

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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Celebrating our Sesquicentennial! 1871-2021



All Saints Day

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 1, 2020

The Word Made Fresh

PRELUDE

SILENT REFLECTION Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.

GATHERING WORDS The Lord's Prayer **VU 921**

HYMN: VU 707 For the Faithful Who Have
Answered

PASSING THE PEACE

WELCOME & NOTICES

OFFERING Offertory:
Doxology: Praise God... **VU 541**

Sunday's Cool Crowd meets in the Lr hall

O.F.M. INDUCTION – *Linda MacDonald, Nominating Chair*
Angela Gillis, John Gillis, Elaine Janson,
Jim Janson, John Walter, Susan Walter

PRAYER

HYMN: VU 509 Here I Am, Lord (vs. 1 & 2)

READINGS Excerpt from Tom Harpur
"Living Waters"; Romans 1:1-7
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light,

SERMON Saints Alive!

AFFIRMATION A New Creed **VU 918**

HYMN: VU 705 For All the Saints (vs. 1,2,5,6)

PARTING WORDS *Amen. May it be so.*

POSTLUDE

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We minister together, thanks to your support. Please call or e-mail the church office to contact Ruth MacKenzie for inquiries around financial giving (envelopes/PAR); or Linda MacDonald re serving on a committee.

Book Study, Nov 5, 10:30 AM, Music Room.

Board of Management, Nov 10, 7:30 PM, Lower Hall.

149th Anniversary Sunday, Nov 22, 10:30 AM, with the Rev'd Heather Ferrier, former FMC student minister.

150th Anniversary Cookbook. Pre-orders are now being accepted by Kathy Evans, or contact the church office.

Thank you to the participants of our second annual Great Pumpkin Carving Contest. This year people chose # 1 for its carving skills.

Brunswick St Mission in need of the following:

Winter Coats, Winter Boots, Jeans – Mens, womens and childrens
Children's clothing – girls and boys, newborn to teen sizes.
Winter gloves, hats and scarves.

Drop off weekdays 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, 2107 Brunswick St.

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

Mission to Seafarers Shoeboxes will be received on Nov 22 & 29. Contact Kathy Evans for more info. In lieu of a shoebox you also have the option of sending a financial donation to:
Helen Glenn, Mission Manager, *Mission to Seafarers Halifax*
P. O. Box 27114, 844 Marginal Road, Halifax, NS B3H 4M8
(902) 422-7790 hglenn@bellaliant.com www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca

Phoenix House snack program. In lieu of collecting snack foods during November, we are asking people to send a financial donation directly to Phoenix.

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

- 1 **For the faithful who have answered**
 when they heard your call to serve,
for the many ways you led them
 testing will and stretching nerve,
for their work and for their witness
 as they strove against the odds,
for their courage and obedience
 we give thanks and praise, O God.
- 2 Many eyes have glimpsed the promise,
 many hearts have yearned to see.
Many ears have heard you calling
 us to greater liberty.
Some have fallen in the struggle,
 others still are fighting on.
You are not ashamed to own us.
 We give thanks and praise, O God.
- 3 For this cloud of faithful witness,
 for the common life we share,
for the work of peace and justice,
 for the gospel that we bear,
for the vision that our homeland
 is your love - deep, high, and broad -
for the different roads we travel
 we give thanks and praise, O God.

Doxology: **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.

- 1 **I, the Lord of sea and sky,**
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord.** Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

1 **For all the saints**, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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