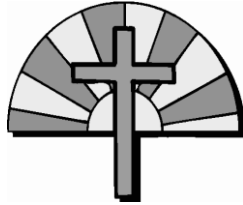


Forest Hill United Church
An Affirming Congregation
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



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25th Day after Pentecost
November 26, 2017 at 10 am

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 **Joe Ridout** and **Lorna McKnight**,
our Sunday School teacher is **Joan Mitchell** and **Shelly Clayton**,

our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**,
and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight**.

**Children are asked to go upstairs at the beginning of the
service and return for communion.**

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

Welcoming the Light

****Introit:** (*Sung Together, verse 1 and refrain*)

VU 299

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Rejoice before God
you and your children.

**All: Rejoice with the stranger,
the widowed, the orphan.**

One: Rejoice, you who were once enslaved.

**All: Break the bread of freedom.
Drink deep from laughter's cup.**

One: Rejoice, for God has blessed us
in all we produce,
in all we undertake.

All: Together, let us celebrate.

Gathering Prayer: (Spoken Together)

We give you thanks, God of peace and promise.

Through the words of your prophets
and the faith of your followers

you prepare the way of our redemption
and bring hope to birth.

And though we often grow weary of waiting,
your signs call us to keep watch for that day
when all things shall be made new.

In assurance of this hope,

we join with all the company of heaven and earth
to give you praise.

****Opening Hymn:** The King of Love

VU 273

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Sandy MacMillan

Romans 8:31-39

Psalms 100 page 824 VU

John 3:14-17

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music Love changes everything - By Andrew Lloyd Webber

Message: The Way Love Never Dies

****Hymn of Reflection:** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go VU 658

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

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

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts
as tokens and pledges of our lives.

Everything we have,
and everything we will become,
we offer to you in love.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont.

****Prayer After Giving**

****Communion Hymn:** When We Gather at the Table MV 198

Communion this morning is by intinction. The congregation is invited to come forward to partake at the appropriate time. The person serving will say "The bread of Christ" or "the cup of blessing" and the person receiving can respond, "Amen".

Prayers of Our Community

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.

United Church of Christ, 1995.

****Closing Hymn:** Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU 481

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** (*Sung Together verse 4 and refrain*) VU 299

Teach me, God, to know you,
Hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour when we meet
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

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.

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Advent Festival	Sunday December 3, 2- 6 pm
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

The Board met on November 16 for the last board meeting of the calendar year. We continue the process of implementing the new governance structure, and there is a clear need to work more on integrating the work of the new committees.

Brian Cassidy has been working diligently on cleaning up our website and we are now in a position to add new content, focusing on items that should be kept for longer. We are also hoping to revitalize our Facebook page with a focus on current events. We are inviting all of you to submit pictures and news items to Brian and Jula for posting on webpage and Facebook.

Ron Blakney and Robert Christie have spent many hours and much work on renovations at the manse to ready it for our new minister and her family.

We also considered filling vacancies on the Board and in various committees and we ask everyone to be open and generous with responding to any request that may be coming your way.

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.

There will be a guest speaker on December 10 Ljiljana Kalaba, of the Fredericton Multicultural Association.

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).

If you have a hand steamer that we could borrow between now and December 3rd to freshen up our Advent Banners, please speak to Mary Grant.

The folks of Forest Hill United Church are invited to sing carols in the neighbourhood on Sunday December 10. Please meet at the church at 6:30. Cocoa and cookies will welcome you back at the church at the conclusion.

Our annual Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, starting at 2 pm with activities and decorating the sanctuary. Following this, we will have a carol sing, short worship and shared meal of turkey soup. Our theme this year is "nativity scenes" and we invite everyone to bring any nativity scenes they have to display them for that afternoon. Join us for some or all of this time of fellowship to start our Advent celebration.

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

From the Interchurch Refugee Committee to the congregations of Forest Hill United, Wilmot United, and Saint Paul's United churches: When you and your Outreach Committees are planning Christmas financial donations please consider the Interchurch Refugee Committee. For the past few years we have been supporting several new refugee families. Our costs have been greater than anticipated related to increases in the cost of living and unexpected expenses. In order to meet commitments to our families we need to raise funds. Donations will be gratefully received. Payments need to be addressed to your local church treasurer, and designated for the Interchurch Refugee Fund. Many thanks to all for your considerations.

Fair trade coffee, tea, sugar, and chocolate are available every Sunday here at Forest Hill. Make your selection and support the outreach efforts of our congregation!



The Food Bank would appreciate help. As the weather cools down, heating costs go up and more people will need to turn to the food bank for assistance. Did you know that there is a Food Bank Box at the Main doors of the church? Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items and school supplies and put them in the box. One of the Outreach Committee members empties the box every month and takes the items to the Food Bank. Monetary donations are also a good idea. That way your money goes further, since the food bank receives a special discount at the stores. Cheques should be made out to FHUC, with "Food Bank" on the envelope, or in the memo line on the cheque.

Community Events

The Annual Advent Carol Festival held each year at St. Paul's United Church (corner George and York) will take place on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. Local church and community choirs will present a program of new, as well as familiar, Christmas music. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to join in the festive singing. A freewill offering will be received with proceeds going to the CBC's Feed a Family Campaign.

GriefShare Surviving the Holidays will be held in the parlour of Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St on Monday, November 27 from 7:00-9:00 PM. For more information or to register, you may contact the church office at 458-8527.

A Christmas Nativity 'Tea' will be held on Friday, December 1 from 2-4 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring a variety of lovely nativity scenes. Enjoy sandwiches and sweets along with tea and coffee. Free-will donation. No reservation required.



Cancelled Stamps: The church collects cancelled stamps for the Canadian Bible Society. To be used, each stamp must have 1/8" to 1/4" envelope/paper around it. There is no need to save the entire cancellation mark. Please place stamps in the drawer at the back of the sanctuary. 1 pound of stamps = 1 Bible



Just a friendly reminder that Forest Hill United Church is a **scent-free environment**. Strong scents, aftershave lotions and perfumes have an effect upon others with allergies and asthmatic problems. No scents make good sense.

Minute for Missions Training Birth Attendants

Our gifts for Mission & Service support midwives and healthy babies and mothers. Let us hear a story from Tanzania about this important work.

Four hundred and ninety-four women from across Tanzania, East Africa, and 16 training sessions in collaboration with the Tanzanian Ministry of Health: these are the latest totals for training traditional birth attendants (midwives) reported by Mission & Service partner the Morogoro Women's Training Centre. The collaboration, which is made possible with the support of United Church Women, is part of an overall strategy to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in Tanzania. The women have been named by their community and range in age from early 20s to over 70. Some have worked as traditional birth attendants for decades. Some completed high school, others some grades in elementary school. A few have never attended school. All have developed a wide range of skills on the job and faced many challenges in the course of their career. Some live close to a health clinic or hospital, where they can readily refer high-risk cases. Others live many kilometres from the closest medical centre over difficult and sometimes impassable terrain.

Molen Abdul has been delivering babies for 47 years. She welcomes the additional training and says, "This work is very important to me. It is like it keeps the clock of life ticking."

We sing thanksgiving that Mission & Service is helping to improve the health of women and babies in Tanzania.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation:

One: Peace be with you.

All: And love to one another

One: Christ is in the midst of us.

All: He is and He will Be!

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to do so.

One: We thank you God, that you are mighty; that you create everything, this earth and the universe of which it is part; that you make us like yourself and for yourself; that you care for all that you make.

All: O God, how great you are.

One: We thank you God, that you give yourself; you gave Jesus your son, a man like us but, unlike us faithful to you, a man who died as we die but, unlike us accepted death – even though it meant to be broken on a cross. We thank you that you brought him to life again; that he lives now; that he will always live, exalted and triumphant.

All: O God, how good you are.

One: So it is that we and all your people are grateful to you. We acknowledge your greatness and goodness by saying,

All: We thank you God. We thank you. Everything reveals how great and good you are. We worship you.

One: Before you, God, by what we do here, we celebrate the life and death of Jesus Christ; We declare that he is alive we witness to the hope that he will come again.

All: Come Lord Jesus, come.

One: So it is that we do what Jesus did the night he was betrayed. He took the bread, thanked you, broke the bread and gave it to his followers saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." He also took the cup saying, "This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant."

All: Worthy is Christ, Christ the sacrificed, to be praised and served.

One: Send your Holy Spirit on us and what we do that as we break bread and drink the fruit of the vine, we may be united with Christ, he in us and we in him, that we may be one in him. Make us strong in faith and love that we may become true men and women as Christ was truly man.

All: As our Lord Jesus Christ offered himself to you, O God, we offer ourselves to you, as your people have done before, as they still do everywhere. Use us as you will that we may disregard self to live for you. Accept us. Accept what we have said and done here. We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen.

***** Distribution of Bread. Distribution of drink. *****

Post Communion Prayer:

**For the bread we have eaten
for the drink we have tasted,
for the life we have received,
we than you God. Grant that
what we have done and have
been given here may so Change
us that we may become mature
Christians with the faith which
issues in action through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**