

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



Advent 1 Hope - December 1, 2019 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

OFFICE HOURS

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Minister Emeritus – Rev. Bob Jones Ph.476-8020
Rev. Jones is available for Emergency Pastoral Care

Minister - Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher

Musical Director – Alex Good

Greeter – Mary Grant

Tellers - William Hughes and Robert Christie

Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych

Tuesday 1:45 – 4:45 p.m. & Thursday 12:45-3:45 p.m.

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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.

For detailed announcements please see the announcement page on the bulletin boards or easel in the sanctuary.

Gathering

Worship Leader – Reverend Sarah Magie
*At the **, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

SIGN

Who lit the star
of Bethlehem
knew well
the human heart
that shrivels
in its winter cage
when the nights are
long and dark. Robert Hawkes, 1982

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: Hope is a Candle verse 1 by Linnea Good

Hope is a candle on our journey
Hope is the travel and the end
All through the frosty fields of winter
This dancing flame of hope we'll tend

Welcome

Call to Worship:

- One: Let all people and all nations turn now to the source of their salvation.
All: Let us join together in praise and seek the blessing of God.
One: Here we seek the light God offers us.
All: Here we prepare to walk in God's path.
One: Christ is the light of the world.
All: Christ's way is the path for our feet.
One: Let us worship God!

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Holy God of Hope,
Give us ears to hear and hearts to trust
the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent.
As we worship together,
we offer ourselves to you
and we open ourselves to your abundant grace. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: Hope Is a Star VU 7

Story Time:

**Song of Praise: A Candle Is Burning VU 6

During hymn, children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

First Lesson: William Hughes
Isaiah 2: 1-5
One: Herein is Wisdom
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:
Matthew 24: 36-44
One: The Gospel of Christ
All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Special Music:

Reflection: Cleaning House for Christ

**Hymn of Reflection: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming VU 8

Responding

Minute for Mission Annemarie Manson

Presentation of Our Gifts

**Offering Verse: Sung to the tune of Good King Wenceslas

These our gifts we offer now, thankful for God's blessings.
May they each be used with care, spreading a hopeful message.
Jesus' birth transformed the world, giving us a new way.
May our gifts work as he did, changing lives today-a-ay.

**Prayer After Giving:

Prayers of Our Community:

Prayer that Jesus Taught us

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: When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen: VU 964

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship

Forest Hill Important Dates

1. Dec. 1 Advent festival Countdown to Christmas starts at 2p.m.
2. December 8 Outreach Sunday: The Envelope Tree will be available. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank.
3. Book Club will meet December 10 at 3366 Aberdeen Street apartment 3B at 12 noon.