

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



Epiphany Sunday - January 5, 2020 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 and Libby Cassidy

Tellers -

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

VU 477

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven,  
loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Emmanuel has come and is coming again.

People: Let's stand firm in our faith, sisters and brothers, for  
if God is for us, who can be against us?

All: Let us not throw away our confidence; it will be  
richly rewarded. We need to persevere, so that when  
we have done God's will, we will receive what God  
has promised.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Oh God, on this second Sunday after Christmas, let us hear  
echoes of the audacious hope expressed by Zechariah and  
Mary in their songs. Your dayspring has dawned on us to  
shine on those who dwell in darkness and to guide our feet  
into the path of peace; the tables will be turned on all who  
thrive on injustice. As we worship you, may we continue to  
dare to hope as they did. Help us to seek peace and pursue it,  
confident that your kingdom work launched through the life,  
death and resurrection of Jesus will prevail. We ask this  
through the merits of Jesus, Amen.

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.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** See Amid the Winter's Snow VU 76

Story Time:

**\*\*Song of Praise:** Dance with the Spirit MV 156

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

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 John 4: 7-11,19; 5:11,13  
Matthew 24:1-14

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

Special Music:

Reflection: No Need to Let Our Love Grow Cold

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides  
(to the tune of Forest Green) MV 169

## Responding

Minute For Mission Jennifer Abbott

Presentation of Our Gifts

**\*\*Offering Verse:** VU 603 v.2

We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice with truthful word  
and faithful deed.

**\*\*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:** A Light Is Gleaming VU 82

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*\*Choral Amen:** Go Now in Peace

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*