

Fort Massey Church

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

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Ministers: All of us by the grace of God;
Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne, Intentional Interim;
Alison McDonald, Usher;
Sally DeWolf, Liturgical Assistant; Jade Fraser, Lewis Affleck, Scripture Readers;
Jenny Trites, Music Director; Robert Best, Assistant Pianist;
John Walter, Assistant Organist; Jade Fraser, Soloist;
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;
Ian MacDonald, Janson Family, Tech Team;
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Kevin Robarts, Sexton



Fifth after Epiphany
February 5, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



HERITAGE MOMENT *By Barry Cahill*

In June 1877 the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada met in Halifax for the first time. It did not convene at Fort Massey, but at St Matthew's. Though Pere Chiniquy was again in town, he was not a commissioner from the Presbytery of Montreal, but rather recovering from illness. Writing the Presbyterian Witness (his booking agent) from Charlottetown on Tuesday 3 July, Chiniquy stated, "By the great mercy of God, my health is much sooner restored, at the bracing air of your Maritime provinces than I expected. I hope now that (D. V.) [God willing] will be able to consecrate the month of August to lecturing to those of my kind friends in Nova Scotia who would like to hear me once more. I am old, (in a few days 69 years old). It is probable that it is the last time I will be able to address them. Please allow me to respectfully request the friends who desire to see and hear me once more, to address themselves to you, since you had the kindness to fix the time of those lectures."

THE WORD MADE FRESH

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

PRELUDE

*INTROIT

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning (*v 1*)

VU 578

**As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.**

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Come, be the salt of the earth.

All: We are the salt of the earth.

One: Come, be the light of the world.

All: We are the light of the world.

One: We gather to love God and love one another.

All: We gather to worship.

OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

*HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

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**

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (X 3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine. (X 3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. (X 3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine to all my friends. I'm gonna let it shine. (X 3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine all over the world. I'm gonna let it shine. (X 3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13–20 *You are salt; you are light*

Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Let Your Light Shine

SERMON Beloved Salt and Light

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

HYMN Where Two or Three Are Gathered MV 14
**Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** Take Time to Be Holy VU 672

***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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As a Fire Is Meant for Burning:
Words: Ruth Duck © 1992 & Music: Marty Haugen © 1987 GIA Publications Inc.

Spirit, Open My Heart:
Words: Ruth Duck & Music: trad. Irish melody, arr. Arthur G. Clyde © 1996, 1997 The Pilgrim Press.

What Can I Do?:
Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy © 2005.

This Little Light of Mine:
Words & Music: African-American spiritual.

Let Your Light Shine:
Words & Music: Mary McDonald © 2016 Hope Publishing Company.

Where Two or Three Are Gathered:
Words & Music: Bruce Harding © 2002 www.evensong.ca.

Take Time to Be Holy:

Words: William D. Longstaff ca. 1882.

Music: George C. Stebbins 1890.

Go Now in Peace:

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Notices

Thank you for choosing to join us in-person. Please feel comfortable to sit, stand, stretch, move for your own self-care and comfort. Our services generally are an hour-ish in length. We encourage people, if they can, to continue their worship through to the end of the offering of our postlude, the instrumental music that closes our service. Often needs require people to leave at different times. Thank you for supporting all in our faith family. Our worship team usually exits through the side Tobin Street exit and will meet you in the lower hall if you can stay. Our ushers meet those leaving by the Queen Street lobby and will lock up following our worship time.

Please be sure to take the minister's contact card, for yourself or to share. Our church email is:

ftmassey@eastlink.ca

Sexton at Fort Massey

It is with regret that the resignation of Kevin Robarts, sexton, was received earlier in January, effective February 1, 2023. We are grateful for his work at Fort Massey. Thanks to the efforts of the Administration Committee, the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Property Committee, a new job description was created. A candidate, Derek St. Dennis, who also has sexton duties at St. Andrew's United Church, has begun as temporary acting sexton effective February 1. Thank you for welcoming Derek, who is joining us on short notice. A job posting and process will be coming out soon for the permanent position. We wish Kevin a happy and healthy retirement. We are grateful to have Kevin continuing in our congregation. We shall hold a reception honouring Kevin's time as sexton at a future date.

David's Message "Blessed to Be a Blessing" of January 29

In case you want to share David Maginley's message of Sunday, January 29, here is the link to the sermon only, with thanks to Saul Janson for his tech wizardry to copy the sermon and make it a separate independent link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3UoNIM_Ds8

Out of the Cold and the Cold Snap

With the temperatures this weekend, Out of the Cold, has been very concerned for the well-being of those living it rough. If anyone is able to do another look through their own spaces, or invite additional people to look for anything that will help people - warm clothing, any outerwear, blankets, hand and foot warmers, etc. If you are delivering directly to Out of the Cold, please indicate for Navigator Campbell so that it will reach the tent dwellers. Everyone's wonderful donations have been so very much appreciated.

A Message from Hope Cottage

Hope Cottage is in search of Volunteers! Volunteers help with the day-to-day tasks of keeping the doors of Hope Cottage open and our community fed. Morning Shifts: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Afternoon Shifts: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are over 19 years of age and are able to commit to one volunteer shift a week, please email:

theoffice@hopecottage.ca to join our family!

Looking for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Treasurer as well as new members for Ministry & Personnel, Administration and Nominating committees. Please talk to Linda MacDonald, Nominating Committee if you can serve in any of these ways.

Heritage Moment

Barry Cahill owns the only biography of Pere Chiniquy (en français) which he would be happy to share, should anyone want to learn more about this priest of the 1800's. Published in 1955 by famous Quebecois academic

historian, Marcel Trudel, contact Barry if interested in borrowing his book. Do let us know if you are able to read in French, as you never know when such skill could be helpful.

Peninsula Youth Group Meeting Today at 5:00 p.m.

A reminder to everyone in grades 7 to 12, that there is a pizza dinner being provided at St. John's United Church, 6025 Stanley Street, at 5:00 pm. today. The activity after the meal is explorations about creation of tiny pantry/tiny library needs. Bring some friends and get involved with fellow youth. Please contact Kathy Causey at St. John's, kcawsey@aastlink.ca to RSVP.

Craft and Chat on February 6 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.

Transition Team Meeting

A reminder to the Transition Team that there is a meeting February 6 on Sharon's Zoom at 8:00 p.m.

Transition Team Update, Church Profile and Permanent Minister Search

Please reach out to Alison McDonald or Linda McDonald if you have ideas for the profile, are interested in serving on the search committee for the permanent minister or want to suggest someone. Also, if you are interested in chairing the committee of stewards, as Clarissa is finishing in June, please reach out. There is room for more people on any committee should you have particular areas of interest.

Other Upcoming Services and Events:

- February is Black History Month
- Friday, February 10: The next Men's Breakfast at Steak & Stein on Young Street, at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, February 27: Fort Massey is providing Dalhousie Monday Night Multi-faith meal at Dal (watch for a note with details from Ian coming soon)
- Save the Date: Please plan to attend the congregational annual meeting Sunday March 12, after worship. People are invited to bring their own lunch. Pack a sandwich and join the meeting.

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. 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 lobby.

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