

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



6th After Epiphany – February 16, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

OFFICE HOURS

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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.

This morning's bulletin is dedicated
in loving memory of Donovan Abbott and Donald Grant.

Gathering

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

*Children and teachers will leave for Sunday School
and come back at communion.*

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: What a joy to be gathered together as one people in all our diversity,
All: in all our strengths and weaknesses, with all our different perspectives, with all our different voices.
One: We use that diversity to help experience the world as God intended it,
All: by empathizing with our neighbours, by acknowledging the light that burns brightly within the stranger.
One: We come to this place with our humanity, seeking to encounter other human beings,
All: human beings that share our fears and our hopes, our insecurities and our desires, our passions and our pain.
One: Thanks be to God for giving us the ability to see* the world more fully through the divine spark that connects us all. Let us worship as one people.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Loving Creator,
help us enfold one another
in blankets of loving encouragement,
when we falter in the snows of life.
Help us assure and affirm each other
when we find ourselves
lost in the deep of winter.
Help us follow your billowy footprints
into sanctuaries of sheltering.
Wrap us in your cozy warmth
and your soft light of acceptance. Amen.

Jani Francis, St. Andrew's U.C., Indian Head, Sask. Gathering,
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2019-2020 page 48. Used with permission.

**Opening Hymn: I Feel the Winds of God VU625

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Mary Grant

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119 VU 838 P1
Matthew 5:21-37

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

Special Music: A Gift of Love arranged by Hal Hopson
duet with Dennis Livingstone and Annemarie Manson

Reflection: Why Affirming?

**Hymn of Reflection: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

Responding

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:

Communion

**Communion Hymn: Long Ago and Far Away MV 195 V1

Communion Insert

**Communion Hymn: Long Ago and Far Away MV 195 V2&3

Prayers of Our Community:

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: Joyful Joyful VU 232

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen (Don Besig)

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship

Forest Hill Important Dates

1. Feb 16th - Please join us for Anniversary cake!
2. The 2020 AGM for Forest Hill United Church will be held Feb. 23rd following church
3. Feb. 25th (Tuesday) Shrove Tuesday pancake supper 5:30

If we need to cancel services due to poor weather, a cancellation notice will be on the main telephone line (455-0988), the Facebook page and an email will be sent to the congregational list by 8:30 a.m.