Forest Hill United Church
An Affirming Congregation
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



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1st after Christmas
December 31, 2017 at 10 am

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**
Our music director is **Alex Good**,
and the **FHUC Choir**.
Our greeters this morning are **Libby Cassidy** and **Brian Cassidy**,
our hospitality host is **Jennifer Abbott**,
and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight**.

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

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

****Introit *(Sung Together)* He Comes to Us as One Unknown VU412**

He Comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen unheard
As though within a heart of stone
or shrivelled seed in darkness sown
A pulse of being stirred a pulse of being stirred

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

Let the peace of Christ
Rule in your hearts;
Let the word of Christ
Dwell in you richly.

Gathering Prayer: (Spoken Together)

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your word. May this light enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV138

Exploring

Story Time

Song of Praise: Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand VU 529

Words from Our Bible: **William Hughes**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148 page 871 VU
Luke 2:22-40

One: In these sacred words we find strength
All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Try to Remember

Message: Christmas Memories

****Hymn of Reflection:** I the Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** ***MV 166***

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Song of God among us
Thank you for every sign
Showing that you love us

****Prayer After Giving**

God of light, in the birth of your son
we see your glory. May we who share
in this mystery grow daily in your love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

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:** All Beautiful the March of Days 530VU

****Sharing the Light**

May the light of Christ remain in your hearts.

Passing of the Keys

Reverend Deborah Ambridge Fisher

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together)*** **VU 7**
Hope is a star Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong
And none shall be afraid

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Book Club Tues Jan 2nd 12 noon Do Not Say We Have Nothing By Madeleine Thien

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

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).

The FHUC Book Club will meet on Tuesday Jan 2nd at 12 noon in the church parlour. The January book is "Do Not Say We Have Nothing" by Madeleine Thien.

AN INVITATION, you are invited to join Jennifer on 6th. January 2018 at Forest Hill United Church from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. to celebrate her birthday. Best wishes only.

Minute for Missions
Mission & Service through the Years

June 10, 2017, was the 92nd anniversary of The United Church of Canada. In the beginning, some Presbyterian churches along with the Methodist and Congregational churches in Canada came together in Mutual Street Arena in Toronto.

Mission & Service has always been at the core of the denomination. It has had different names, but the function has always been the same: to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God to answer the call to mend the world.

We have come a long way in understanding our place in the world and how to make a difference—from the Woman's Missionary Society and Home and Global Mission Boards to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund that we now call Mission & Service.

With this evolution we have also transformed how we live out our mission in the church, from sending missionaries to being in partnerships to a more holistic view of Mission & Service. We no longer think that God's church has a mission; rather, God's mission has a church.

We sing thanksgiving for your support of Mission & Service ministry and programs with people on the margins in Canada and around the world. Together we have done far more than we can ever do alone.

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!