

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



**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 28, 2018 10 am**

“In short, I will preach it, teach it, write it, but I will constrain no one by force, for faith must come freely without compulsion. Take myself as an example. I opposed indulgences and all the papists, but never with force. I simply taught, preached and wrote God’s Word; otherwise I did nothing. And while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends Philipp and Amsdorf, the Word ... did everything.”  
- Martin Luther (1483-1546)

**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 **Mary-Anne Blakney**.  
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Margie Roxborough**, **John Neville**,  
and **Laura Eliaba**.

Our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**  
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

**\*\*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: Today, we observe 501 years since the Reformation, a time when challenges were made by the Reformers to change practices within the church at the time. They called for:  
“Sola Scriptura!”

**All: Scripture alone!**

One: “Sola Fide!”

**All: Faith alone!**

One: “Sola Gratia!”

**All: Grace alone!**

One: “Sola Christus!”

**All: Christ alone!**

One: “Sola Deo Gloria!”

**All: For the glory of God alone!**

One: Their protest wasn’t meant to start a new branch of Christianity, but rather they hoped to reform what was.

**All: Yet it was not to be and here we are today:**

**Protestants, children of the Reformation,  
gathered in worship to the glory of God.**

**May it be so.**

Susan Lukey, High River U.C. High River, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, p 31.

## Gathering Prayer

Creative and Creating God,  
you continue to do new things among us,  
calling us to new ministries,  
to new ways of being your church.  
Rooted in your love  
and grounded in your gospel,  
may we be attentive to your call  
and aware of your Spirit,  
remembering our ancestors in the faith  
and preparing the path for those yet to follow the Way of Jesus.  
Continue your reformation and renewal in us,  
O God. Amen.

Susan Lukey, High River U.C. High River, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, p 31.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Because Jesus Felt MV 186

## 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 children and teachers will  
leave for Sunday School.*

## Words from Our Bible:

**Graham Powell**

Exodus 12:1-20  
Psalm 118 VU Page 837 Parts 1&2  
Matthew 26:17-30

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** You've Got a Friend by Carole King  
arr. Brian and Libby Cassidy

Chorus:  
You just call out my name - and you know wherever I am  
I'll come running -- to see you again  
Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall - all you have to do is call  
And I'll be there, yes I will - You've got a friend.

## Reflection

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** This Is My Body MV 177

## 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!

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** When We Gather at the Table

MV 198

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

One: For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: The blessing of God, be with you and on your way  
together, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Adapted from Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017. Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity.

**\*\*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.**

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**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
Movie Night	Friday November 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm
<b>Pumpkin Smash</b>	Saturday November 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 – 4 pm

**Movie Night** Friday November 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm Indiana Jones & The Raiders of the Lost Ark. Popcorn and tea will be served.

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**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

**St. Margaret's Anglican Church** is holding a fund-raising breakfast from 8:30 - 10 am on Saturday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**A Winter Craft Sale** will be held on Sat. Nov. 3 from 9 to 2 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Northumberland and Connaught. Proceeds from table rentals will go towards a Mission Trip to the Philippines 2019. Arts, Crafts and Unique Gifts

**Morning Gate Church** (74 Morning Gate Drive) invites you on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30 to experience the first-hand account of John Deweyert, the last surviving member of his family who owned and lived at Hotel Dreijeroord in Oosterbeek, Holland during the battle of Arnhem which was part of "Operation Market Garden". John immigrated to Canada and now lives in Temperance Vale, NB.

## TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES IS COMING TO FREDERICTON!

The International Fair-Trade Gift Sale will be held Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Wilmot United Church. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. ***Your support of Fair Trade does make a difference!\****

**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 Food Bank** continues to thank you for the support you've given us, but also wants to ask you to consider giving of your time and skills. We run our organization through many thousands of volunteer hours, and we could always use more. If you are interested in helping us, we have many different ways to help: clothing boutique sales and support, client interaction, warehouse stocking, garden/greenhouse work, as well as any and all use for professional skills in the areas of graphic design, public relations, IT work, nutrition, and many other skills. Please contact us at [volunteer@greenervillage.org](mailto:volunteer@greenervillage.org) if you are able to help.

*Fair trade coffee, tea, sugar, and chocolate are available every Sunday here at Forest Hill. Make your selection and support the outreach efforts of our congregation!*



## **Minute for Mission Empowerment, Discernment, and Community**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support events like the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering, where Indigenous communities can come together in solidarity and faith.

For several decades, Indigenous communities of faith have gathered nationally to discuss matters of self-determination, spirituality, and their relationship with The United Church of Canada. These gatherings are a forum for listening to one another and discerning Creator's plan for mission and ministry.

The 2017 Gathering took place July 27–30 on the Treaty One Territory (Pinawa, Manitoba). A Sacred Fire burned throughout the Gathering, with four Fire Keepers guarding the Fire at all hours of the day. Participants came from across Canada—including youth, Elders, and ecumenical guests—as well as from the Moderator's Dialogue on Reconciliation.

The Very Rev. Dr. Stan McKay offered a Bible study, where participants reflected on biblical passages alongside the seven Sacred Teachings of Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility, and Truth.

Dr. Shauneen Pete, an educator from Saskatchewan, spoke of her experiences working in academic institutions on issues of workplace equity, institutional racism, and cultural competency. Connections were made between these issues and the work of reconciliation. Dr. Pete praised events like the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering that dig deeper into the issues and empower their participants.

We are thankful for gatherings like the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering, and we celebrate that, through your gifts for Mission & Service, communities can look forward to the next Gathering in 2020.

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.