

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



1st Sunday after Epiphany
January 7, 2018 10 am

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher**,

Our music director is **Alex Good**,

and the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeters this morning are **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout**,

our hospitality host is **Norma Reid**,

and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie**.

*At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on
ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolostogey 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.*

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Gathering

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: *(Sung Together)*

MV115

Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, Behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

A new year is here; Christmas is over:
the angels have disappeared back into
the heavens,
the magi have departed by another road,
and the star is gone.

Where is the babe who was lying in the manger?
He has grown to manhood, he has been baptized,
he has commenced his ministry, and he is here,
calling us today to come and follow him.

Fern Gibbard, for Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C. The Gathering,
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany2017-18, page 38. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: *(Spoken by All)*

O Spirit who brooded over waters
and brought forth life,
who is the wave and the boat,
the rain and the waiting soil—
we come to you with thanks and praise.
You soften and water and wash and nurse us.

You are the One who fills our cups
 and our imaginations.
 Help us now to be here with one another,
 to worship and enjoy the Spirit.
 We come to you in our dryness, Holy One.
 Our hearts shrink and crack,
 our spirits wilt and droop.
 Without your love washing over us
 and through us,
 we become crusty and stale.
 Send showers of blessing, we pray,
 that we might be revived,
 that we might take up the ministry of Jesus with passion and joy.
 Forgive us our times of drought and dustiness,
 our stubbornness with our eyes stuck shut.
 May rivers of mercy bathe us and restore us.
 (a time of silence)
 Restore us, O God, who is Living Water.
 Restore us, O God. Amen.

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont. The Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2017-18, page 38-39. Used with permission.

****Opening Hymn:** VU 644 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Exploring

Children's Time: Unpacking a New Life

****Song of Praise:** MV 135 Called By Earth & Sky

*After the first verse the children and teachers will
 leave for Sunday School*

Words from Our Bible:

Patricia Powell

Mark 1:4-11
 Psalm 29 VU 756
 1 Kings 19: 1-16

One: This is the Word of God to guide us on our journey

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: Deep in Our Hearts

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** VU 380 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Responding

Minute For Mission

Dorma Grant

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(Sung Together)*

MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
 What can I say? What can I sing?
 I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

****Prayer After Giving**

Prayers of Our Community

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
 may your name be made holy,
 may your dominion come,
 may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today the bread we need;
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we have forgiven our debtors;
 and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.
 For yours is the dominion, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn:** MV 209 Go, Make a Diff'rence

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****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** *(Sung Together)*

VU 225

**We praise you for the sun,
the golden shining sun,
That gives us healing, strength, and joy,
we praise you for the sun.**

Postlude

***Please join us for coffee and conversation
after worship!***

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Church News

Banner Repairs Needed are some willing people to do minor repairs, such as gluing, sewing raw edges etc. Please check with Mary Grant if you are able to assist.

Monday January 8th 50th Anniversary planning group will meet in the Parlour at 7:30 pm.

COMING UP @ FHUC

Games Day January 13th

Quilt Group Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room

Choir Practice Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Manse Improvement FHUC has been successful in having approved a Manse Improvement Grant of around \$4100. This will greatly help our finances.

It is sometimes necessary to cancel services due to serious storms. A decision to cancel is made very early in the day. We put cancellation notices on our main telephone number (455-0988) and send an email to congregation members no later than 8:30 am. We also post cancellations to the radio and to our Facebook page (on the left side of our main web page).

Scripture Readers – are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names could be added to the Chart.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Community Events

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 10:00AM at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Go route 640 South toward Silverwood, turn left off Patience Lane pass Shannex. Follow Patience Lane and Rainsford Lane, turn right onto Morning Gate Drive. It is Wheelchair Accessible. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denomination of faith are encouraged to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 2, 2018. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

DIVORCECARE - Those experiencing the challenges of separation and/or divorce are invited to DivorceCare, a 13 week, video based program that meets at Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Tuesdays, 6:30-9 pm starting on January 16. For more information contact the church office by phone (458-8348) or email (greg@bsbc.nb.ca). Details about DivorceCare can be found at: www.divorcecare.org. There is no charge for this program.

GRIEFSHARE - The experience of grief following the death of a loved one can be isolating. Support and encouragement can be found through the ministry of GriefShare. Brunswick Street Baptist Church is about to start two new 13-week support groups. An evening group will be offered in the Family Room on Thursdays at 7 pm starting on January 11. An afternoon group will be offered in the same location on Fridays at 2:30 pm starting January 12. For more information contact the church office by phone (458-8348) or email (greg@bsbc.nb.ca). Details about GriefShare can be found at: www.griefshare.org. There is no charge for this program.