

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



Advent 2 Hope - December 8, 2019 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

OFFICE HOURS

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Minister Emeritus – Rev. Bob Jones Ph.476-8020  
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Musical Director – Alex Good

Greeters – Lorna McKnight and Joe Rideout

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Tuesday 1:45 – 4:45 p.m. & Thursday 12:45-3:45 p.m.  
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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.

For detailed announcements please see the announcement page on the bulletin boards or easel in the sanctuary.

## Gathering

Worship Leader – The Fishers

*At the \*\*, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candles

\*\*Introit: Hope is a Candle verse 2 by Linnea Good

Peace is a candle on our journey  
Peace is the giving and the gift.  
Over the frozen lakes of winter,  
this whisp'ring flame of Peace we'll lift.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

- One: God has called us to be together, in this place, at this time.  
All: We come with our whole selves to worship our God who has created and is creating.  
One: We are called to wait for the coming of the Christ child.  
All: We ready our hearts to receive the gift of Peace during this Advent time of waiting.  
One: The Spirit moves among us, inviting us into a deeper connection with the Divine.  
All: May the Spirit's power move through our worship today.

Phyllis Flemming, Grace U.C., Thornbury, Ont.

## Gathering Prayer: (All)

God, we thank you for prophet voices  
heralding the dawn of justice and peace,  
even though our skepticism is great  
and our dreams are small.  
Nurture our longing  
for a better day and a better way;  
Coax the fragile shoots and tend them  
until they rise up to greet you at your coming.  
In the season of grey and cold,  
let there be a greening among us.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
righteous branch from David's line. Amen.  
John Moses, Aylesford U.C., Aylesford, N.S.

\*\*Opening Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU 48

Story Time: St. Nicholas of Myra  
*Gathering of the Food Bank Gifts*

\*\*Song of Praise: There's a Voice in the Wilderness VU 18

*During hymn, children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.*

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Bob Fisher

Isaiah 11: 1 – 10  
Psalm 72 VU 790, parts 1 and 3  
Matthew 3: 1 – 12

One: In this is the Word of the Lord  
All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music:

Guest Speaker: Jason LeJeune

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: What Child Is This VU 74

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## Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*\*Offering Verse: Sung to the tune of Good King Wenceslas

These our gifts we offer now, thankful for God's blessings.  
May they each be used with care, spreading a hopeful message.  
Jesus' birth transformed the world, giving us a new way.  
May our gifts work as he did, changing lives today-a-ay.

\*\*Prayer After Giving:

Prayers of Our Community:

Prayer that Jesus Taught us

Lord, listen to your children praying, VU 400  
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 Am Walking a Path of Peace MV 221

\*\*Sharing the Light

\*\*Commissioning:

\*\*Choral Amen: VU 964

Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

Forest Hill Important Dates

1. December 8, 15, and 22nd: The Envelope Tree will be available plus the boxes for donations to the Food Bank.
2. December 8 Carol Sing, meet at church
3. Book Club will meet December 10 at 3366 Aberdeen Street apartment 3B at 12 noon.