

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018 10 am

“Pain that is not transformed is transmitted.”

– Fr. Richard Rohr

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher,

Our music director is Alex Good,

and the FHUC Choir.

Our greeters this morning are Briand Cassidy and Libby Cassidy,

Our Sunday School Teachers are Margie Roxborough, Jula Hughes,

and Brenda Cassidy.

our hospitality host is Diane Robinson,

and our tellers are William Hughes and Robert Christie.

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

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: *(Sung Together)*

MV115

Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

Come to worship the Creator of Life and Love.

**We come to listen for God to speak,
invited into a dialogue of transformation.**

Come to worship the One who calls us,
trusting us to be co-creators of God's kingdom

**We come trusting in God's goodness and mercy,
yearning for wholeness in Jesus the Christ.**

Come as a covenant people called to right relation

**We come forged in self-giving,
tempered by the fire of faith-filled living.**

Come as we pray together:

**Speak to our hearts, O God,
that we might know your will and your Way.**

**Hear our shouts of thanksgiving for faith—
your gift of new life with the risen Christ.**

**Grant us your grace by Spirit power,
that we may follow from the inside out.**

Bless us in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson U.C., Burlington, Ont. The Gathering,
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Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

Holy God, we give you thanks
for all the ways that you illuminate our lives:
from the beam of your wisdom
that shines forth from scripture and prayer
to the occasional mountaintop experiences
where we can bask in your glory.
In the sparkle of care in our loved ones' eyes
to the bright smile of greeting from a stranger,
your love radiates out to us.
Set us aglow for others
with your wisdom, love, and glory. Amen.

Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, Ont. . The *Gathering*, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany2017-18, page 50. Used with permission

****Opening Hymn:** VU 43 Go Tell It On the Mountain

Exploring

Children's Time:

****Song of Praise:** MV 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life

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

Words from Our Bible:

William Hughes

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6 VU 775

Mark 9:2-9

One: This is the Word of God to guide us on our journey

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: In God's Highway

Reflection

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****Hymn of Reflection:** VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

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

MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share

**Prayer After Giving

Prayers of Our Community

Where appropriate respond to Alex's

Oh Lord

with

Hear our prayer.

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

United Church of Christ, 1995.

****Closing Hymn:** MV 150 Spirit God Be Our Breath

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(Sung Together)* MV 225

Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.
repeat

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation
after worship!*

OFFICE HOURS

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Church News

Feb 11, after church at 11:20: come to choir practice and add your voice to the "Special Music" preparation for our 50th Anniversary service February 18.

Fellowship Pancake Supper Tuesday February 13th, starting at 5:30pm. Free will offering. Everyone welcome. Contact Karen Flinn (474-1534) to volunteer to help or ask any questions.

If you have any photos of Sunday School in the last 8 years, please contact Margie Roxborough (Margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net or 455-

0576). We are creating a display about Sunday School for the February 18th service.

COMING UP @ FHUC

Feb 11	add your voice to the "Special Music" for the 50 th Anniversary on Feb 18 th
Pancake Supper	Tuesday Feb 13 th . 5:30 pm
Ash Wednesday	February 14 th Service at 7pm in the Parlour
Games Day	February 24 th after 2 pm
Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sundays 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Reverend Deborah will be out of the office on Tuesday February 13th as she will be in meetings all day.

Ash Wednesday service will be in the parlour at 7 pm on February 14th.

50th Anniversary Service: There will be no announcements from the congregation (other than greetings from former minister, etc.) so please have any announcements ready to be printed on the bulletin by Tuesday February 13th.

Please consider making a special donation to FHUC for our 50th Anniversary. There are designated Anniversary envelopes in your package of offering envelopes. If you are on PAR, you'll find it with the extra envelopes you were given in the New Year. Or you can just make a special contribution in a plain envelope and designate it for our Anniversary. Thank you from the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Anniversary Sunday, February 18: We want to encourage folks to stay after the service and enjoy the fellowship, a light lunch and marvel at the displays. Food always helps! May Houston is coordinating arrangements for sandwiches. Please consider helping out by signing the list she has made available.

Reverend Deborah needs conversational chairs or wingback chairs for her office at a reasonable cost. Please let Reverend Deborah know if you have anything available.

We would like to include the Nursery in our plans for our 50th Anniversary service on Sunday February 18th. If you know of anyone who would be willing to stay with little ones in the Nursery during the service, please talk to Libby. We will set up the baby monitor so that you can hear the service.

World Day of Prayer Bible Study is being held by The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 10:00AM at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Take Hanwell Road, Go route 640 South toward Silverwood, turn left off Patience Lane pass Shannex. Turn left onto Rainsford Lane, turn right onto Morning Gate Drive. It is Wheelchair Accessible. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denomination of faith are encouraged to come to the Bible Study. Thank you for your support of the World Day of Prayer.

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 our Facebook page (on the left side of our main web page).

OBSERVER RENEWALS and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS If you wish to renew your subscription or start a new subscription please let Margaret Macdougall (455-3767) know. Cost is \$25. Payment due by February 11, 2018. Payment may be cash or cheque payable to Forest Hill United Church. It may be placed on the Offering Plate in an envelope marked OBSERVER and with your envelope number, or given to Margaret.

Games Day - Join us on Saturday, February 24th any time after 2 pm, to play board and/or card games. Bring your favourite game(s) or come and play someone else's. Stay as long as you like. We may order pizza around supper time if there is interest. For more information contact Karen Flinn (474-1534).

Holy Week Meeting on March 19th at 6:00pm. We need people to be here to volunteer to help with the preparations for Holy Week.

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

Minute for Missions Like a Family

Our gifts for Mission & Service create safe spaces where people can come together as family. Bissell Centre in Edmonton is one of these places. The stories in today's Minute for Mission were first shared on its blog.

Bissell Centre offers people living on the margins food, shelter, and a feeling of belonging. Most people who visit the centre can immediately tell that the people there have a special bond with one another. Diane, a long-time volunteer, describes the connection she feels. "When I don't come, I miss the people in the Drop-in Centre. They're always stopping us and talking to us," she says. "It's like a family."

The phrase "like a family" is often used by staff, volunteers, and especially the participants themselves. Here are some of the ways Bissell Centre has shaped people's sense of family.

Kayla shared that "Bissell Centre has given us a sense of belonging, tradition, and foundation to start from. The staff has encouraged us to grow and always gives us something to look forward to."

Judy says, "I don't know what I would have done without all of the staff at Bissell Centre. Look! Now I am sitting in my own home. I consider all of the staff to be my family."

The community at Bissell Centre has grown and changed for over 100 years, thanks in part to the support you have provided through Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our