

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



“...the goodness of God is the highest object
of prayer and it reaches down to our lowest need.”
— Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher**,
Our music director is **Alex Good**,
and the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeters this morning are **Briand Cassidy** and **Libby Cassidy**,
Our Sunday School Teacher is **May Houston**,
our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**,
and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight**.

*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*)

MV115

Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

In the chaos of the earthquake,
where nature rages
against itself
and earth is shattered,
God is present.

In the wrangling of leaders
where authority
is negotiated
while lives hang
in the balance,
God is present.

In the uncertainty of illness
and the pain of grief
where hope is
tenuous
and heart pain is real,
God is present.

From the proclamations of the faithful,
God's Word goes out
to the ends of the earth
and with it,
reassurance:
God is present.

And we are present,
upholding the downhearted,
loving the unloved,
feeding the hungry
and welcoming the stranger.
Be with us God in our time of
worship as we live out lives
full of wonder, love, generosity and laughter.
God is present, we are here in wonder of that presence.

Adapted from the prayer on <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliequillo.net/point-of-contact/call-to-worship-epiphany-4bUsed> with permission.

Gathering Prayer (said by all in unison)

Come light our world, O God. Cast love into the corners where
hatred hides, shine peace upon the shadows of strife, turn off
distress and turn on joy, light our world with the sunshine of
hope. We pray in the name of the Light of the World. Amen.

*Jean Leckie, Heart Lake U.C., Brampton, Ont. The Gathering, advent/Christmas/
Epiphany2017-18, page 42. Used with permission*

****Opening Hymn:** VU 357 Tell Me The Stories of Jesus

Exploring

Children's Time:

****Song of Praise:** VU 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah

*After the first verse the children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School*

Words from Our Bible:

Diane Robinson

Mark 1:29-39

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c VU 868-869 P1

Isaiah 40:21-31

One: This is the Word of God to guide us on our journey

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music Being Alive By Stephen Sondheim

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** VU 395 Come In, Come In And Sit Down

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** (*Sung Together*)

MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share

****Prayer After Giving**

Prayers of Our Community

Where appropriate respond to Alex's

Oh Lord

with

Hear our prayer.

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

United Church of Christ, 1995.

****Closing Hymn:** VU 670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** (*Sung Together*) MV 225

Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.
repeat

Postlude

***Please join us for coffee and conversation
after worship!***

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

FH Book Club	Feb 6 at noon in the parlour
Pancake Supper	Tuesday Feb 13 th . 5:30 pm
Feb 4 and Feb 11	add your voice to the "Special Music" for the 50 th Anniversary on Feb 18 th .
Games Day	February 24 th after 2 pm
Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sundays 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Feb 4 and Feb 11, after church at 11:20: come to choir practice and add your voice to the "Special Music" preparation for our 50th Anniversary service February 18.

Fellowship Pancake Supper Tuesday February 13th, starting at 5:30pm. Free will offering. Everyone welcome. Contact Karen Flinn (474-1534) to volunteer to help or ask any questions.

If you have any photos of Sunday School in the last 8 years, please contact Margie Roxborough (Margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net or 455-0576). We are creating a display about Sunday School for the February 18th service.

50th Anniversary Service: There will be no announcements from the congregation (other than greetings from former minister, etc.) so please have any announcements ready to be printed on the bulletin by Tuesday February 13th.

Please consider making a special donation to FHUC for our 50th Anniversary. There are designated Anniversary envelopes in your package of offering envelopes. If you are on PAR, you'll find it with the extra envelopes you were given in the New Year. Or you can just make a special contribution in a plain envelope and designate it for our Anniversary. Thank you from the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Anniversary Sunday, February 18: We want to encourage folks to stay after the service and enjoy the fellowship, a light lunch and marvel at the displays. Food always helps! May Houston is coordinating arrangements for sandwiches. Please consider helping out by signing the list she has made available.

We would like to include the Nursery in our plans for our 50th Anniversary service on Sunday February 18th. If you know of anyone who would be willing to stay with little ones in the Nursery during the service, please talk to Libby. We will set up the baby monitor so that you can hear the service.

With thanks to Robert Christie who donated a side table and a curtain rod, Reverend Deborah only needs conversational chairs or wingback chairs for her office. Please Reverend Deborah know if you have any available at a reasonable cost.

Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday Feb 6th at noon in the church parlour. The February book is "The Diviners" by Margaret Laurence.

World Day of Prayer Bible Study is being held by The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 10:00AM at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Take Hanwell Road, Go route 640 South toward Silverwood, turn left off Patience Lane pass Shannex. Turn left onto Rainsford Lane, turn right onto Morning Gate Drive. It is Wheelchair Accessible. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to the Bible Study. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

The Sunday school is looking for large pop bottles for a Lenten craft. If you have any empty ones please bring them in or contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) or Karen Flinn.

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 to our Facebook page (on the left side of our main web page).

OBSERVER RENEWALS and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS If you wish to renew your subscription or start a new subscription please let Margaret Macdougall (455-3767) know. Cost is \$25. Payment due by February 11, 2018. Payment may be cash or cheque payable to Forest Hill United Church. It may be placed on the Offering Plate in an envelope marked OBSERVER and with your envelope number, or given to Margaret.

Games Day - Join us on Saturday, February 24th any time after 2 pm, to play board and/or card games. Bring your favourite game(s) or come and play someone else's. Stay as long as you like. We may order pizza around supper time if there is interest. For more information contact Karen Flinn (474-1534).

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, 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 could 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

Minute for Missions

A Passion for Learning

Our gifts for Mission & Service support girls, human rights, and learning.

On a Kenyan mountain surrounded by farms is the Jerusalem Secondary School for Girls. The school is supported by Mission & Service global partner the Organization of African Instituted Churches. It is a safe place for young women who are escaping child marriage and the threat of female genital mutilation, or female circumcision.

The students share with pride their commitment to completing their education—students like Philomena. Philomena was able to complete primary school before her father sold her into marriage when she was 16. While her husband never forced her to undergo female genital mutilation, his family pressured her to do so. When her husband died, she was told by his family that she would now need to undergo the procedure or they would throw her out and keep her four children. In fear, Philomena and her children ran away. She returned to her home village, where her mother welcomed her and the children into her home. Philomena's mother heard about the school a short walk away and encouraged her daughter to go to it. Philomena was able to get a scholarship, and while she spends her day in class, her mother takes care of her children.

Philomena is beginning her final year of secondary school and looking forward to going to university, where she will study education. Her dream is to become a teacher because she believes that education is very important. The Organization of African Instituted Churches supports the school by providing scholarships and contributing to the salaries of three teachers.

The UCW of St. Paul's United Church, corner of George and York Streets, will be hosting a Frozen Casserole Sale, on Saturday, February 10th from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Choose from 3 sizes and a variety of flavors including: chicken, meatballs, tuna, salmon, lasagna, shepherd's pie, hash browns, turnip, squash, baked beans, and more. Some gluten free. Bonus! We will have fresh baked bread for sale as well! Come early for the best selection.