

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018 10 am**

“Life is like the river, sometimes it sweeps you gently along
and sometimes the rapids come out of nowhere.”

— Emma Smith

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 **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout**.

Our Sunday School Teachers are **Shelly Clayton** and **Joan Mitchell**
and our tellers are **Mary Grant** and **Jean Fisher**.

*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 in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

*At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on
ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.*

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: Let us celebrate Creator-borne promise of grace:
“I will remember my covenant that is between me and
you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters
shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.”

All: We give thanks for Creator’s new beginnings!

One: Let us celebrate the Spirit-borne promise of renewal:
“When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; and
you renew the face of the ground.”

**All: We give thanks for the Spirit who renews and
transforms!**

One: Let us celebrate the Christ-borne call to vocation: “Do
not be afraid... come and see... go and tell... Christ is
going ahead of you.”

All: We give thanks for the Christ who leads!

Gathering Prayer (said by all in unison)

In holy presence we gather:
We move into the waters of God:
deep silent pools,
loud rushing rapids,
strong steady rivers –
as those whose life flows from God.
We lift our voice with the voice of rivers:
acknowledging our many sources,
seeking outlets for sharing our gifts,
borne up by the current of Spirit toward hope.
In God We Live and Move. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** I've Got Peace like a River VU 577

Exploring

Children's Time River

Dedication of 50th Anniversary Banner

O Great Earth: Led by Alex

O Great Earth so green and so blue
this is the promise that I'll make to you
to care for your animals for animals can hear
the rhythm of your heart beat.

Prayer that Jesus Taught: (spoken together)

*After the prayer the children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School.*

Words from Our Bible: Jula Hughes

Exodus 14:19-30
Psalm 104 VU page 826 Part 1
John 7:37-41

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

Special Music: The Water Is Wild Traditional

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Like a River of Tears MV 98

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**

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:** Like a Healing Stream MV 144

****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

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Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
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A big thank you to all who worked so long and hard to make the three special events in our 50th anniversary year of celebration such worthwhile occasions: Mary Grant, Margie Roxborough, Karen Flinn, Brian Cassidy, Joan Mitchell, Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher, Marilyn Lohnes, Alex Good, Graham Powell, Ron Blakney, Mary-Anne Blakney, Diane Robinson, Robert Hawkes and Lynda-Jean Coffin. From your "Champion", Libby Cassidy.

Youth Sunday is September 30th and this will be led by the group that went on the youth retreat in July. This is in conjunction with St. Paul's United Church.

World Communion Day/Thanksgiving Day is October 7th.

October 14th Reverend Richard Bowley will be at FHUC, while Reverend Deborah will be at St. Paul's United Church.

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.

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.

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.

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

Greenwood Drive Baptist Church Clothing Bank on Wednesday mornings 9am - 11am is in desperate need of any size bedding and towels. Any donations can be dropped off in our orange box on the side of the church or call the church office at 452-8593.

Sunday September 23rd at Greener Village, Home of the Fredericton Foodbank, there will be a fundraising barbecue and kiln fired pizzas from 12 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be fun for the whole family.

*Look, learn, discover Centre *Clothing boutique yard sale *Learning Kiosks *Food bank tours *Critter corner *Frozen treats/face painting *Giant bubbles.

CHŒUR LOUISBOURG AND SKYE CONSORT CONCERT AND CD LAUNCH. The Louisbourg Choir is releasing its first CD on the ATMA Classique label. Chansons d'amour d'Acadie et de France (Love Songs from Acadia and France) offers an original and exceptional musical program of Acadian folksongs and polyphonic songs from the Renaissance. Arranged especially for this occasion by Seán Dagher of Skye Consort, these folksongs emerge in new and creative ways: rich vocal harmonies and the colourful sound of period instruments. As for the polyphonic songs, they were written by Jacotin LeBel (ca. 1516-1556), one of the most mysterious musicians of the Renaissance. The Fredericton concert and launch will take place on September 24, 7:30 p.m., at Wilmot United Church. Tickets are \$25 and will be on sale at the door. Admission is free for students.

Fredericton Choral Society Fall Term We are all gearing up for an exciting Fall term for the Fredericton Choral Society, together with our conductor, Heather Fyffe, and our accompanist, Catherine MacDonald. Our first rehearsal of the term will be on Tuesday, September 11; registration will continue until Tuesday September 25. This term, we are delighted to be partnering with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra to present a St. Cecilia's Day concert on the day itself, Thursday, November 22. This year is the bicentenary of Charles Gounod's birth, so our selection for this term is none other than Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass. Details are available at <https://frederictonchoralsociety.blogspot.com>

The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27th from 12 to 3 at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

A Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 29th, from 9AM to 12 Noon, at St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of George and York Streets in Fredericton. Winter clothing and footwear, small household items, toys, books, etc. Donated items can be dropped at the Church after Sept 24th. Come early to shop and **BRING YOUR BAGS!**

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).

Minute For Mission / Advocacy in Action

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries like Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, which advocates for those on the margins of society in downtown Regina, Saskatchewan.

The ministry has been advocating for low-income individuals and families for almost 50 years and is the only community organization in the province to offer welfare advocacy services. Designated lay minister and advocate Bonnie Morton shares her passion for the work of Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry:

“The people that we serve at the ministry need more than money; they need services and programs that will help them improve their skills and abilities so they can better compete in the job market.

“A young man came to me because he had been cut off welfare. He had told his social worker that he did not have a grade 8 education and couldn't hold down a job. The government worker kept placing him in work positions that he continued to fail at. The last job was in construction. He couldn't read a measuring tape, and his fellow employees made fun of him. He came to us for help, and we appealed the decision to cut him off welfare. We were able to show that no one had listened to him, and we got him and his family back on welfare with retroactive payments. About four years later, this man came back to share with us that he had earned his grade 12 diploma, had gone on to graduate from a technical school with a certificate in engineering, and had just been offered a job. He is still working and hopefully will never have to depend on social assistance again.”

BIRTH

For Todd

A Child is
both continent
and explorer

Birth is
his discovery
of the coast
of the Terra Nova
of the self

a young Cartier
who must find
the edge of Canada
before proceeding
to Quebec

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