

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



Second Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany
January 3, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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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.

Gathering

Prelude: Angel by Sarah MacLachlan Nadine

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

Light shines in shadowed places.

Hope abounds where once there was fear.

God's Chosen One is born into our hearts.

We honour Jesus with gifts of devotion, love, and commitment.

We worship with gladdened hearts.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God of the Ages; you called wise ones

to travel from far away to find Jesus.

You call us to journey into the unknown.

We know that you go with us even if the steps we take are new and sometimes uncertain and unfamiliar.

Assure us, in this time of worship, that you do go with us.

Grant us the courage to open our lives to the new opportunities that lie ahead. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound VU 266

A New Creed VU 918

**We are not alone,
 we live in God's world.
 We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.
 We trust in God.
 We are called to be the Church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.
 In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
 We are not alone.
 Thanks be to God.**

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
 Release a space to plant your Presence here.
 Imagine your possibilities now.
 Embody your desire in every light and form.
 Grow through us this moment's bread and
 wisdom.
 Untie the knots of failure binding us,
 as we release the strands we hold of others'
 faults.
 Help us not forget our Source,**

**Yet free us from not being in the Present.
 From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
 from gathering to gathering.
 May our future actions grow from here!
 Amen.**

Mark Berry – Emerging Church Movement

Song of Praise: Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness VU 28 vs 1

Participants will leave for Sunday School.

Prayer of Confession:

Promise of Assurance:

In Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near. Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; through Christ, you have access in one Spirit to God.

We are a forgiven and beloved people.

Thanks be to God!

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalm 72 Page 790

Matthew 2:1-12

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: The First Nowell

VU 91

Responding

Minute for Mission:

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

One: In Your mercy

All: Lord, hear our prayer

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: VU 96 vs 2-5

Will You Come and See the Light Everyone

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: MV 220

Hope shines as the solitary star,

faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,

and illumine the pathway home.

Postlude: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach Instrumental