

The Flowers are placed in the chancel in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Dr. Alasdair & Carol Sinclair on Sep 21.

Kirk Session, Sep 29, 7:30 PM

Book Study, Oct 1, 10:30 AM. "Why Faith Matters" by David J. Wolpe. Order your book at the Bookmark (423-0419).

Memorial Celebration Sunday, Oct 4, 10:30 AM. Our Gathering will welcome family & friends of the late Nance North.

Sacrament of Communion, Sunday, Oct 11, 10:30 AM

Board of Management, Oct 13, 7:30 PM

2021 Canadian Church Calendar includes Fort Massey. Plan to order several copies for Christmas gifts.

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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Facing Change by Jan Phillips

It comes at us constantly
sometimes in a whisper,
like a falling leaf
sometimes like a river
roaring through a gorge.

It is all we know: change
all we are: ever-evolving
creatures of nature.
Next time you hear
the stubborn bray
of your donkey voice
resisting the horizon ahead
take a lesson from your Mother.

Watch how summer kneels down
when she hears the flutter of fall.
Notice how spring melts winter's heart
with her tender burst of buds.

(from her book, *There Are Burning Bushes Everywhere*)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
***Creation Time* September 20, 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: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

PASSING THE PEACE

WELCOME & NOTICES

OFFERING Offertory:
Response: What Can I Do? **MV 191**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – *Robert Joseph Eric Day*
Born: 22 May 2020, Halifax
Parents: Matthew Day & Victoria Hirtle
Grandparents: Chris & Cheryl Day, Annalee
& Patrick Peppard;
God Parents: Daniel Day & Haley Shaffer-
Fergerson

HYMN: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

READINGS Excerpt from "All I really need to know I learned during a pandemic" from online article by John at Furman University; Matthew 12:1-8
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light,

SERMON Breaking the Commandments

AFFIRMATION A New Creed **VU 918**

HYMN: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

PARTING WORDS *Amen. May it be so.*

POSTLUDE

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A special welcome to Robert Joseph Eric Day, who is being welcomed into this community through the waters of baptism, and his family.

Sympathy is extended to Chris & Cheryl Day and family on the death of Chris' mother, Rhoda, in July. A Memorial Service was held September 19th from Bayers Road Baptist Church. Rhoda was often in our pews on days such as today.

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.

Our Sunday Spiritual Gatherings continue on-line as well as in person; check out the Web & Facebook pages Sunday afternoons to view. Seating is limited complying with the NS physical distancing restrictions; and facemasks are required. Singing is restricted to our leadership. There is no Coffee & Conversation.

Hope Cottage: We need folks to help in Oct and Dec. to make the Sailors' Casserole. We will collect/deliver, or you can drop off at Hope Cottage. Contact Teresa Orser via the church office.

14th Annual Brunswick St Mission Breakfast, a virtual event "What a Year! A look at our 2020" with Ron James, Sat, Oct 17, 9 AM. \$100. Contact Joanne Hayman or Rev. Trent for tickets, or contact BSM at 902.423.4605, www.brunswickstreetmission.org

Corona Cookbook. We are looking for recipes you have been cooking during the pandemic; and for a paragraph about your quarantine activities and why this recipe resonated. A high resolution (jpeg) photo to accompany the piece is optional. Hope to have out for your Christmas shopping as a fundraiser in celebration of FMC's 150th anniversary and a vaccine discovery in 2021. Send to Carol Dobson or Kathy Evans via the church office. Get in asap. Thank you.

What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

I Have Called You by Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
All my promise are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
Speak the word your soul can claim,
Offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
Feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
Choosing faith in spite of doubt,
Hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
Make my wounded children whole;
Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The bumble bees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
The summer breeze joins the song,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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.

Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life, sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. **R**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace. **R**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. **R**

Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. **R**

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