

Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

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Clergy: Rev. Beth Hayward

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Section Leads: Laura Johnston, Lisa Thornhill

Greeters: The Janson Family

Liturgical Assistant & Scripture Reader: John Gillis & Diane Gillis



March 31, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



United against Racism



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Heritage Moment by Barry Cahill

Dr Burns left big shoes to fill. According to the Morning Chronicle of Thursday, 18 August 1892 ("Fort Massey's Vacant Pulpit"), "A congregational meeting was held in connection with the prayer meeting in Fort Massey Presbyterian Church last night to discuss the question of calling a pastor. The proceedings were of an informal character, chiefly for the purpose of eliciting an expression of opinion. Three names were suggested to the meeting and after a vote had been taken, showing considerable diversity of opinion, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn — the date of a future meeting to be fixed by the session and managers. In the course of a month or six weeks it is expected that a fuller meeting can be had, and the congregation will probably be able to decide with practical unanimity as to whom they should call."

** Indicates rise in body or spirit*

(please stand or remain sitting according to your comfort.)

Prelude

Introit: "O Let the Power Fall on Me" MV 13

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Call to Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Opening Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" VU 155

Announcements

Passing the Peace One: The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: And also with you.

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

***Hymn:** "Each Blade of Grass" MV 37

Offering

***Response:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU 575

Scripture: John 20:1-20

Offered as wisdom for the journey.

May we walk in its light.

Ministry of Music: "Ain't No Grave"

Sermon: Cold Little Swoosh

Hymn: "There is Room for All" MV 62

Sacrament of Communion

Blessing the meal

Sharing the meal

Prayers after Communion

Hymn: "Thine is the Glory" VU 173

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Sung Blessing:** "Halle Halle Halle" VU 958

🌻🌷 **Easter Flowers** 🌷🌻

Viola Greer---in memory of family.

Carol J. Dobson---in memory of parents Harold and Phyllis Dobson.

Elaine Janson---in memory of parents Ronnie MacEachern and Isabel MacEachern.

Sally DeWolf---in memory of husband John DeWolf.

Margie James---in memory of husband Dick James.

Jean Cudmore---in memory of husband Ray Hunt.

Carol Sinclair---in memory of husband Alasdair Sinclair.

Linda Dean---in memory of husband Tim Dean.

Donna Lesser---in memory of Tim Dean.

Ruth MacKenzie---in memory of parents Ann and Ian MacKenzie and of brother Ian Hamilton MacKenzie.

Alan Hayman---in memory of Gordon and Jean Hayman.

John and Susan Walter---in memory of our parents Patricia and John DeMille, and Stella and Coll Walter.

Alison McDonald and Lindsay McDonald---in loving memory of Mary and Angus McDonald.



All are welcome to take some cut flowers with you as you leave this morning

Blessings and our best wishes to all who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other milestones this week. Likewise, if you're walking through some difficulty this week: grief, anxiety, challenge, we hold you in prayer.

Please join us in wishing Owen Gillis and Lorraine MacAskill both wonderful birthdays this week! 😊 🎂

A special welcome to all who are worshipping here for the first time. We strive to notice you and make you feel welcome.

Do let us know if we fall short of our aspiration. We know that stepping into a new church can be daunting.

If, after you leave, you find questions, curiosities, or insights arising, you are most welcome to reach out to our minister Rev. Beth (minister@fortmasseychurch.com).

Please feel comfortable to sit, stand, stretch, move for your own self-care and comfort. Our services are generally an hour in length. When the Postlude begins, please feel free to get up and chat. We offer a pretty great coffee hour. Following the service, make your way to the front of the church and down the stairs.

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**.

Flourishing Nova Scotia – Time with the Moderator – Save the Dates

Flourishing Keynote presentation with Andre Picard and the Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne. April 11 at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Day-long Free Workshop on April 13 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Bedford United Church.

To register for these events, please use the links in the weekly newsletter

Brunswick Street Food Bank

April is "Protein Drinks/ Bars Month" please bring Boost and other brand names of protein drinks, and protein bars throughout the month of. All other items are still much appreciated; please refer to the list in the Tobin St. entrance.

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.

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! *(adapted and used with permission, Coventry Cathedral, England)*