

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 14, 2018 10 am

Do you realize how many events, choices, that had to occur since
the birth of the universe leading up to the making of you?

Just exactly the way you are.
- Mrs. Which, A Wrinkle in Time

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is **Rev. Richard Bowley**.
Our music is led by music director **Alex Good**
and the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeter this morning is **Jennifer Abbott**.
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Jean Mitchell**, **Jula Hughes**,
Mary-Anne Blakney, **Peggy Hawkes** and **Bob Fisher**.

Our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**
and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie**.

*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*)

MV2

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Come on this day set aside for worship and praise.

All: We come with grateful hearts, yet anxious minds.

One: Come to remember and be still. For it is in these sacred,
gratitude-filled moments that we find answers.

**All: We come longing for wisdom and peace to fill our
spirits.**

One: As we worship God together, let us be open to receiving
all the gifts of God. Let us be ready to respond to God's
calls to service.

All: Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer

****Opening Hymn:** I Have Called You by Your Name

MV 161

Exploring

Children's Time

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 children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School.*

Words from Our Bible:

William Hughes

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: You Were Always On My Mind by Willie Nelson

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Holy Spirit, Hear Us VU 377

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)* MV 189

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

****Prayer After Giving** *(spoken together)*

You, O God, provide us with every moment and invite us to live fully into them. We are blessed by what you have given us and so we give back what is already yours. Bless us and these gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of Love and Peace. This we ask in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

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:** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence VU 421

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

One: God is faithful and God is good. Surrounded by the love and care of God let us go now,

**All: We go with God's love in our hearts,
We go with Christ's peace in our hands,
We go with the power of the Holy Spirit at our backs,
to share the Good News we have heard this day!
Amen**

****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!

OFFICE HOURS

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Bible Study	October 14 7pm in the library
Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Forest Hill UCW	October 15 th 2:00 pm at Doreen Kissicks'
Theology on Tap	October 15 th 8:00 – 10:00 pm Dolan's Pub
Pie Making	October 20 th starting at 8:30 am

Bible Study on Sunday October 14th at 7 pm in the library. The topic is Abraham and Sarah: call and covenant.

Forest Hill UCW will meet at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden St, on Monday October 15th, at 2 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

Theology on Tap Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of October (the 15th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Saturday, Oct 20 is Apple Pie Making Day at Forest Hill. Thank you to those who have signed up to help out on the day. Our need now is to get pie orders which should be in no later than Wednesday, Oct 17 to ensure that we have enough supplies but not more than necessary. For those coming to work we will start at 8:30 and continue until done usually around 3 pm. Please come and help out as your schedule allows as help is needed both morning and afternoon. Cost of pies is \$8 so talk to your friends and get orders. Any questions, call Diane Robinson at 459-8779 or email me at robinsondiane47@gmail.com.

Pumpkin Carving Love the carving but hate the mess? Never carved a pumpkin before? Don't like carving alone? Join us for pumpkin carving at **Forest Hill United Church Friday Oct 26 from 4 to 8 pm. B.Y.O.P.** (bring your own pumpkin). We will supply cider and roasted pumpkin seeds. We have a limited supply of knives/tools, so bring your own if you can. Feel free to wear costumes and leave the mess with us. If you are interested, there will be a workshop on pattern carving (\$25 or \$15 if you have your own tools). Pre-registration is required for the workshop. For more information, contact Margie Roxborough at 455-0576.

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.

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

PUMPKIN SMASH! Sat. Nov. 3 from 2-4 pm at Forest Hill United Church. For \$2 you can use our giant slingshot to smash your Hallowe'en pumpkin or one of ours. Bragging rights for the longest distance and the most spectacular smash! As the parking lot will be the smash zone, please park at St. Margaret's or Bliss Carman. Call Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for details or to arrange for drop-off/pick up of unwanted pumpkins to use in the smash.

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

New Maryland United Church Salmon Supper, Sunday, Oct. 14 at New Maryland Rec Centre (754 New Maryland Highway)
Sittings: 4 PM and 5:30 PM Take-Outs Available - Tickets \$17
Call 459-3313 or 455-1948

The UCW of Nashwaaksis United (46 Main St.) will be holding their annual BRIDGE LUNCHEON on Thursday, Oct. 18th, at 12 noon
Please call Connie at 472-4744 to reserve your table (\$40).

Roast Pork Dinner, Saturday, October 20, 5:30 pm, Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Enjoy roast pork with all the trimmings including homemade apple sauce, and carrot cake. Cost is \$14. Phone Rindy or Tom Austin at 450-7151 for reservations. Limited seating - reserve early.

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council is having their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 1:30pm. It will be at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street, the corner of York and George Street. All women of any denomination of faith are welcome to attend to prepare for the World Day of Prayer events which will be the country of Slovenia. Our Guest speaker will be Rev. Shirley DeMerchant, President of the Canadian Women's Inter-Church Council.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE at Wilmot United Church. Fri., Oct. 26 from 3 – 6 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. – noon

Minute for Mission

Rebuilding Community in the Philippines

Our gifts for Mission & Service, together with our emergency response for Typhoon Haiyan, support the agricultural program of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP). In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan destroyed large parts of Philippine infrastructure, affecting the economic base of many communities.

The Visayas region in Central Philippines, a predominantly agricultural area, was hard hit by Haiyan. Ninety-five percent of fruit trees were uprooted, livestock were killed, and crops were destroyed. Also destroyed were many families' hopes for feeding their families and making a living. As part of the recovery process, Mission & Service partner the UCCP is working with agricultural communities to restore livelihoods.

Working with community-based organizations, the UCCP developed a plan that identified the most appropriate livestock to distribute to local families. Basic veterinary skills and training help farmers ensure the health and welfare of the animals they receive. Home solar lighting kits are being distributed to communities. For some, this was the first electrical light their home had ever had.

A third component of the plan is helping farmers plant and harvest aerobic rice, which uses less water and requires less labour than traditionally grown rice. Given the right conditions, seed is easily saved from year to year, and a growing season can have two harvests.

Our emergency response provided a robust short-term response to start the rehabilitation. Through Mission & Service, our ongoing support ensures that these programs grow and develop to create resilient and sustainable farming communities in the Philippines.

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.