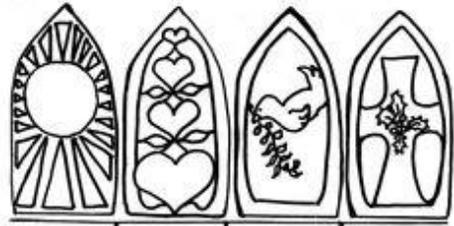


Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Hope | Peace | Joy | Love

**1st Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018 10 am**

Love, the guest, is on the way.

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher**.

Our music is led by music director **Alex Good**
and the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeter this morning is **Jennifer Abbot**.

Our Sunday School Teachers are **John Neville**, **Libby Cassidy**
and **Beth Ann MacKinnon**.

Our hospitality host is **Jennifer Abbott**
and our tellers are **Jennifer Abbott** and **Mary-Anne Blakney**.

*At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built
on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey 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 or remain seated according to your needs.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Alex Good and Kris Yarych

- One: God's world is a rainbow world,
Two: a joyful spectrum of colour.
One: Today, God speaks to us through a rainbow
Two: which represents our covenant with the LGBTQ+
community.
One: We long for the Christ to bring colour to a waiting world.
All: **Let us worship God in this season of hope.**

Adapted from the prayer in *Gathering*, A/C/E 2018-2019, page 69. Used with permission.

****Introit:** *(sung together twice)*

Tune of VU 75

**As we are waiting for a sign
As we long for Christ's birth.
We trust your word revealed to us
Is hope for all the earth.**

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Welcome & Church News

Guided Meditation

Call to Worship:

- One: Advent, a time for reflection:
All: **we will prepare ourselves
carefully and prayerfully
for the coming of Jesus.**
One: Advent, a time of wonder:
All: **God loved the world so much that
God sent the wonderful child Jesus.**

One: Advent, a time for priorities:

**All: in the midst of preparations,
the rush and the worry,
the light of Christ will shine through.**

One: Advent, a time for inspiration:

**All: if God is for the world, with the world,
and in the world, what can stop God's people
from changing the world?**

One: Come, let us open our lives to God.

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C. Gathering, A/C/E 2018-2019, page 30. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer

God of Hope,
As we walk through the door of the season of Advent,
Watching and waiting for Your son,
Journey with us.
Give us a sense of wonder at Your works
And in Your love for all creation.
Give us courage to deepen our faith
As we face the busy schedules
And heightened expectations of the season.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Advent in Narnia, Heidi Haverkamp, Westminster John Know Press 2015, page 70.

****Opening Hymn:** To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary VU 14

Exploring

Children's Time

*After children's time, children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School.*

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days.
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.
Amen.

Parker J. Palmer

Words from Our Bible:

John Fisher

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25 VU Page 752

Luke 1:46-55

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Look Toward Christmas by Ron Klusmeier

Reflection My soul magnifies the Lord

****Hymn of Reflection:** God of Still Waiting MV 20

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)*

VU 9

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

****Prayer After Giving**

Prayers of Our Community

(Sung response)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

VU 400

****Closing Hymn:** Angels We Have Heard on High

VU 38

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

One: The seasons of the church year come and go.
All: The seasons of the calendar year come and go.
One: The seasons of our lives change
from one to the next.
All: The call of the gospel remains constant.
One: Jesus' call to "come, follow me"
is spoken each day.
**All: May God give us what we need to answer,
"Here I am, send me!"**

Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 50.

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together)*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Bible Study	Advent in Narnia today at 1:00 pm
Advent Festival	Today at 2:00 pm
Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Book Club	Tuesday Dec. 4 at noon in the parlour

Advent in Narnia Bible Study on the 4 Sundays of advent (Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23) at 1:00 pm. Feel free to reread the book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. It will be a bring your own lunch/potluck and Deborah will bring treats. If you wish to do daily devotionals, you may wish to buy the book. Please see Deborah. Sign-up sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to listen to the books on CD, please contact Kris at the office.

The annual Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 starting at 2 pm. We will decorate the church (and cookies), have themed crafts and then share a short worship and fellowship meal of turkey soup. All are welcome for part or all of the festivities

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 4th in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for December is The German Girl by Armando Lucas Correa.

SOCK IT TO ME!!! Please bring new or gently used, warm mittens, gloves, scarves, socks and sweaters for outreach Sunday on December 9th. There will be a guest speaker, Faith McFarland from CAGH.

Forest Hill UCW Ladies Night Out will be held on Monday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 pm at the Fredericton Inn. This is a time of fellowship for the ladies of the congregation. All ladies are welcome. There is a sign up sheet on the table near the kitchen so that the restaurant can set up for us. Any questions can be directed to May Houston 455-7715 or Diane Robinson 459-8779.

Movie Night Friday December 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Suitable for all ages. Popcorn and tea will be served.

2019 CALENDARS: The calendars are now available at a cost of \$8.00. If you wish to purchase a copy (or two) please speak to Jennifer either at church or at 454-2829.

Do you have some old towels or other absorbent cloth that could be used for rags? If you do please put them in the janitor's closet. Thank you.

The Gifts with Vision catalogue is available for gift giving which benefits others. The catalogue is in effect until September 2019

Looking for Christmas Gifts? Don't forget the "Just Us" Coffee and more; the 50th Anniversary History of FHUC at a suggested \$20.00 and Forest Hill United Note cards 6 for \$5.00.

Your favourite hymns are being requested. Please fill out a ballot and put your selection in the box at the back of the church.

Photos or video may be taken for use on our web site and social media sites. Please advise a board member if you do not want your photo used on-line.

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 on our Facebook page (viewable on the left side of our main web page).

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 on the table by the kitchen, 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 can be added to the Chart.

An Usher list has been created for 2019. This list has been updated this week. Please talk to Lorna McKnight if you have any questions.



Want to chat?

Rev. Deborah is in her office Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 1 pm until 4pm, or any other time by appointment.

She would love to have you drop in or call!

Listen or watch **Sunday Sermons**, check the **Calendar** to see what's happening, check out the upcoming **Sunday Bulletin**, and more!

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Community Events

The Advent Carol Festival held each year at St. Paul's United Church (corner George and York) will take place on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. Local church and community choirs will present a program of familiar, as well as new, Christmas music. A freewill offering will be received on behalf of the CBC Feed a Family campaign to support the 12 food banks in this area.

There will be a **Christmas Tea, "Angels Among Us"**, on Friday, Dec. 7th 1 - 3 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome!

Save the Date December 9th, at 3:00 pm. Fredericton Ladies Choir 10th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Dunstan's Church. (See poster on Bulletin Board in the Main Entrance FHUC.)

Minute For Mission Bakery Blessings

Our gifts for Mission & Service enable people to flourish. In China, the Amity Foundation offers programs for people on the margins—people like Zhou Jian, a 34-year-old baker who has been working at the Amity Bakery since it opened in 2007. As a child, Zhou Jian was placed in an institution where he stayed until 2004, when he was given the opportunity to live at Amity Foundation's Home of Blessings for those who are developmentally challenged. When he arrived at the home at age 21, he did not understand the concept of words or numbers. Slowly, under the loving care of Amity teachers, he mastered these skills. Zhou Jian was then ready to take on another challenge by working in the bakery. He has grown in skill to become one of the main bakers.

Zhou Jian is constantly learning new techniques, proudly mastering each new challenge. He displays so much pride in the mouth-watering baked goods he produces that he has become the face of the Amity Bakery. His smiling face can now be seen on billboards and posters around China!

At the Amity Foundation's 30th anniversary celebration in 2015, it was Zhou Jian who welcomed everyone and invited the guests to taste the cake that he and the other bakers had so lovingly prepared. We are thankful for the loving way that the Amity Foundation offers developmentally challenged individuals like him the opportunity to live out their passion for creating and learning. As we live out our faith of loving our neighbour, we do so in celebration of Mission & Service global partners like Amity Foundation.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

