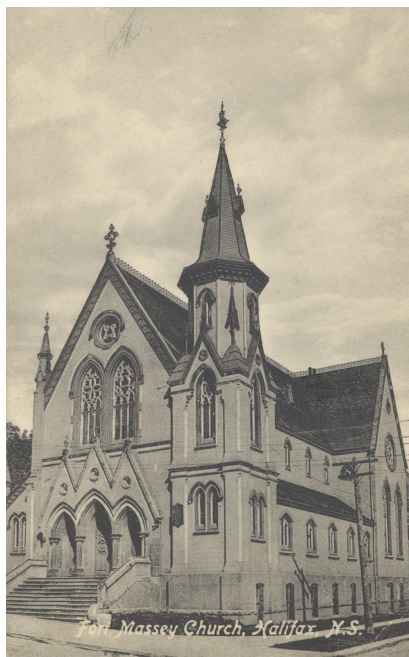
**2015 Mission Breakfast**, Oct. 15 at 7:30 AM. World Trade & Convention Centre. Hear inspirational educator, *Stacey Bess*, who taught homeless children in a small shed known as *The School with No Name* for 11 years. During that time she discovered by teaching and modelling love, self-worth and courage 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 mid-night, 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.

**TEA**. Harvest Tea, Oct 17, 2-4 PM; Christmas Tea & Sale, Nov 14, 10:30-12:30.

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

**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 Haligonians 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 neighbouring buildings, as well as people from throughout the metropolitan area. We strive to be a welcoming oasis in the midst of city living.



# *Fort Massey*

## *by~the~Sea*

*A Congregation of  
The United Church of Canada  
Watching over Halifax  
Harbour since 1871*

*~ Creating*

*Community ~*

T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor  
Daniel MacDonald, Student Minister  
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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*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost*

*September 6, 2015*