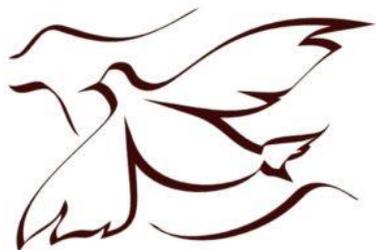


# Forest Hill United Church

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



**Reign of Christ / 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 25, 2018 10 am**

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world,  
the master calls a butterfly.

-Richard Back from *Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah*

**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 **John Neville** and **Bob Fisher**.

Our hospitality host is **May Houston**  
and our tellers are **Mary Grant** and **Jean Fisher**.

*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**

**Children's Time**

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

**\*\*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: Sunrise, sunset.  
Winter, spring, summer, fall.  
The cycle of seasons, the cycle of the sun,  
wisely guides us in life.  
So, too, the cycle of the Christian year offers wisdom and  
guidance, following the path of Jesus' life, the wisdom of  
the ages.  
Advent—
- All: four weeks to prepare, anticipate, and wonder, with  
hope and love.**
- One: Christmas—
- All: 12 days to celebrate the birth of Jesus, "God-with-  
us."**
- One: Epiphany—

**All:** several weeks for new insights, new ways of seeing.  
**One:** Lent—  
**All:** 40 days (not counting Sundays) to reflect upon our lives as followers of the Way and to make course corrections, as needed.  
**One:** Easter—  
**All:** 40 days of celebrating Jesus' resurrection and for watching for and welcoming new life in our midst.  
**One:** Pentecost—  
**All:** one day to welcome the energy of Spirit's dance into our lives.  
**One:** Season of Pentecost—  
**All:** ordinary time for learning and living as followers of the Way.  
**One:** Season of Creation—  
**All:** five weeks to reflect on our relationship with God's creation.  
**One:** Reign of Christ—  
**All:** the final day of the church year, a time to name God, as known through Jesus, as the higher power in our lives.  
**One:** Today we come to the end of the church year.  
The cycle is complete.  
The new Christian year begins tomorrow.  
**All:** We come to worship God,  
the wisdom, the power,  
the guidance for our lives.

*Susan Lukey, High River U.C., High River, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 49.*

## Gathering Prayer

Blessed are you, Jesus, source of life and blessing. You have walked with people in their troubles and joys, offering comfort and celebration. We know you as the mourning sovereign, the suffering servant, the bread of life, and the light of the world. It is in all the realities of life that we turn to you. Blessing and glory are yours. Amen.

*Laura Turnbull, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 49.*

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Behold the face of Christ

MV 114

## Exploring

**Words from Our Bible:**

**Robert Christie**

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132 VU Pages 854-5 Parts 1 & 2

Revelation 1:4b-8

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Special Music:**

We'll meet again

By Ross Parker and Hughie Charles

**Reflection**

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

## 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**

**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!**

**\*\*Hymn:** Christ, within Us Hidden verses 1 & 2 MV 162

**Communion Service - see insert**

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** Christ, within Us Hidden verses 3, 4, 5 MV 162

**\*\*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

<b>Quilt Group</b>	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a guest speaker, Faith McFarland from CAGH.

**Forest Hill UCW Ladies Nite 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 signup 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.

**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.

**Looking for Christmas Gifts?** Don't forget the "Just Us" Coffee and more; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History of FHUC at a suggested donation \$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).

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

**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.

## Community Events

**Bake & New to You Sale** at Wilmot United Church On Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 7<sup>th</sup> 1 - 3 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome!

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

## **Minute For Mission Yes, You Can**

Our gifts for Mission & Service provide opportunities for teachers like Melissa Carter to work at Los Quinchos School in Managua, Nicaragua. Here is her reflection:

“I have not come here to change their culture; yet I still maintain that school can be a powerful environment to positively affect self-confidence and to empower these young, bright faces to take on new challenges. One walk around my neighbourhood unveils the fact that they already overcome daily difficulties I can only imagine; they are strong and resilient.

“I try to lead by example. My Spanish is not fluent, but I am trying to communicate daily. I am committing many errors, which sometimes elicits teasing responses, but I roll with it and tell them it is part of the learning process.... I challenged a grade 11 English class to tell me about their weekend in five sentences. Let me point out that very rarely are they asked in their English class to produce their own phrases about their own lives, and here was this crazy Canadian asking them to share about their weekend. As I walked around, many of them were able to produce simple sentences. Regardless of errors in syntax, I used lots of positive reinforcement, as well as smiles, high fives, and fist pumps to both encourage them and hopefully make them realize that ‘Si, tu puedes’ (‘Yes, you can’).

“I savour the daily interactions with the students, for it is in those interactions that I learn about who they are and what they hope to accomplish. And maybe, I can help them learn some English or make them realize that they, too, can fulfill the dreams they currently hold as well as the dreams they have yet to discover.”

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.