

Fort Massey Church

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

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Section Leads: Laura Johnston, Lisa Thornhill;
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;
Search Committee, Coffee & Conversation;
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Emily Kiley Lawlor, Sexton;
Cia Tweel, Yoga



Remembrance Sunday
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 5, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



HERITAGE MOMENT *By Barry Cahill*

The manse in Dr Burns's time was 18 (5254) Kent Street. Now a municipally-registered heritage property, the "Young-Stairs house 1849" has been converted into flats and is owned by Killam Apartment REIT.

THE WORD MADE FRESH

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

PRELUDE

*INTROIT

One God, Many Names!
One God, many names! One God, many peoples!
One God of sky and sea and earth has called us here!

Then Let Us Sing

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

God! As with Silent Hearts

VU 527

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

VU 541

**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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

READING

“In Flanders Fields” by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Note: Children are asked to remain in the sanctuary during the Act of Remembrance and will go to Sunday School with Sancia after.

ACT OF REMEMBERING

*REMEMBERING THOSE FROM FORT MASSEY WHO DIED IN THE WARS

1914-1918

William Doane
Gavin Lang Stairs
George M. Stairs
Graham Stairs
John C. Stairs
Kennet Stairs
Philip B. Stairs, D.S.O
Donald McG. Stewart
George M. Sylvester

1939-1945

Robert Gillis
Bruce MacLeod
Alex Malaidack
Steven Malaidack
Reginald Murdoch
George Pope
William Pope
Hugh Rowlings
J. Norman Smith

*THE LAST POST | MINUTE OF SILENCE | ROUSE (REVEILLE)

*LAYING OF THE WREATH

*REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

THE 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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Flowers of the Forest John Gillis, Pipes

***HYMN** Amazing Grace VU 266
John Gillis, Pipes

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 5:38-48**
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Shalom, Pacem, Peace

SERMON

Please remain seated for the short music response of MV 14 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** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

*BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

***SUNG 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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God! As with Silent Hearts:
Words: Fred Kaan © 1993 Hope Publishing Company.
Music: James Langran 1861.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow:
Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674. Music: Genevan Psalter 1551.

The Last Post & Rouse (Reveille):
Music: traditional.

Flowers of the Forest:
Music: traditional Scottish melody ca. 17th century.

Amazing Grace:

Words: John Henry Newton 1779, alt., v 5 anon, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads 1790.

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, adapt. & harm. Edwin O. Excell 1900.

Shalom, Pacem, Peace:

Words & Music: traditional, adapt. Ruth Elaine Schram © 2011 Lorenz Publishing Company.

Where Two or Three Are Gathered:

Words & Music: Bruce Harding © 2002 www.evensong.ca.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace:

Words: attrib. to St Francis 1220.

Music: Sebastian Temple © 1968 Oregon Catholic Press.

Go Now in Peace:

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth © 1976 Hinshaw Music Inc.

Notices

Today we welcome Rev. Beth to her first Sunday worship service with us as our new permanent, called minister.

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

A special welcome to all visitors joining us for in-person worship. Please sign the guest book located at the end of the middle aisle. Please introduce yourself to the minister and members of the congregation. If your time permits, please join us for refreshments, for coffee and conversation in the lower hall immediately after worship.

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

Why do we encourage name tags be worn?

In a spirit of **radical welcome**, we encourage **everybody** to wear a name tag today.

Name tags help us recognize and remember each other. They are a small gesture appreciated by those learning many names at once; those who are deaf or hard of hearing; or those who struggle to match names with faces.

If you are **comfortable** doing so, consider adding your **pronouns**. Sharing **pronouns** is a signal that we welcome those of **all genders** and we appreciate knowing how to speak of each other **respectfully**.

Thank You for Your Financial Support

We thank you for your financial support of Fort Massey. Whether using e-transfer to fmchurch@eastlink.ca, PAR, cheque or envelopes, all are so appreciated. Donations may also be made through the following online charity donation websites: CanadaHelps - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/fort-massey-united-church/> or Charitable Impact: <https://my.charitableimpact.com/charities/fort-massey-united-church>. In the sanctuary, donations can be made as you leave 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! We minister together.

Fort Massey Vision Statement

At Fort Massey, we live into being a vibrant and evolving community where tradition is honoured, change is embraced, and injustice is challenged, where everyone is welcomed, needed, valued and belongs. Following Jesus' example of expansive love, we aim to provide a safe, nurturing environment where everyone is free to be themselves. We celebrate and encourage people of every age, health situation, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family configuration, background, ability, interest, culture, economic circumstance and faith journey into the full participation and leadership of ministries in the life and work of Fort Massey United Church.

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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