

**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**

JER. 31:31-34  
 GOD WILL WRITE  
 A NEW COVENANT  
 ON THEIR

PSALM 46  
 GOD IS OUR  
 REFUGE

ROMANS 3:19-28  
 JUSTIFIED by  
 GRACE  
 through FAITH

JOHN 8:31-36 | WHEN THE SON <sup>SETS</sup>  
 YOU ARE <sup>YOU FREE</sup>  
 = FREE INDEED!

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## Reformation Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

# The Word Made Fresh

<b>PRELUDE</b>	J. Pachelbel: A Mighty Fortress is our God
<b>SILENT REFLECTION</b>	Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.
<b>GATHERING WORDS</b>	The Lord's Prayer <b>VU 921</b>
<b>HYMN: VU 220</b>	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
<b>PASSING THE PEACE</b>	
<b>WELCOME &amp; NOTICES</b>	
<b>OFFERING</b>	Offertory: Doxology: Praise God... <b>VU 541</b>
	Sunday's Cool Crowd meets in the Lr hall
<b>PRAYER</b>	
<b>HYMN: VU 236</b>	Now Thank We All Our God
<b>READINGS</b>	Excerpt from Paul Nixon's book "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church" Gospel of Matthew 10:5-13 <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i> <b>May we walk in its light,</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<u>Indulging New Life</u>
<b>AFFIRMATION</b>	A New Creed <b>VU 918</b>
<b>HYMN: VU 262</b>	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
<b>PARTING WORDS</b>	<i>Amen. May it be so.</i>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	D. Gawthrop: Toccata Brevis

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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.

**Kirk Session**, Oct 27, 7:30 PM, will meet in the Lower Hall.

**Book Study**, Oct 29, 10:30 AM, will meet in the Music Room.

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

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



**The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest**, our second annual, today. Your votes will be received until noon, Oct 29. Contact the church office at [ftmassey@eastlink.ca](mailto:ftmassey@eastlink.ca) or 902.423.4294.



**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](http://giftswithvision.ca).

**Mission to Seafarers Shoeboxes** will be received on Nov 22 & 29. Contact Kathy Evans for more info.



1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,**

who rules all creation;

O my soul, praise him, at all times your health  
and salvation.

Come, all who hear:

brothers and sisters draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,  
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen  
how all you needed has been  
met by God's gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work  
and defend us;

surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who out of love will befriend us.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath come now  
with praises before him!

Let the Amen

sound from God's people again:  
gladly with praise we adore him.

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     **Now thank we all our God**, with heart,  
          and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
          in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2     O may this bounteous God  
          through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
          and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace,  
          and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.
- 3     All praise and thanks to God  
          for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
          who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **A New Creed**

We are not alone,  
          we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
          who has created and is creating,  
          who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
          by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

1. **A mighty fortress is our God,**  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
with power and malice great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth he has no equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

- 3      And though this world, with devils filled,  
          should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
          the truth to triumph through us:  
the prince of darkness grim,  
          we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
          for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.
- 4      That word above all earthly powers,  
          no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
          through Christ, who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go,  
          this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
          God's truth abideth still,  
God's kingdom is for ever.

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