

Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community
HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA

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Baptism
January 22, 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.**

GATHERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: As beloved community we share the light of Christ.

One: Jesus calls "Follow me!"

All: We gather to worship God.

OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

*HYMN

A Little Child the Saviour Came

VU 445

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** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

VU 644

Celebration of Baptism

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

***HYMN:**

I Have Called You by Your Name (v 1 & 2)

MV 161

**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 promises 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.**

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

On behalf of the congregation of Fort Massey United Church, I present Sadie Rose Flynn, daughter of Melissa and Daniel Flynn, for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

Baptism is about the promise of an entire community to nurture a child in his or her spiritual faith journey, to share in the commitment of love and well-being, supporting growth physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually—family, friends, mentors, all the people who will impact Sadie's life.

Melissa and Daniel, as parents of Sadie, you have indicated that it is your desire that your child be baptized. Will you accept the responsibility of acting and speaking on her behalf?

Will you share your faith with her in faith, hope, and love; sharing with her, the stories and practices of your Christian faith and at the same time encouraging her to respect and learn about spiritual and faith practices expressed by others?

If so, please respond *"I will, with God's help."*

Will you join in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

If so, respond *"I will, God being my helper."*

Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus Christ, love incarnate; and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

If so, respond *"I do, by the grace of God."*

Do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

If so, respond *"I do, God being my helper."*

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

If so, respond *"I will, God being my helper."*

***CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT**

We who are gathered here today, represent family, friends, those special people who will mentor Sadie and her parents throughout her life. We represent this community of faith and all those who will provide spiritual nurturing to Sadie and her parents.

By the grace of God, do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, offer your commitment to support and nurture Sadie within a community which worships God, resists evil, and seeks justice?

If so, respond *"We will, God being our helper."*

POURING OF WATER *By James Robertson, Sadie's grandfather*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

BLESSING

DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF GIFT AND CERTIFICATE

BLESSING OFFERED BY THE CHOIR May God Who Creates You VU 454

***HYMN:** I Have Called You by Your Name (v 3 & 4) MV 161

**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.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC O God of Life VU 447

SERMON "Beloved Relationship"

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** Dance with the Spirit MV 156

***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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Notices

Today 'Miss Sadie Rose' is wearing an heirloom christening gown dating back to at least 1902 when her Great Great Grandfather wore this gown and would have been christened at Fort Massey. Since then it has been recorded that fifteen members of the family have donned the gown on this occasion.

It is Chinese New Year and right after worship we will enjoy pizza followed by a presentation by the Chinese Culture and Arts Club sharing some wonderful dance as together we celebrate the Lunar New Year and usher in the Year of the Rabbit. The pizza will be a "pay what you can" donation. There will be a donation basket available. People may also wish to make a donation sponsoring the pizza by designating a donation for "Pick Up the Tab" (PUTT). Our special thanks and shout out to Alison McDonald for organizing this event and coordinating all the pizza ordering and delivery. Pizza is coming to us with thanks to Alexander's Pizza who are delivering pizza at 11:30!

Church Donation Receipts for 2022

Please pick up your receipts; our thanks to Ruth for her diligence and quick processing to make them available.

Financial Support of Fort Massey

We thank you for your financial support of Fort Massey. Whether using e-transfer to fmchurch@eastlink.ca, PAR, Canada helps, cheque or envelopes, all are so appreciated. In the sanctuary, donations can be made as you leave the sanctuary after worship. Offering plates are located by the font if exiting to Tobin Street or in the aisle as you exit into the Queen Street lobby. Together we are vital and strong!

Worship Survey and Community of Faith

Do you have some ideas of what questions you would like to ask, as we move into more post-Pandemic possibilities, develop the new faith profile, begin search for permanent minister, energize and enliven ministries and outreach in the life and work of Fort Massey? Send ideas or chat with someone on the transition team (Alison (chair), Alan, Kathy, Jake, Brooke, Sharon).

The Manual 2023

The most recent Manual is now available online, effective January 1, 2023. This edition includes a new Intercultural and Intentionally Anti-Racist declaration and the Model Trust Deed as an appendix, as well as additional changes approved by the 43rd General Council and the General Council Executive in 2022 (search "2022" in the PDF for these). Note that no print copies of The Manual are planned.

Craft and Chat on January 23 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.

Nominating Committee Meeting

There is a Nominating Committee of the Congregation meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. by Rev'd Ballantyne's ZOOM.

Annual Reports 2022 Needed by January 26

The time of March 12 will soon be upon us, giving us an opportunity to reflect on 2022, and to celebrate all the ways we experienced God working through us. Please have reports in to Tamara by next Thursday, January 26.

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).

*Happy belated 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
Bell's Let's Talk Day (In promoting mental health, Bell makes donations based on calls & texts today.)
- Friday, January 27: Next Men's Breakfast at Steak & Stein on Young Street at 9:30 a.m.
Family Literacy Day
- Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29: Healing Pathway Phase 1 training at Bedford United Church
- Tuesday, January 31: Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sharon's Zoom
- February is Black History Month