

# 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** A Light Is Gleaming VU 82

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

## WELCOME & THE NOTICES

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Los Quinchos” – *Linda MacDonald*

**OFFERING CAROL** When Heaven’s Bright with Mystery VU 92  
Offering is brought forward on verse 4.

## TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD

\***CAROL** Will You Come and See the Light VU 96

**READING** Matthew 2:1-12 – *Jake Janson*  
*Offered has wisdom for the journey.*  
**May we walk in its light.**

**SERMON** Re-gifting Our Lives – *Rev. Trent*

## PRAYER

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

\***CAROL** In the Darkness Shines the Splendour VU 92

**HOLY COMMUNION** Liturgy found in  
Insert. Communion Carol The First Nowell VU 91

\***CLOSING CAROL** I Am the Light of the World VU 87

\***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! Happy New Year! 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 after our Gathering for **Coffee & Conversation**.

**2016 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Tobin St. lobby. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie* @ [raem@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto: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 available in the 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 if you wish to cancel.

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

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

**Spirit Connectors**. Please sign up on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby to get your copy of our next book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (And Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. Next gathering is Thursday, **Jan 7**, 10:30 AM, Church Hall.

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

**UCW Annual Meeting** (Brown bag lunch) will be held after the Sunday Gathering on Jan 24 in the lower hall. Storm date **Jan 24**. Agenda includes planning events and 2016 budget. All women welcome.

**Annual Reports** are due **Jan 27**.

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

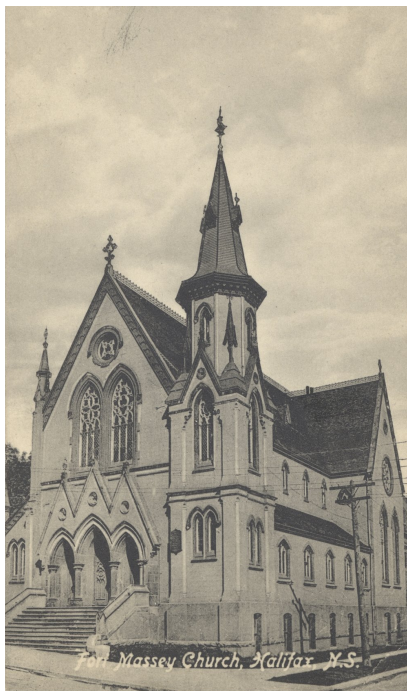
# *Fort Massey - St. David's - St. Matthew's*

## **Refugee Committee UPDATE:**

**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:

- 1.) Establishing an executive committee representative of the constituent churches and friends who make up the committee.
  
- 2.) 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.
  
- 3.) 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.





# 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  
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?



**Christmas 2 ~  
Epiphany  
January 3, 2016  
10:30 AM**