

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



Thanks Giving - October 13, 2019 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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## Gathering

Worship Leader – Rev. Brian D. MacDonald  
*At the \*\*, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

VU 4

God of all places; present, unseen;  
voice in our silence, song in our midst,  
we are our people, knowing, unsure:  
come, Lord Jesus, come!

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Come, let us worship the Lord, for we are God's people, the flock that he shepherds.  
People: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let's come before God with thanksgiving and praise God with music and song.  
All: For the Lord is good, God's mercy is everlasting, and God's truth endures forever. (*Psalms 95 & 100*)

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God beyond our complete understanding, we acknowledge your true place in our existence. The more deeply we think about our lives, the more we find the statement of Jesus to be true: "Without me, you can do nothing." Without you, we can accomplish nothing of lasting significance for you and your people. Thank you that you are always there for us. We see this in your creation: the "bread and roses" you provide. We see it in the support and solace you offer in the people around us. We see it in the presence of Christ. Thank you for the reality check, and the inexpressible comfort, that all of this gives. Through the everlasting merits of Jesus, Amen.

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 board.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** We Give Our Thanks MV 187

Story Time: Rev. MacDonald

Hymn of Reflection: Listen, God Is Calling MV 97

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Jennifer Abbott

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
2 Kings 5:1-15

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

Special Music

Reflection: Thanksgiving, Side by Side

## Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

**\*\*Offering Verse:** VU 300

God, whose hand is all creation,  
take the gratitude we give;  
take the finest of our harvest,  
crops we grow that all may live.

**\*\*Prayer After Giving:**

Prayers of Our Community:

Faithful God, May we seek the welfare of our communities in our political actions and discussions this election:

promoting the human rights, well-being, and dignity of all people; seeking humility and integrity in our conversations; and engaging each other in debates that challenge injustices while inspiring positive change.

As we faithfully participate in the democratic process, help us to remember your words:

When we seek the welfare of our community we find our own.

Amen.

—A prayer for the 2019 Federal Election

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:** We Plough the Fields VU 520

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*\*Choral Amen:** VU 961

Let us, O God, depart in peace,  
who in your name are gathered here.  
Disclose the brightness of your face  
and be forever near.

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

Forest Hill Important Dates

1. October 19<sup>th</sup> Games Day 2 p.m.
2. October 21, 2 p.m. UCW meets at the home of Doreen Kissick
3. October 26 8:30 a.m. Pie Day (forms will be out next week)
4. November 16 Forest Hill Turkey Dinner