

Welcome to Fort Massey. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, hockey dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organized religion.' (*We're not that keen on it either!*) We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the ol' Kirk. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost on the Armdale roundabout and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters, and you!

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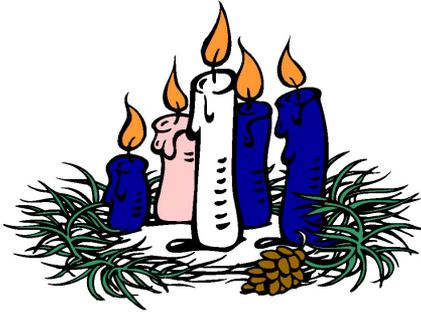
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Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA

Our Sesquicentennial 1871-2021



2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

The Word Made Fresh

PRELUDE

F. Mendelssohn: Andante
(from Organ Sonata No. 6)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING - PEACE

– *Vurain Tabvuma & Clarissa Sit, Vurai & Kushinga*

INTROIT

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weal shall be
strong, and none shall be afraid. v. 2, VU 7**

GATHERING WORDS

The Lord's Prayer

VU 921

HYMN: VU 1 vs. 1-3, & 7

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PASSING THE PEACE

*Peace be with you.
And also with you.*

WELCOME & NOTICES

PRESENTATION

William S. Fong Volunteer Award
– *Peter Coulthard*, Nominating Committee

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING

Offertory:

*Response:

**O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, then, most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.**

v. 1, **VU 31**

READINGS

Excerpt from Mitch Albom
“Have a Little Faith”
Gospel of Luke 1:46-56
*Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.*

SERMON

The Nativity Scene

HYMN: VU 4

God of All Places

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: VU 25

Lo, He Comes with Clouds
Descending

PARTING WORDS

Amen. May it be so.

POSTLUDE

F. Mendelssohn: Fugue
(from Organ Sonata No. 6)

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We minister together, thanks to your support. Please call or e-mail the church office to contact Ruth MacKenzie re financial giving; or Linda MacDonald re serving on a committee.

Congratulations to this year's William S. Fong Volunteer Award, Ian MacDonald.

Our Sympathy to the Mont family and friends of Norma A. McCulloch who died at Northwood Manor Halifax on Nov 26. A graveside Service was held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lower Sackville, on Dec 4th, conducted by our minister.

2021 Canadian Church Calendar and 150th Anniversary Cookbook. \$15 & \$20 respectively. Contact the office.

Hope Cottage Casserole cooks needed for Jan 7. Contact Teresa or the church office.

Gifts with Vision Christmas catalog is available in the Tobin St lobby or online at giftswithvision.ca.

Get ready for Christ(mas)! For Advent and Christmas family activities visit united-church.ca and search "advent unwrapped".

This Week @ the Fort:

Wed Coffee Party via Zoom. Topic - "my favourite childhood Xmas memory", 10:30 AM;

Thu Book Study via Zoom, 10:30 AM;

Sat recording of Sunday Service in the sanctuary, 10:30 AM.

Christmas Trivia Night, Tuesday, Dec 17, at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Contact info will be sent out that afternoon.

White Gift Service, Dec 20th, 10:30 AM. In lieu of food goods, you may give a financial donation to *Brunswick Street Mission*.

Happy December Birthdays: 6th, Sancia Knorr; 15th, Alan Hayman; 16th, Holly MacIntosh Benninger; 29th, Maddy Spicer.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be virtual only this year.

- 1 **Lo, he comes with clouds descending,** **VU 25**
 see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
 join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
 God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall then behold you,
 robed in awesome majesty;
all who jeered, and mocked, and sold you,
 pierced, and nailed you to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
 shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Now redemption, long expected
 see in solemn pomp appear;
all the saints, by us rejected,
 thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
 See the day of God appear!
- 4 Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
 high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
 claim the kingdom for your own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
 Everlasting Christ, come down.

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