

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019 10 a.m.

“This is for the little brown girls.”

Misty Copeland first African American Female Principal Dancer
with the prestigious American Ballet Theatre

WELCOME to worship!

Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher.**

Our music is led by **Alex Good**
and the **FHUC Choir.**

Our greeter this morning is **Mary Grant.**

Our Sunday School Teachers are **Mary Grant** and **Karen Flinn.**

Our hospitality host is **Norma Reid**
and our tellers are **Jennifer Abbott** 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)*

VU 402 v1

**We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Faithful God, we thank you that we are known by you.
And you have called us to go into the world to do your
work.

All: Lead us we pray.

One: You called us to love and be loved as we do justice in
your field.

All: Help us we pray.

One: We come in humility asking that you will give us
courage and wisdom to become ambassadors of your
peace and reconciliation.

All: Hear us we pray.

One: You made us like you and called us to be unique.
As you look at us you see the same people you created
in your image.

All: Help us we pray.

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One: Help us, Lord, that we may be able to stand up against any injustice.

All: Hear us we pray.

All: We are glad to be your people as we all come together with one voice, answering and making a commitment that we will not keep quiet if there is injustice, but we will stand up and do your work of love, peace, and reconciliation. As you have called us to be one, we recommit ourselves to this calling. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Liturgy for Black History Month Submitted by: The Rev. Wilson Gonese,
Burgeon Pastoral Charge, Burgeo, Newfoundland and Labrador

Gathering Prayer

God of love, peace, and unity,
we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are;
for making us equal as your children
from all corners of the earth;
and for giving us your blessings as your children;
and for making us belong.

We pray that you help us realize that we are all made
in your image, and we need to bring peace
to all your creation as one people who belong to you.

We ask all this through Christ our brother. Amen.

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****Opening Hymn:** My Lord, What a Morning

VU 708

Exploring

Children's Time

Prayer that Jesus Taught: responsive

One: Our Father,

All: Our Mother

One: who art in heaven,

All: Who are in all the earth

One: hallowed be thy name,

All: Holy is your truth

One: thy kingdom come,

All: May your wisdom come

One: thy will be done,

All: Your circle be one uniting

One: on earth as it is in heaven.

All: uniting heaven and earth

One: Give us this day our daily bread,

All: Give us today a nurturing spirit

One: And forgive us our trespasses,

All: Heal through us

One: as we forgive those who trespass against us.

All: as we ourselves are healed

One: You who does not lead us into temptation,

All: You who leads us into fullness of life

One: but delivers us from evil:

All: But liberates all that is good

One: For thine is the kingdom,

All: For the wisdom,

One: the power and the glory

All: Presence and the goodness are Yours

Now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, Kansas

*After the Prayer that Jesus Taught,
children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.*

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

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

VU 402 v4

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37 VU Page 763 with refrain
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: Stand By Me by Ben E. King

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** In Christ There Is No East or West VU 606

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** **VU 402 v2**

**We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

****Prayer After Giving**

Prayers of Our Community

Please advise us if people need to be added to or taken off the list.

****Closing Hymn:** Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You VU 611

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

**We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Upper Room

Properties Team meeting Tuesday February 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Reverend Deborah will not be in the office on Monday February 25th as there is a worship meeting. Anyone interested in joining the worship team is welcome to join. Speak to Reverend Deborah for details.

Properties team meeting Tuesday February 26th at 2:00 p.m. in the centre room beside the parlour.

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 5th in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for March is The 14th Colony by Steve Berry.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - A pancake supper is being planned for Tuesday 5 March beginning at 5:30 p.m., featuring pancakes, sausages and baked beans. All are welcome! A freewill offering will be collected. Volunteers are required to purchase supplies, cook pancakes and provide baked beans. If you are able to assist, please contact John Neville (johnniv@gmail.com, 455-0576).

We will be sharing Ash Wednesday (March 6th) with Wilmot United Church. Details TBA.

Lenten Study March 10, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor, which can be purchased downtown at Westminster Books.

Congregational Meeting March 17th after service.

Theology on Tap will be held on the third Monday of March (the 18th) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

Stacking black chairs In order to prevent potential injury to our cleaner and others, please do not stack the black chairs more than 7 high on a carrier. Many thanks.

Electrical costs are increasing. Please be sure that the room thermostats are turned down and cupboard and room lights are turned off when you leave. Thank you. Church Management.

Reverend Deborah would love a matched set of wing back chairs for the study. Please let us know if you have anything.

Your favourite hymns are being requested. Please fill out a ballot and put your selection in the box at the back of the church.

Photos or video may be taken for use on our web site and social media sites. Please advise a board member if you do not want your photo used on-line.

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

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

Mental Health Awareness, Support and Action Group: On Monday February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Nashwaaksis United Church, you are invited to view the film *Compassion In Action*. This film invites the viewer into challenging conversations with vulnerable people and offers effective, heartfelt responses. There will be time following the film for discussion on how to bring compassion into action in our diverse settings. Rev. Priscilla Geisterfer will facilitate.

The Mt. Allison Sharp Scholarship is for a student who is Protestant, a non-smoker and born in the Maritimes, with preference given for members of the United Church and PEI residents. The application deadline is March 1 and more information can be found on the Mt. A. designated scholarships webpage.

The UCW of St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of York and George Streets in Fredericton, will be hosting a BRIDGE LUNCHEON on Saturday, March 16th at 12 noon. Reserve your table of 4 people for \$48.00 by telephoning Isabel Green at 459-7116. Register early! Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, and your favorite pastime!!

The Women's Inter-Church Council is holding the world Day of Prayer Services for 2019 in the Fredericton area. Women of Slovenia prepared this year's service. The theme is "Come-Everything is Ready!" Services are open to the public: men, women and children. They occur in four areas:

Forest Hill/Lincoln: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, 775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. No storm date. Rehearsal date: Monday, February 25, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Southside: Christ Church Cathedral, 115 Church Street, Fredericton, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. Rehearsal date, Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 2 p.m. Storm date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 p.m.

Northside / Marysville: Nashwaaksis Baptist Church, 104 Edgewood Drive, Fredericton, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. Storm date: Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. It is wheelchair accessible.

Hanwell/New Maryland: St. James's Presbyterian Church, Hanwell, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. Storm date: Friday, March 8, 2019 at 7 p.m. No rehearsal. Contact Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

Enjoy a JIGGS DINNER at 5:30 pm Saturday, March 16th, at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, 457-1338 by March 13th.

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@greenvillage.org if you are able to help.

Minutes for Mission Facing the Occupation

June 5, 2017 marked the 50th year of Israel's military occupation of Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem. More than two generations of Palestinians have known no other reality than Israeli military occupation. Staff in the United Church's Church in Mission Unit recently visited Palestine-Israel, where they were hosted by Wi'am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center.

Opening in 1994, Wi'am works to resolve disputes in the Palestinian community, support reconciliation, and address the psychological and physiological consequences of long-term conflict and occupation. Located just inside the separation walls surrounding Bethlehem, Wi'am literally faces the occupation—one quarter of its property is lost to the eight-metres-high Israeli separation wall, and an Israeli security tower overlooks its outdoor space.

In spite of the 24-hour, seven-days-a-week surveillance, Wi'am is committed to providing programs, empowering Palestinian youth, children, men, and women. One of its programs is a community garden. Even such simple projects face big challenges. At the height of summer, running water is denied to Bethlehem residents to maintain uninterrupted service to Israeli settlements. And the nearby Israeli military base directs its sewage run into the garden. In spite of these obstacles, Wi'am was proud to offer United Church staff a tour of its small garden and share a harvest of fresh pea pods, snapped off and enjoyed in the last rays of sunshine on a warm evening. Mission & Service works with our partners striving for justice and peace in Palestine-Israel.

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.



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