

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018 10 am**

"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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 Teachers are **Joan Mitchell** and **Shelly Clayton**.

Our hospitality host is **May Houston**
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 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:

All: Come, all you who dream.

One: We come to this place, dreaming of a better world,
a firmer foundation, an abiding peace.

All: Come, all you who grieve.

One: We come to this place, wounded and torn asunder
but resilient and strong.

All: Come, all you who have been unseen and unheard.

One: We come to this place knowing that God sees us
and loves us as we are. God hears our prayers.

All: Come, all you who reach for God.

One: We come to this place, reaching for God
and being answered in love.

All: Come, for you are welcome in this place.

One: We come to this place knowing we are loved.

Gathering Prayer

Loving and gracious God we come here today
in many different ways.
Some of us are rejoicing in new love,
new opportunities and new horizons.
Some of us are grieving the loss of a loved one,
of an expected future or of our long held dreams.
Some of us feel numb, the world moves on
and yet we remain immobile and lost.
Some of us are so worried about the stresses life brings that
we cannot concentrate long enough to begin to deal with them.
And yet, we come.
We persist.
We strive.
We get out of bed when everything inside us tells us
the world is too scary, too lonely, too hard.
We come.
We come today as a congregation, as friends, as family.
We stand beside each other and
lift each other up when they need,
We do this knowing that when we need them
they will be there, just as You are.
As we are, we come. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Behold the Face of Christ MV 114

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.

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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, children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School.*

Words from Our Bible:

Mary Grant

Song of Hannah VU page 878
1 Samuel 1:4-20

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** I Am a Child of God MV 157

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.

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****Prayer After Giving**

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:** Christ, within Us Hidden

MV 162

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****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

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| Quilt Group | Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room |
| Theology on Tap | Monday, November 19 th at 8:00 pm |

Thank you to anyone and everyone who was in any way a part of our Turkey Supper yesterday – before, during or after the event. It is so good to be able to put on such an event, and your participation is most appreciated.

The final Theology on Tap of the year will be held on the third Monday of November (the 19th) 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.

SOCK IT TO ME!!! Please bring new, warm mittens, gloves, scarves and sweaters for outreach Sunday in December TBA.

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.

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

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

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).

Community Events

Transgender Day of Remembrance Ceremony Fredericton Gender Minorities will host a Transgender Day of Remembrance Ceremony from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Charlotte Street Arts Center on Tuesday, November 20th, 2018. Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual event created in honor of those who have died as a result of anti-trans violence. Every year we come together to remember and speak the names of those we have lost over the past year, and to stand in solidarity with our local trans community. There is no admission fee for this event.

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 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.

Christmas Market & Breakfast at Gibson Memorial United Church, (183 Gibson St.) on Nov 24th, 8 am – 12 noon. Admission is free and breakfast is \$7/Adult and \$3/Children.

Giant Auction at Wilmot United Church On Saturday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of King and Carleton Streets (live and silent) featuring over 200 quality auction lots. Viewing from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. For a listing of items and a photo gallery, please visit: www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/auction

A Christmas Luncheon, Bake & Craft Sale will be hosted by St. Paul's UCW on Saturday, November 24th from 11 AM to 1 PM. The Luncheon, for \$10.00, will consist of Chicken-a-la-king & angel food cake with lemon sauce. There are 2 sizes of mincemeat pies \$6.00 or \$12.00. Come and choose some delicious Christmas baking or check some homemade knitting and sewing items off your gift giving list. For information, telephone Donna C 458-5885

Bake & New to You Sale at Wilmot United Church On Friday, November 30th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. you will find Christmas baking and gifts all in one spot at the corner of King and Carleton Streets. There will be pies, cookies, loaves, squares, jams, jellies, cakes and fudge along with new to you handcrafted items, crystal, one-of-a-kind keepsakes and Christmas decor. Proceeds from the sale are used for charitable projects supported by Wilmot United Church Women's Group.

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. 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

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 Rendez-vous 2017: Be the Church!

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs for youth like Rendez-vous.

In August 2017, close to 600 youth, young adults, and youth leaders gathered in Montreal to sing, dance, learn, and be inspired to share their voices with a world and a church in desperate need of hearing them.

Rendez-vous is a national United Church get-together that happens every three years in different locations around Canada.

Rendez-vous 2017 met in Montreal at Concordia University. The theme was "Be the Church." The conversations were passionate as youth and young adults explored their faith on a deep level. There was an inclusivity among participants, as the many who had never been to Rendez-vous were quickly included in groups that had bonded over the years.

Each day began with gathering music, often top-40 dance hits that got the group moving, followed by inspiring speakers. These included Paola Márquez from Colombia, who spoke about how supporting Mission & Service is the best way to make a huge difference; Aidan Legault, who talked about using our voices for change; Rodger Nishioka, who shared his wisdom and humour each day; and Moderator Jordan Cantwell, who shared a message of hope for the church. Inspiring music came from Rick Gunn and the band ReGenesis and singer Coco Love Alcorn. All who gathered left at the end of the four days inspired and ready to truly be the church!

Thank you so much for making gatherings like Rendez-vous possible through your gifts for Mission & Service.

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.