

# Forest Hill United Church

*'open doors, open hearts, open minds'*



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 3, 2019 10 a.m.**

“Get the manager. I'm not doing anything wrong.”  
Viola Desmond

**WELCOME** to worship!

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

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

Our greeters this morning are **John** and **Emilia Fisher**  
and **Jorja Stackhouse**.

Our Sunday School Teachers are **John Neville**, **Rachel Neville**  
and **Karen Flinn**

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)*

**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.**

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, Burgeo 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:** Siyahamba (We Are Marching) VU 646

### 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**

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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.*

#### Minutes for Mission

**Dorma Grant**

#### Words from Our Bible:

**John Fisher**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71 VU Page 789 part 1  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

**Special Music:** Pride (In The Name of Love)

by Bono

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## Reflection Graham Nickerson

### \*\*Hymn of Reflection: Led By Graham

Kneebone [unknown composer/s; African American Georgia Sea Islands, 19th century or earlier]

Kneebone in the mornin',  
Ah-ah, kneebone,  
Bend my kneebone to the ground,  
O Lord, kneebone bend.

Kneebone, didn't I tell you,  
Ah, kneebone,  
Kneebone, didn't I tell you,  
O Lord, kneebone bend.

Kneebone, didn't I call you,  
Ah-ah kneebone,  
Kneebone, didn't I call you,  
O Lord, kneebone bend.

I call you in the mornin',  
Ah, kneebone,  
Call you in the evenin',  
O Lord, kneebone bend.

## 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 over the Gifts

### Prayers of the People

(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)* VU 402 v4

**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!*

BIO for Graham Nickerson

Graham Nickerson is an up and coming scholar in the field of Black History with an emphasis on the Maritimes. Recently, Graham has been using his experience in business and technology to assist in some not for profit work. He has recently joined boards for local minor hockey and the new sport of floorball. The quick success of floorball in his area in New Brunswick led Floorball Canada to invite Graham to join their board as Co-Director of Marketing. Despite these accomplishments, when Graham is not in some faraway place mapping the seabed he enjoys living with his wife and sons in a rural setting, spending time growing his garden, collecting eggs from his chickens, playing floorball with friends or reading one of his favorite history publications.

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## Church News

### COMING UP @ FHUC

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

**Forest Hill Book Club** Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> in the parlour at noon.

**The Forest Hill Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for February is Origin by Dan Brown.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> following the service accompanied by a potluck lunch of finger foods.

**Theology on Tap** will be held on the third Monday of February (the 18<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We will be welcoming our friends from the Unitarian Church. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

**Observer Renewals** and new subscriptions. If you wish to renew or start a new subscription, please let Margaret Macdougall know (455-3767) by February 10, 2019. Cost is \$25. Payment may be placed on the offering plate in an envelope plainly marked OBSERVER and with your name and address. If payment is by cheque this should be payable to Forest Hill United Church.

**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

**Nashwaaksis Baptist Church.** I am also privileged to serve as the chaplain for the Fredericton Youth Hockey Association. Do you have families in your church involved in minor hockey? Does it take them to the rink on a Sunday? We want to share with you an opportunity to take chapel to the rink. We would love to see you here at Nashwaaksis Baptist next Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. for the presentation, God is working and we are thankful for the open doors! If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me Chris Bennett @ [nashwaaksisbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:nashwaaksisbaptist@gmail.com)

**The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton** is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street, Fredericton. Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove of Christ Church Parish Church will lead the Bible Study. The 2019 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of Slovenia (part of former Yugoslavia). Women of any denomination of faith are encouraged to come to the Bible Study. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

**Greenwood Drive Baptist Church** is in need of good, warm blankets for their Clothing Bank. In case you don't know, they have a free clothing bank every Wednesday morning from 9-11a.m. We have approximately 100 visitors every week who are in need. If people would like to donate there is an orange donation box beside the building they can drop off at any time. If there are any questions, they can call the office at 452-8593. They also have a family in need of a bassinet.