

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



November 17, 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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Minister - Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher

Musical Director – Alex Good

Greeters – Brian Cassidy and Libby Cassidy

Tellers - Jennifer Abbott and Mary-Anne Blakney

Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych

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

Worship Leader – Reverend Kay Clowater
*At the **, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit:

VU 4

God of all places; present, unseen;
voice in our silence, song in our midst,
we are your people, knowing, unsure:
come, Lord Jesus, come!

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We gather to hear about the story of our faith.
All: About the Creator's mighty acts, about the brave deeds of prophets and heroes, about the noble work of persons who live out a commitment to follow the life and teachings of Jesus the Christ.
One: We seek to immerse ourselves in the story of our faith,
All: By striving to find our role within it, by interpreting it anew as it touches our spirits and circumstances, by allowing it to change us.
One: We hope to be ongoing participants in the story of our faith.
All: As translators of love in action, as creators of justice and peace, as characters who confront life with a true sense of devotion.
Together: In worshipping the Ground and Source of our Being, in listening to one another, we celebrate the story of our faith.

(adapted from "Resources for Worship and Devotions" by Glen E. Rainsley)

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 Prayer: (All)

Our loving and caring God, we need this time together to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith; we need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts, that we may live into this beloved community. Amen. From The Abingdon Worship Annual edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Copyright © Abingdon Press.

**Opening Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

Story Time:

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

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

Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Jean Fisher

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 22 VU 746 Parts 3&4
Luke 21:5-19

One: In this is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

Reflection: Keeping Hope Alive

**Hymn of Reflection: For the Healing of the Nations VU 678

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

**Offering Verse: VU 300

God, whose hand is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that all may live.

**Prayer After Giving:

Prayers of Our Community:

Prayer that Jesus Taught us

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! VU 400

Confession of Faith: A New Creed VU 918

**Closing Hymn: I See a New Heaven VU 713

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen: VU 962

May the blessing of God go before you.
May her grace and peace abound.
May her Spirit live within you.
May her love wrap you 'round.
May her blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship

Forest Hill Important Dates

1. November 18 Spiritual Plaza from 8-10 p.m. at 80 Smythe St
2. Kris will be in the office Nov. 25th from 12:45-3:45 instead of Nov 26th.
3. Advent festival: Dec. 1, 2 - 6 p.m