

The Sunday Gathering

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

PRELUDE	Hymn Prelude on <i>Children Praying</i>	
SILENT REFLECTION	Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.	
GATHERING WORDS	– <i>Daniel MacDonald</i>	
*OPENING HYMN	Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet	VU 245
OPENING PRAYER		
PRAYER OF JESUS	The Lord’s Prayer (sung)	VU 959
THE PEACE	<i>The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	“Healing in a Nuclear Zone” – <i>David Griffiths</i>	
OFFERING		
*	Offertory: Doxology: Praise God...	VU 541
TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD	– <i>Daniel MacDonald</i>	
*HYMN	Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying	VU 400
PRAYER		
ANTHEM	<i>Ave Maria</i> — Jacques Arcadelt, (1507-1568)	
READINGS	Psalm 69:13-18 <i>Offered has wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.	
SERMON	“ <u>Say a little prayer for me</u> ” – <i>Rev. Trent</i>	
*AFFIRMATION	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	Take My Life and Let It Be	VU 506
*PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen. Blessed be!</i>	
POSTLUDE	Ricercare in C minor - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) <i>John Walter, organ</i>	

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.

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Welcome to Fort Massey! We are always delighted to have **visitors** among us; please sign our Guest Book. Children are invited to join our **Church School & Nursery**. 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 for **Coffee & Conversation** after our Gathering. To be a host/sponsor, sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Chili Take-out, after our Sunday Gathering TODAY, **Jan 24**. In support of our youth *Elizabeth Dorey's* Pathfinders (Guiding). Meal includes chilli, buttered bun, brownie, and napkin & spoon.

2015 tax receipts and 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 Jan/Feb/Mar*, is in the Tobin St. lobby.

Petition. KAIROS has a petition to the NS Government to implement a curriculum in our schools that tells the story of our Aboriginal peoples. Located in the Tobin St. lobby.

Outreach Committee meets this Tue, Jan 26, 6:30 PM, Minister's Study.

Kirk Session meets Tue, Jan 26, 7:30 PM, Church Parlour.

Spirit Connectors will be reading *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (And Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. We start this Thursday, **Jan 28**, 10:30 AM, Green St. Berkeley. Those who ordered the BOOK, please pick up from the minister today.

Annual Reports are due by noon on FRIDAY, **Jan 29**.

A Countertenor at the Opera, **Jan 29**, 7:30 PM at The Music Room, 6181 Lady Hammond Rd. Countertenor *Andrew Pickett* accompanied by collaborative pianist *Lynette Wahlstrom*. Tickets are \$30 and are available online through Ticket Halifax or at the door.

Port Wallis Players present "East End Mall Story", Port Wallis United Church, 263 Waverley Road, Dartmouth, **Jan 29, 30**; Feb 5, 6, 12, 13, 26, 27; April 8, 9. \$30/ticket. Call 902.789.9886

Mooseheads vs CB Hockey Game, next Sunday, **Jan 31**, 3 PM. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Next Women's Coffee Group will be Tue, **Feb 2**, 10 AM, at the home of *Sharon Ross*.

Take Heart A multi-media exhibition of Photography / Stained Glass / Ceramics / Pottery / Painting. (Matt 14:27) Opening reception **Feb 4**, 5 to 7:30 PM. Artist Talk Feb 4, 6 PM (Snow date Feb 8) AST Art Gallery Space, AST Library, 624 Francklyn St. Show runs til March 4. Info call 902-496-7943. Artist bios: www.astheology.ns.ca/astarts/TakeHeart

Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, **Feb 5**, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

Chinese New Year Supper, *Canton Garden Restaurant*, 30 Farnham Gate Rd., Clayton Park West, 6 PM, Sat, **Feb 6**. Sign-up in Tobin St. lobby.

Observer Renewal/Order. \$25. Please enclose in your offering envelope or an envelope with your name and address, marking it "*Observer Renewal*" by **Feb 7**. Contact the church office to cancel.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, **Feb 9**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Fort Massey Lower Hall. \$10/adult, \$20/family - in support of the *Refugee Fund*. We need grills to cook the pancakes on, plus a list in ingredients needed is posted on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

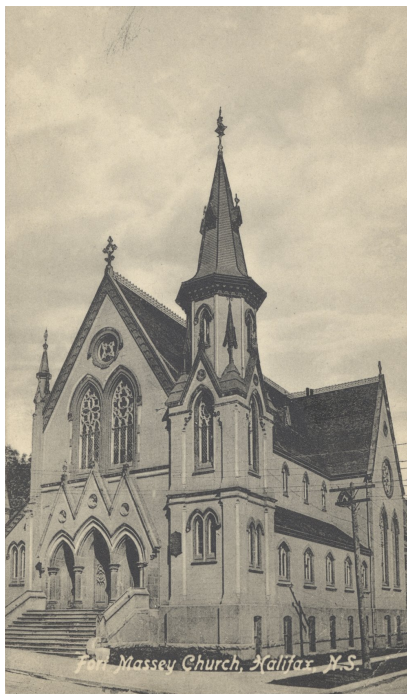
Valentine's Tea & Bake Sale, Sat, **Feb 13**, 2-4 PM. in Fort Massey Lower Hall. Music provided by Valerie Bellamy, harpist. Freewill offering. Sign up sheets for sandwiches, cookies and squares are on the Notice Board in the Tobin St. lobby. If you can serve tables, please place your name in a time slot on the sheet provided.

Beyond the Offering Plate: Exploring Gratitude and Expansive Stewardship -Session One: Embodied Stewardship: Care for Self and Others Thursday, **February 18th** @ the Fireside, 1542 Birmingham Street. 7-9 PM. An All Ages Experience. Bring your friends.

"Who Wrote That Hymn?" RCCO Halifax and St. Mark's Anglican present a Hymn Sing, Sun. **Feb. 21**, 3 pm. All are welcome: St. Mark's Anglican Church, corner Gottingen and Russell St.. All singers invited to choir rehearsal at 1:30, just before the HymnSing.

Congregational Annual Meeting (working lunch) will follow the Sunday Gathering on **Feb 21** in the lower hall. Storm date Feb 28.

Refugee Update: Fort Massey~St. David's~St. Matthew's~& Friends As of Jan 10, @ \$37,500 has been raised in total. Fort Massey committee members are collecting furnishings.



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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?

*~ Creating
Community ~*



**Third Sunday after
Epiphany**
January 24, 2016
10:30 AM