

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



1st Sunday of Christmas Season
December 27, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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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.

Gathering

Prelude: It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
by Eddie Pola and George Wyle, arranged by Tom Roed

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, thou it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are.
Will you hide or decide to meet the light.**

Call to Worship:

As individuals, as families and
as members of this church family,
We gather together in the glow of your light.
With all emotions from joy to sorrow,
full of energy or tired
We gather together in the glow of your light.
Having just celebrated your birth
together in families or by ourselves,
We gather together in the glow of your light.
We meet here continuing the celebration of
the remaining 10 days of this Season of Christmas
We gather together in the glow of your light.
Written by Mary Grant. Christmas 2020

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Oh God of mystery, we come here
celebrating the birth of your Son, Jesus.
We have followed the stories of your birth,
We feel the warmth of the light
which emanates from you.
We come here with open hearts and minds
to praise and learn of you.
We ask you to guide us through the Christmas Season
from your birth through to Epiphany.
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Opening Hymn: Unto Us a Child is Born VU 54

Apostles Creed VU 918

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Story Time: A Way to Remember

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**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 trial 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 forever. Amen.**

New Zealand Book of Prayer

Special Music: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

Prayer of Confession:

Promise of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3
Psalm 148 VU 871 with refrain
Galatians 4: 4-7

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Hymn of Reflection: God of the Bible

MV 28 vs 1 & 4

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

One: In Your mercy

All: Lord, hear our prayer

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: Joy Is Now in Every Place

VU 45

Sharing the Light

The light shone brightly over the stable

but was outshone by the light within.

We have it here with us,

we have it here, ready to spread to each one of us.

Let us take it with us, let it shine from our eyes and in our

hearts and let us share it with everyone we meet.

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen:

MV 212

Sent out in Jesus name, our hands are ready now

to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain

into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey and carry out your will.

Postlude: Joy to the World

VU 59