

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018 10 am**

“Climate change carries no passport and knows no national borders. Countries must work toward the common interest, beyond narrow national interests.”
Ban Ki-moon

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 **Jennifer Abbott**.
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Margie Roxborough**, **Mary Grant**
and **Mary-Anne Blakney**
and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie**.

We at Forest Hill United Church are saddened at the news of the passing of Dana Wasson. Together with Jane and their family, we grieve the loss of this incredible man.

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 in body or in spirit.*

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: For land and soil: giving birth to crops, grounding our steps, anchoring our homes and hopes.

All: We rejoice with God in the land.

One: For wilderness: harbouring wildness, restoring awe, bearing mystery.

All: We rejoice with God in the wilderness.

One: For rivers and lakes and all manner of waters: quenching thirsts, cutting canyons, bestowing life.

All: We rejoice with God in the rivers and waters.

One: We praise with the forests: trees soaring tall or spreading wide, bearing fruit and colouring autumn, making sacred space for creatures large and small.

All: We rejoice with God in the forests.

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

In holy presence we gather: We come with forest – creatures and trees, flora and floor – as those who draw life from God. We lift our voice with the voice of the forest, in praise that rises up from grace-bound roots. We listen with the forest, and all creation, for wind that stirs movements of God’s renewing of creation. We find God’s presence everywhere. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

Exploring

Children's Time Mountain/Forest and Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer that Jesus Taught: *(spoken together)*

Words from Our Bible: John Neville

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 148 VU page 871
Romans 12:3-7
Mark 7:24-30

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music Hey Jude by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** As a Fire Is Meant for Burning VU 578

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:** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU 575

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together twice)*

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

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Carpet Cleaning	Wednesday September 12
Corn Boil	September 16 th after service

On **Wednesday September 12** the hall and nursery carpets are being cleaned. Please limit your use of the church that day.

Corn Boil: Sunday September 16th following the service. Help is required to husk corn @ 9:15 in the kitchen. Join us for hot dogs and corn after the service.

Theology on Tap Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of September (the 17th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Friday September 21st How Great Our Art! As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, there will be the world premiere of 4 videos featuring interviews with our charter members. These also include historical photos and video clips. 6:30 for tea, coffee and sweets, videos at 7:00.

Saturday September 22nd How Great Our Art! A display of our members' creativity: visual and fibre artists, woodworkers, photographers, authors and composers. 10:00 - 4:00.

Forest Hill UCW will meet at the church on Monday, Sept 17 at 10 am to make pickles and have our meeting in the early afternoon. Please bring a brown bag lunch. This work party is open to anyone who would like to help out. If you would like to help but are unable to come for 10 please come when you are able; many hands make light work.

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

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 Yard Sale will be on September 15th from 8-12 noon at Marysville United Church.

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."

DivorceCare beginning Tuesday September 11, at 6:30 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Please call 458-8348 or email greg@bsbc.nb.ca if you would like more information. There is no fee for this program.

Divorce Care support group 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning September 11.
GriefShare support Group 7:00-9:00 pm, beginning September 17, will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St., For more information or to register please contact the church office 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aibn.com.

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Kim Curlett is a candidate for ordination in the United Church and a Master of Divinity student. “AST was my first choice for theological education because of its commitment to ecumenism and interfaith dialogue,” she says. “To me, effective leadership in the church today means that we are not only able to educate and care for our local congregation, but that we are also able to engage with our neighbours outside the church walls with respect and a deep sense that we are all children of God. It is with this understanding that we are truly able to be Christ’s hands and hearts in the world.” Mission & Service makes theological education for students, clergy, and lay worship leaders possible. Thank you for your generous support.

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