

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



3rd Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2017 at 10 am

“Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.”

H. Kenn Carmichael from #507 VU
“Today We are Called to be Disciples”

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

Our worship leader is Rev. Ali Anningson,
and our music director is Alex Good,
who leads us with the assistance of the FHUC Choir.

Our greeter this morning is May Houston
our Sunday School teachers are Angela Nelson, Joan Mitchell
and Libby Cassidy
our hospitality host is Norma Reid
and our tellers are Bob Fisher and Lorna McKnight

*Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all people to gather
regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status,
sexual orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome here!*

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Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

**Introit: *(Sung Together)*

#14 MV

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.
(Sung 3 times)

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.
All: **We come to celebrate God's presence,**
One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.
All: **We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,**
One: and the life we are called to live.
All: **We come as a pilgrim people**
One: searching for ways to live out our faith.
All: **We come seeking the strength**
to carry on our journey.
One: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

Gathering Prayer: *(Spoken by All)*

Come to us, gracious God, as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.
Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.
Draw us around your living Word,
and connect us to one another, as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** #563 VU Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Exploring

First Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 *Jesus Begins His Ministry*

Story Time

****Song of Praise:** #113 MV Jesus Saw Them Fishing

After the first verse, students and teachers will leave for Sunday School.

Words from Our Bible: **William Hughes**

Isaiah 9:1-4 *The People Have Seen a Great Light*
Psalm 27 Pages 754-755 (with Refrain)
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 *Divisions in the Church*

One: This is the Word of God to guide us on our journey.
All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Coventry Carol Traditional

Words from Our World: Excerpt from "I Love Donald Trump"
by Moderator Jordan Cantwell

Message: "Light Walkers"

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

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

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

#191 MV

**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

One: We are called to follow Jesus...

All: But where will it lead us?

One: We are called to follow Jesus...

All: But isn't that risky?

One: We are called to follow Jesus...

All: O God, give us courage and strength.

One: Gracious God, give us courage and strength

All: to be your followers in the Way of Jesus Christ.

One: Often the path is not clear;

All: often we stumble and fall;

One: often we can't do as much as we'd like to.

All: But, O God, you are there

One: to strengthen and help us.

All: You are there to show us the Way -

One: often one step at a time.

All: And so in following your Way,

One: we pray for those who need...

All: your grace and compassion this day...

(Names and situations are spoken aloud)

One: May justice come to your world

All: and peace to your peoples.

One: May all who follow in the way of Jesus

All: be given strength and courage this day and always.

Amen.

By Cora Krommenhoek, 2017

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Prayer that Jesus Taught: *(Spoken Together)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

From The New Zealand Prayer Book

****Closing Hymn:** #209 MV Go Make a Diff'ence

****Sharing the Light & Blessing**

****Choral Response:** *(Sung Together)* #161 MV, verse 1

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

Postlude

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

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**Printed sermons and large print bulletins
are available from our greeters
for anyone who might find either useful.**

Church News

OBSERVER RENEWAL and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS: Please let Margaret Macdougall (455-3767) know if you wish to renew or start a new subscription. Cost \$25 (11 issues yearly). Payment may be placed on the Offering Plate in an envelope plainly marked OBSERVER and with your name and envelope clearly shown. New subscriptions also give complete mailing address and Telephone No. Cheques payable to Forest Hill United Church. Payment due by February 12, 2017.

COMING UP @ FHUC

Bible Study: Last Supper Mon, Jan 20 7-8 pm Church Library

Congregational Board Meeting Sunday, January 29 after Church

Bible Study: Woman at the Well Mon, Jan 30 7-8 pm Church Library

FHUC Book Club The Hero's Walk Feb 7 at noon

Quilt Group Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room

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We are looking for individuals to be trained to use our **projector equipment**. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact our resident techie Brian Cassidy at bpc@unb.ca or 472-6768. Equipment operators are needed for Sunday services but also for special events and meetings. The setting up of equipment for any movie night is a good training opportunity. We use most all equipment for that except the keyboard. Those interested are asked to be at the church at 6:30 on movie night. Our next one is Friday, February 17.

Food Bank: Don't forget that our church has a Food Bank Donation Box located at the main entry. You can deposit nonperishable food items there any time and they will be delivered to be used by those in need.

Ushers/Greeters needed for 2017: 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. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Storm Policy Reminder: In the event of a serious storm on a Sunday morning, a decision will be made by 8 AM as to whether a cancellation is necessary. If a service is canceled, a message will be placed on the church answering machine, sent out via email, and passed on to CBC.

Potential Scripture Readers are invited to see the Date Chart and to indicate their availability for any particular Sunday. Please note the manner of indication given at the top of the Chart. New readers are most welcome. A copy of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (which is the version of the "Pulpit Bible") is available to loan for practice, with helpful instructions included. If you have questions, please talk with Patricia Powell (455-8602).

Choir! Starting February 5 we will be trying out having choir practice after service at 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We are actively seeking more members and we hope that this new practice time might make your

participation possible. Please consider joining you choir.

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Community News

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the **World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting** on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:00AM at Forest Hill United Church. The 2017 World Day of Prayer service, titled "Am I Being Unfair to you?" was written by the women of The Philippines. Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 3, 2017. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.

An Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017 in the Fredericton Area is as followed: The service will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 1 William Street, Fredericton at noon time for Soup and Scripture. The Theme for this year is "Reconciliation –The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Everyone of all denomination of faith is invited for fellowship and prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017.

What does your craft room look like? Do you have enough stuff? Do you want MORE!? Well the ladies at St. Paul's United Church on York Street are having a **Nearly New Craft Supply Sale** on Saturday January 28th from 10 to 12 noon. Fill one of our grocery bags for \$5.00. Enjoy coffee & a muffin for \$2.00. All proceeds are going to help our Pantry. Thanks for your support!!!

Grief Share, Beginning Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 7:00 pm, in the Family Room, Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer **Grief Share**, a 13 week video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery, combined with support group discussions for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please call **458-8348** if you would like more information.

DivorceCare support group at Grace Memorial Baptist Church will be

held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM starting January 17. For more information or to register, call the church office 458-8527

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Minute for Mission: Campus Ministry

Our gifts for Mission & Service support university students on campus. Let us hear the story of one of our Mission & Service university chaplaincies.

In the centre of the University of Guelph in Ontario is Raithby House. The childhood home of George Raithby, it served as a manse and then became his home when he was a professor at the university. It is now the home of the university's Ecumenical Campus Ministry and the Multi-faith Resource Team.

The office of the United Church chaplain, Andrew Hyde, is on the top floor. Andrew has been part of the team for a little over a year. He and the other chaplains offer a safe space for students who are struggling with grief, mental health issues, identity issues, and homesickness. Students have often left home for the first time and find it challenging to be away from everyone and everything they have ever known. At the Ecumenical Campus Ministry they can find a place of welcome.

The addition of Andrew Hyde to the chaplaincy team marks a return of the United Church presence at the University of Guelph, a highly visible one that connects with the student population.

We sing thanksgiving for the support of university students on campus!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

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