

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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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. Cheques made out to *Phoenix Youth Program*.

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



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T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister; Vurain Tabvuma, Liturgical Assistant; Jenny Trites, Music Director/Organist; Jade Fraser: Soloist; Diemo Landgraf and John Walter, Assistant Organists; Ian MacDonald, Camera; Kevin Robarts, Sexton; Tamara Mugford, Office Admin.; Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery; Andrew Mackay, Yoga

Celebrating our Sesquicentennial! 1871-2021



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020

The Word Made Fresh

*Indicates standing

PRELUDE

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

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

HYMN: VU 677 O God of Every Nation

PASSING THE PEACE *Peace be with you.*
And also with you.

WELCOME & NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Alison McDonald*

OFFERING Offertory: Vocalise - S. Rachmaninoff
– *Kevin Roberts*, violin
Doxology: **Praise God...** **VU 541**

PRAYER Response: **God give peace.**

***NATIONAL ANTHEM** O Canada **VU 524**

***THE NAMES OF THOSE FROM FORT MASSEY CHURCH WHO DIED IN THE TWO WORLD WARS**

– *Colonel (Ret'd.) Ruth MacKenzie*

1914 - 1918

William Doane	Kennet Stairs
Gavin Lang Stairs	Philip B. Stairs, D.S.O.
George M. Stairs	Donald McG. Stewart
Graham Stairs	George M. Sylvester
John C. Stairs	

1939 - 1945

Robert Gillis	George Pope
Bruce MacLeod	William Pope
Alex Malaidack	Hugh Rowlings
Steven Malaidack	J. Norman Smith
Reginald Murdoch	

***THE LAST POST – One Minute Silence – THE ROUSE**

***LAYING OF THE WREATH** at the Memorial Window
– *Lieutenant-Commander (Ret'd) David Griffiths*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

***HYMN: VU 527** God! As with Silent Hearts

Children leave for Church School & Nursery

READINGS

A Poem by David Roberts, 1999;
The Prophet Isaiah 11:1-9
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light,

SERMON

A Peace That Defines Us

AFFIRMATION

A New Creed

VU 918

HYMN: VU 684

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

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The Flowers in the chancel today are placed in loving memory of *H. Douglas Ritcey*, by his son, Andrew Ritcey.

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.

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.

Brunswick St Mission in need of the following:

Winter Coats, Winter Boots, Jeans – men's and women's

Children's clothing, 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.

- 1 **O God of every nation,**
 of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
 with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
 and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
 and heal our strife-torn world.

- 2 From search for wealth and power
 and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
 destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
 and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
 eternal God, we pray.

- 3 Give strength to those who labour
 that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre,
 from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
 your still small voice be heard:
with faith that none can alter,
 your servants undergird.

- 4 Keep bright in us the vision
 of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division,
 give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
 when peace on earth shall reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
 o'er all the world's domain.

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.

National Anthem **O Canada!** Our home and native land!
True patriot love
in all of us command,
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits,
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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- 1 **God! As with silent hearts** we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

- 2 Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

- 3 Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

- 4 So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

1. **Make me a channel of your peace:**
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
2. **Make me a channel of your peace:**
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. **O Spirit, grant that I may never seek**
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. **Make me a channel of your peace.**
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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