

# Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community  
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Jenny Trites, Music Director; Robert Best, Assistant Pianist;  
John Walter, Assistant Organist; Jade Fraser, Soloist;  
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;  
Ian MacDonald, Saul Janson, Jude Janson, Tech Team;  
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Kevin Robarts, Sexton



**Baptism of Jesus**  
**January 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



## HERITAGE MOMENT *By Barry Cahill*

Former Roman Catholic priest, Pere Charles Chiniquy (1809-1899), since June 1863 an ordained Presbyterian minister and latterly missionary under the PCC's French Evangelization Committee in Montreal, preached in Halifax in 1873 and again in February and March 1876. According to the Morning Chronicle of 7 March, "Rev. Mr Chiniquy closed his services in Halifax with an address delivered last night in Fort Massey Presbyterian Church. His subject was the educational institutions of Roman Catholics, and his purpose was to dissuade Protestants from sending their children to such places. The church was, at an early hour, crowded to its utmost capacity, and the doors had to be locked. A large crowd gathered outside, ..." The evening concluded with a riot in which mob violence was directed at both church and preacher. A congregational meeting was subsequently held which appointed a committee to retain lawyers "and take such steps as may be necessary to discover and prosecute the rioters." Criminal proceedings followed, and four of the rioters were tried in Supreme Court. The Chiniquy riot was the worst in Halifax before the VE Day riots of May 1945.

### THE WORD MADE FRESH

*\* indicates rise in body or spirit  
(please stand or remain sitting according to your comfort.)*

#### PRELUDE

##### \*INTROIT

I Am the Light of the World (*v 1 & refrain*)

VU 87

**When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun.**

**'I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!  
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Beloved, we are baptized in lives of faith,  
in our families, in our communities, in our midst, in our world.

**All: We each are beloved, and called. We gather celebrating our faith.**

#### OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

##### \*HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

VU 710

#### WELCOME

##### \*THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*AFFIRMATION**

A New Creed

VU 918

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.

**DISCIPLESHIP AND MINUTE FOR MISSION****OFFERING**

Offertory: *The offering will now be received.*

\*Response: standing

**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.**

MV 191

**DEDICATION PRAYER****A TIME FOR THE YOUNG, AND THE YOUNG AT HEART****PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 3:13-17

*Jesus Is Baptized*

John 1:35-42

*Jesus Calls First Disciples*

*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*

**May we walk in its light.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

The Call

## SERMON

Beloved Calling

*Please remain seated for the short music response of VU 400 which is played right after the message, inviting us all into prayer.*

## HYMN

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN

Jesus, You Have Come to The Lakeshore

VU 563

### \*PARTING WORDS

**May it be so.**

### \*CHORAL BLESSING

Go Now in Peace

VU 964

**Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

## POSTLUDE

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What Can I Do?:

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## *Notices*

### **Transition Team Update, Church Profile and Permanent Minister Search**

The Transition Team has shared with the Official Board members that "the time has come to update the community of faith profile and to initiate the search process."

## **Input Needed for Fort Massey Profile (Faith Story) for ChurchHub**

All committees, groups and interested individuals are asked to provide input for the Community of Faith profile. Fort Massey "faith story" needs to be updated and will be what an interested potential permanent minister will read to learn more about Fort Massey. Please contact the Chair of Transition Team, Alison McDonald, by February 6 with input.

## **Search Committee Members for the Search for Permanent Minister Needed**

Are you interested in helping to prayerfully discern and be part of the interview process and selection to recommend the next permanent minister to Fort Massey United Church? Whether you have been at Fort Massey a short while or a long time, are part of committees or not, are a regular or sometimes attender, youth to senior adult, we need everyone to prayerfully consider if they are being called to this role. We need a good cross-section of representatives of Fort Massey Community of Faith to form the Search Team. You can self-nominate or make suggestions of people. The sooner the search committee is named, the sooner the process can get actively under way. At your earliest convenience, contact Linda MacDonald chair of nominations by February 7.

## **Chair of Stewards and Official Board Needed:**

It is with regret, understanding and deep gratitude, the resignation of Clarissa Sit has been accepted. We are so grateful to Clarissa for her leadership and offer our congratulations and best wishes as she becomes chair of the chemistry department at SMU in September. We need to fill this vacancy for Chair as soon as possible. If you prayerfully discern this is a role you can take on or you wish to nominate someone, please contact Chair Linda MacDonald by February 7.

## **More Ways to Contribute:**

### **E-transfers**

If you want to maximize the effectiveness of your donation, e-transfers are the recommended way to contribute. There are no service fees for Fort Massey to accept an e-transfer. You can make your donations by e-transfer to [fmchurch@eastlink.ca](mailto:fmchurch@eastlink.ca)

### **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

If you prefer to set up recurring contributions, please consider donating through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) by downloading and completing the form here. Print, complete and sign the form and then scan and send, including a blank void cheque, to Ruth MacKenzie at [raem@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:raem@ns.sympatico.ca). Your PAR contributions can be changed or turned ON and OFF at any time.

### **CanadaHelps**

You can also donate through the online donation service CanadaHelps. It can be used to send one-time or recurring monthly monetary donations as well as securities donations. Please note that donations submitted through CanadaHelps are subject to a service fee so not all of your donation will make it to Fort Massey. To maximize your donation, please consider making your donation through e-transfer.

### **Cheque**

Drop off your donation by cheque through the mail slot at 5303 Tobin Street, or post your offering cheque to 5303 Tobin Street, Halifax, B3H 1S3 (Cheques only, please – no cash!).

If you bring your offering in-person to Sunday worship, we are not taking up offering during worship, for health and safety best practices. Please use the offering plates located at the front of the sanctuary near the font (as you exit to the Tobin Street lobby), or in the aisle at the entry to the Queen Street lobby. Thank you for your continued support in the life and work of Fort Massey.

## **Church Donation Receipts for 2022**

The receipts are now available for pick-up, with thanks to Ruth.

## **Star Word**

Did you get a star word? Pick one from the star string in the sanctuary. A star word is a simple form of spiritual practice, inviting you to have this word as a focus in 2023 and to notice how it applies in your life. Thanks to a star being found on the floor after the first Sunday, we have added this for our whole faith community to journey with the word "play" and how we lift "play" up and live into "play" in 2023.

### **Last Chance to Register for Healing Pathway Opportunity, Phase One**

The course is being offered at Bedford United Church on January 28 and 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fees are \$210, reduced to \$110, thanks to a subsidy from Region 15. If interested, please access this link: <https://bedfordunited.com/healingpathway/> Registration deadline is today.

### **Request to All Committees and Groups**

Please submit any budget requests for the 2023 year by January 16 (tomorrow). They can be sent to the Finance Committee - Chris, Anne T., or Kathy – thank you.

### **Craft and Chat on January 16 at 11:00 a.m. to Noon on Sharon's Zoom**

Each Monday, depending on interest, join us for a virtual craft and chat time on Sharon's Zoom. Bring a craft or a snack or make your lunch while you join us on Zoom.

### **Reminder of Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. on Sharon's Zoom**

If you have input for Trustees, please contact Alan, Peter, James, Anne T. or Sharon.

### **Reminder of Worship Team Meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. on Sharon's Zoom**

All members of the worship team are asked to join our Zoom meeting. Bring your feedback about worship and calendar as we make plans for the rest of Epiphany, Lent and Easter. The Lent theme is "Seeking." If you have feedback about worship, please let Sharon, Alison, Vurain, Jenny, John W, Elaine or Sancia know.

### **Save the Date: January 22**

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism on January 22, as we welcome Sadie Rose Flynn, born November 21, 2022. Sadie is the daughter of proud parents Daniel and Melissa Flynn (nee Robertson). Come join us.

### **Save the Date: Chinese New Year Celebration Sunday January 22 at 12:00 noon at Fort Massey**

The Chinese Culture and Arts Club invites you to come to a Chinese New Year performance for the Fort Massey congregation on the Chinese New Year Day on January 22. Please plan to stay after worship so you can see the wonderful dances, the amazing costumes and hear the stories behind the dances. Latest update suggests we may be able to enjoy pizza too! Watch for more details.

### **Save the Date: January 29 - David Maginley, Pulpit Supply**

David Maginley – Chaplain, four-time cancer survivor, Near-Death Experiencer, public speaker and author of *Beyond Surviving: Cancer and Your Spiritual Journey*. <https://www.davidmaginley.com/> David is the cancer care chaplain in Halifax and brings a wealth of wisdom and caring. You won't want to miss this fantastic speaker. The scripture text that Sunday is the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and David's message is titled: "Blessed to Be A Blessing." It's a great Sunday to invite others. All families have a connection with cancer. (Sharon will be at Healing Pathway at Bedford United on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29).

### **Annual Reports 2022 Needed by January 26**

Please get your annual reports in so Tamara can compile the congregational annual report.

*Happy birthday to Matthew Adrian MacDonald on January 16  
and Margie James on January 20*

*Blessings and our best wishes to all who are celebrating birthdays,  
anniversaries or other celebrations this week.*

### **Other Upcoming Services and Events:**

- Wednesday, January 18 to Wednesday, January 25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Wednesday, January 25: Robbie Burns Day
- Friday, January 27: Family Literacy Day
- Tuesday, January 31: Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sharon's Zoom