

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017 at 10 am

We welcome Ljiljana Kalaba of the
Fredericton Multicultural Association
as our guest speaker this morning.

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**

Our music director is **Alex Good,**

and the **FHUC Choir.**

Our greeters this morning are **Libby Cassidy** and **Bob Fisher,**

our Sunday School teacher is **Margie Roxborough**

and **Diane Robinson,**

our hospitality host is **Jennifer Abbott,**

and our tellers are **May Houston** and **Joan Mitchell.**

*At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on
ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolostoquey land.*

*Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for people to gather, regardless
of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual
orientation, and gender identity.*

Gathering

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent 2: *(Spoken Together)*

One: Isaiah spoke of the Wonderful Counsellor,
the Prince of Peace

All: **His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace**

One: Let us celebrate our inner peace
and seek peace for the world.

All: **Let peace embrace creation,
Winding like a ribbon until it enfolds the earth.**

Light two candles.

Introit: *(Sung Together)* **Hope is a Candle by Linnea Good
Verse 2

Peace is a candle on our journey

Peace is the giving and the gift.

**Over the frozen lakes of winter,
this whisp'ring flame of Peace we'll lift.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Come, people of God, Holy creations, wholly God's
With our holey and ragged lives.

All: **We come, seeking God's grace to make us whole.**

One: Come gather around the manger on this second
Sunday of Advent.

All: **We come trusting like the wise men, listening like
the shepherds, and believing like Mary and Joseph.**

One: Come gather to worship God today.

All: We come to hear the stories of our faith, to celebrate God's gift of the baby Jesus, and to imagine what is possible in this world because of God's love.

One: Come to trust, listen, believe, and imagine what is possible because God has come into our lives and into our world.

All: We come, O God, we come.

Gathering Prayer: (*Spoken Together*)

This Advent season is the reminder of your coming amongst us, O God.

To us, you are a mystery, and yet you also come to us often in the midst of ordinary life.

In our despair: **you are the God of Hope.**

In our turmoil: **you are the God of Peace.**

In our sadness: **you are the God of Joy.**

In our heartache: **you are the God of Love.**

And so, we enter into this time of worship with confidence and hope, knowing that you are always ready to meet us and bless us with love. Amen.

Kim Falls, Bethel Emily P.C., Omeme, Ont

****Opening Hymn: People Look East VU9**

Exploring

Story Time

****Song of Praise: I am the light of the world VU87**

*After the first verse the children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School*

Words from Our Bible: John Neville

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85 VU 802

Mark 1:1-8

One: In these sacred words we find peace for our lives.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child VU46
(top two voices sung by choir)

Message: Ljiljana Kalaba
Fredericton Multicultural Association

****Hymn of Reflection: Hark the Herald Angels Sing VU48**

Minute for Mission Patricia Davidson
Conflict Resolution in the Midst of Violence

Celebrating

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse: (*Sung Together*) VU 87**

**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.**

**Prayer After Giving

Prayers of the People

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn:** Joy to the world

VU 59

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** (*Sung Together*)

**Angels we have heard on High
Gloria in excelsis deo x2**

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation
after worship!*

Printed sermons and large print bulletins
are available from our greeters
for anyone who might find either useful.

OFFICE HOURS

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It is sometimes necessary to cancel services due to serious storms. A decision to cancel is made very early in the day. We put cancellation notices on our main telephone number (455-0988) and send an email to congregation members no later than 8:30 am. We also post cancellations to the radio and to our Facebook page (on the left side of our main web page).

Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Please Note * Dec 17: 6:30 pm Carol singing in the neighbourhood starting at the church

Quilt Group Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room

Choir Practice Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Forest Hill UCW invites all ladies of the congregation to join us for our Christmas Ladies' Night Out to be held Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm at the Fredericton Inn. If you would like to carpool please contact Diane Robinson at 459-8779 or May Houston at 455-7715. Please indicate on the sheet by the kitchen if you are planning to attend so that we can give numbers to the restaurant.

CHURCH CALENDARS are now available. They make good Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers at \$8.00 each. For your copy see Jennifer after service or call 454 2829.

Scripture Readers – are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names could be added to the Chart.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight.