

# Forest Hill United Church

*'open doors, open hearts, open minds'*



**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 11, 2018 10 am**

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air...  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

- Officer John G. Magee, Jr. - November, 1941

**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 greeters this morning are **Brian Cassidy** and **Libby Cassidy**.

Our Sunday School Teacher is **John Neville**.

Our hospitality host is **May Houston**

and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie**.

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*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 Christ Candle

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

MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

### Welcome & Church News

### Call to Worship:

One: This is a day of remembrance.

**All: Remembrance and more.**

One: This is a day of tears.

**All: Tears and more.**

One: This is a day for our country.

**All: Our country and more.**

One: This is a day for our Armed Forces.

**All: Our Armed Forces and more.**

One: This is a day to remember and cry,  
for our country and *all* countries,  
for our people and *all* people,  
for our soldiers and *all* soldiers.

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**All: This is a day for us  
to recommit ourselves to justice,  
to recommit ourselves to peace.**

One: This is a day, as is every day—

**All: that we must never forget.**

One: In our remembering and in our living...

**All: let us worship God.**

*Moderator Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 47.*

## Gathering Prayer

O God of many names,  
we pray for peace  
within ourselves,  
in our relationships,  
in our communities,  
in our world.

May we be empowered to do the work of peace  
wherever we may find ourselves  
so that you may work through us.

Where there is terror or fear,  
may we help create calmness.

Where there is the silence of repression,  
may we help to give voice.

Where there is only violence,  
may we help to show other ways.

For we know that peace is generosity,  
peace is compassion,  
peace is justice,  
and peace is extended to all.

O God, hear our prayer  
and help us be the answer. Amen.

*Ali Anningson, University of New Brunswick Chaplain, Fredericton, N.B.  
Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 48.*

**\*\*Opening Hymn: Wherever You May Go**

MV 216

## Exploring

**Children's Time:  
My Lighthouse**

led by Alex Good

**Prayer that Jesus Taught:** *(spoken together)*

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!  
Release a space to plant your Presence here.  
Imagine your possibilities now.  
Embody your desire in every light and form.  
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.  
Untie the knots of failure binding us,  
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.  
Help us not forget our Source,  
Yet free us from not being in the Present.  
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song  
from gathering to gathering.  
Amen - May our future actions grow from here!  
Retranslation (from the Aramaic)

*After the prayer, the junior class and teachers will  
leave for Sunday School.*

**Words from Our Bible:**

**Pat Davidson**

Mark 12:38-44

Psalm 127 VU Page 851

Ruth 1:1-18

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** Good Night Saigon

by Billy Joel

**Reflection**

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** O Perfect Love

VU 491

## Responding

### Presentation of Our Gifts

**\*\*Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)* MV 135

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

### **\*\*Prayer After Giving**

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 43.

### Prayers of Our Community

**(Sung response)** VU 400

**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!**

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

### **\*\*Sharing the Light**

### **\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

#### **Act of 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.**

**2 Minutes of Silence (at exactly 11am)**

**\*\*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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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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## Church News

#### **COMING UP @ FHUC**

<b>Quilt Group</b>	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
<b>Advent Planning</b>	Monday, November 12 at 7 pm
<b>Fall Supper</b>	Saturday, November 17

**Jula Hughes** regrets to give notice of her resignation from the Board for personal and workload reasons. Margie Roxborough will take over as chair of the Board.

**Advent Festival Planning** meeting Monday Nov. 12 at 7 pm. Please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) if you are willing to help but cannot be at the planning meeting or if you have suggestions for a theme this year.

**Our annual fall supper** is coming up on Nov. 17th. An integral part of this supper is the bake table. Please consider making some sweets or savouries for the bake table. A varied array will be appreciated by our patrons.

**The final Theology on Tap** of the year will be held on the third Monday of November (the 19<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please join us at Dolan's Pub. We will start up again in the new year.

**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

**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.

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

**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.

**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

## Community Events

**DivorceCare** "Surviving the Holidays" will be held from 7 to 9 PM Thursday, November 15 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Northumberland and Connaught Streets. For more information or to register, contact the church office 458-8527 or [gracem@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com).

The Fredericton Choral Society and the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra present **A Saint Cecilia's Day Concert** in celebration of the bicentennial of Charles Gounod on Thursday, November 22, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The concert will take place at the Wilmot United Church and features soloists Sally Dibblee, Justin Guignard, Paul Bustin, Helena Janis and organist, David Drinkell. Tickets are available from Westminster Books, members of the orchestra and choir or at the door. Ticket Prices are as follows: General: \$25, Students: \$10, Children 12 and under: Free.

**Beef Stew Take-Out**, Friday, November 23, pick-up between 4-6pm, Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Enjoy beef stew, dumplings, roll and carrot cake with cream cheese icing for \$12. Phone Rindy or Tom Austin at 450-7151 to reserve your take-out meals.

**Greenwood Drive Baptist Church** has the need for a set of bunk beds. You can call the church at 452-8593 or email at [GDBC150@gmail.com](mailto:GDBC150@gmail.com). We are also in desperate need of men's winter coats - all sizes - to take to the men's shelter this month and for the Clothing Bank. There is a great need for winter clothing with colder weather coming up quickly. If you have anything to donate, it can be dropped off at the church in the orange container beside the building or dropped off at the office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 7am - 12pm

## **Minute For Mission Rebuilding Schools in the Philippines**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support Indigenous peoples in the Philippines.

The Lumad are Indigenous peoples of Mindanao in the southern Philippines. Many Lumad communities have established their own schools, looking for help from government, non-governmental organizations, and church groups. Mission & Service partner the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) is collaborating with the Lumad peoples in this work.

These people have faced a high level of persecution from the Philippine military, including forced displacement and extrajudicial killings. Lumad schools have been used as temporary military camps, shelters and, in some cases, for weapon storage. Traditional Lumad territory is rich in natural resources, and encroachment on their land has contributed to these people being displaced.

In the midst of these challenges, the Lumad peoples continue to support schools through the Save Our Schools Network or SOS. The SOS network works with others, including the UCCP, to support a non-discriminatory, culturally sensitive approach to education. The schools provide free, high-quality education to Indigenous children. Currently there are 205 Lumad community schools serving almost 6,000 children. More schools are needed! Other communities need new classrooms and support for operating costs, including teachers.

Mission & Service supports schools that help lift people and communities out of poverty and build leadership for the future of the Lumad peoples of the Philippines.