Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Thanksgiving Sunday
October 8, 2017 at 10 am

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**
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 **Rachel Neville** and **Christine Hughes**
and our tellers are **May Houston** and **Joan Mitchell**.
And our Hospitality Host is **May Houston.**

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

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #217 VU, verse 1

All people who are gathered here,
lift up your voice and draw God near:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Revised words by Ali Smith

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

Thanksgiving – Not just a moment
Not just a day
Not just a season
Thanksgiving – is an action
to be lived always.

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken Together)***

For all that is, we bless you God!
For joy fulfilled, we bless you God!
For sorrow survived, we bless you God!
For grain from the earth,
for rain from the sky,
with words that say thanks,
We bless you God! Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Come, You Thankful People, Come VU355

The Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose:

For just as one body is one and had many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are the body and Christ and individually members of it.

****Hymn:** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry VU644

Presentation of Candidate: **Jula Hughes**

On behalf of the congregation of Forest Hill United Church I Present **Max Allen Robinson**, child of **Bruce Allen** and **Kelsey Joe McCulley**, for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises:

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
We do.
Will you share your faith with **Max Allen Robinson**, growing with him in faith, hope and love?
We will, God being our helper.

Congregational Commitment:

(The congregation stands, as they are able, and provides witness and support to the sacrament of baptism.)
Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the parents and the child about to be baptized, as he grows in Christ?
We do, by the grace of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and, within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Act of Baptism:

Max Allen Robinson, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing:

May the Holy Spirit of God dwell around you and within you. Amen

Marking with the Sign of the Cross:

Max Allen Robinson, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Passing the Light:

Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness to light.

You have been enlightened by Christ.
Walk always as children of the light.

****Hymn:** Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving MV185

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

Readings: **Pat Davidson**

Psalm 65 VU 782
1 Corinthians 12: 12-13, 27
Matthew 28: 18-20
Mark 10: 13-16

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

Special Music: All Good Gifts by Stephen Schwartz

Message: GLIMPSES OF GOD

****Hymn of Reflection:** By the Well, a Thirsty Woman MV 117

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** #171 MV, Refrain

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

Prayer After Giving

Prayers For Our Families

Today we give thanks for the gift of families
We give thanks for those people who,
Whether by birth or by choice,
Support and nurture us through life's journey.
We pray for those people who love us
When we are not easy to love.

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We remember those who have taught us life's lessons,
And shared with us the wonders of faith.
We remember all those people who come into our lives
And help us be the people we are today.
For those people who have laughed with us
And cried with us,
We give thanks.
Amen.

The Prayer that Jesus Taught ***(Spoken Together)***

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen
Lord's Prayer from #914 VU

****Closing Hymn:** The Church Is Wherever God's People VU579

****Sharing the Light & Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together)*** #40 MV Refrain & verse 2

Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy.

God of every hill, every valley,
God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop,
you bring joy to me.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

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

The Interchurch Refugee Committee is looking for people who would be willing to drive members of our refugee family to appointments, for groceries, etc. Both adults speak some English and are working hard to improve their English language skills. We want to compile a list from all three churches do distribute the responsibility around. If you are willing, please contact Margie Roxborough at 455-0576.

The Interchurch Refugee Committee is having a drop-in social to welcome the members of the Shege family from Congo and the Al Rahi family from Syria. Both families arrived in July and are getting settled in to Fredericton. This will be held at St. Paul's United Church from 2-4 pm on October 15th. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

There will be a bible study on the book of Judges at 7 pm Sunday Oct. 1 in the parlour. Everyone is welcome and no previous knowledge or reading is required.

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Bible Study	October 1, in the parlour. The book of Judges.
Movie Night	October 13th, Brooklyn at 7 pm.
October 14 10:30 am	at the Delta Hotel: "BE - emerging and modern ministry: a group of United Church people
October 17, 7:00 p.m.	in the Library (or Choir Room): Spiritual Guidance Committee
Pie Making Day	October 28th in the kitchen
Choir Practice	Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Brooklyn is the next film to be shown at FHUC on Friday October 13th at 7:00. Popcorn and tea will be provided.

Saturday October 14 10:30 a.m. at the Delta Hotel: "BE - emerging and modern ministry: a group of United Church people (from Maritime Conference) who wish to enhance the experience and need for our communities as a faithful people." More information at www.be-maritimes.org

Tuesday October 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Library (or Choir Room): Spiritual Guidance Committee meeting. All members of the former Worship, Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees - and any other interested folk - are welcome. The agenda includes preparation for Advent and Christmas Eve services, etc.

Wanted: someone to help coordinate Apple Pie Making day on October 28th. This would involve contacting the various suppliers and getting supplies for the actual day. If you could help with this please contact Diane Robinson 459-8779 to indicate your willingness and for information on what you could do to make this important fundraiser

happen.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Church of St. John and Paul, New Maryland. Direction: Following the New Maryland road, the Church is on the left hand side going towards Nasonworth. Their hall is in the basement of the church. The entrance is to the right of the church when you're in the parking lot. Lots of room for parking & is wheelchair accessible. Reminder: Women's Inter-Church member's representative membership fee of $10.00 is due from each Church. The Fellowship of the Least Coin donation can be received at this time. Everyone is welcome of all Christian denominations.

The New Brunswick Mat Registry is a group of rug hookers who are trying to preserve the history of Traditional Rug Hooking in NB. There is going to be a Mat Registry at Government House on Saturday November 18. We are currently registering mats and chair pads and wall hangings etc. which were hooked anytime up to 1992. If you have mats that fit this criteria, please contact Mary Grant at 459-8525 or mary.e.grant.rughooking@gmail.com. Please help us retain this important part of the history of New Brunswick. To get more information, check out www.mats-tapisnb.com

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

Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a "Turkey Dinner" on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 4 – 6 p.m. Tickets: Adult $14; Child $3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH *(46 Main St.)* UCW Unit 6 is hosting a bridge luncheon on Thursday, October 19th, at 12 noon here in our auditorium. *To reserve your table for $40, please contact Connie at 472-4744. Call now to reserve your spot!*

Enjoy an evening Dinner Theatre at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 28th. For only $25 you will be treated to the comedy show "The Life of Riley" and a 3-course meal of harvest soup, complete turkey dinner, and cheesecake. Numbers are limited so please reserve early from Rindy & Tom Austin, 450-7151.

Minute for Missions
Dr. Reinerio Arce Celebrates Decades of Solidarity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer long-term support and solidarity around the world. Let us hear a story about decades of solidarity with Cuba.

In May 2016 United Theological College in Montreal, Quebec, presented Dr. Reinerio Arce with an honorary doctorate. Dr. Arce took the opportunity to thank The United Church of Canada for its decades of solidarity. "We will not forget your friendship," he said. "Even as it becomes easier to relate directly with the U.S. churches, we need you to be with us."

He recalled shipments of food in the late 1990s through 2001 organized by the United Church through its membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank during a time of drought in eastern Cuba.

As Cuba renews its relationship with the United States, Cuban church leaders are saying thanks to Canadian churches that have accompanied them through nearly six decades of a U.S. embargo.

Reinerio Arce is a past-president of the Cuban Council of Churches and former rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas—both Mission & Service partners.