

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



3rd Advent Sunday December 13, 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: My Little Drum by Vince Guaraldi

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The son of God is coming. We look to the stars and wonder at the vastness of God's creation. A vastness that will soon come to us in the tiny body of a babe born to Mary. Like the joy the wise ones felt when they knew the path to follow, we share the joy of anticipation as we wait for Jesus to come among us.

The candle of Joy is lit.

Written by Reverend Deborah Ambridge-Fisher, Christmas 2020

Introit:

VU 9 verse 4

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way..**

Call to Worship:

The son of God is coming!

Let us look to the stars in awe of God's creation.

The child will soon be born.

We must prepare the way for the Lord.

Mary and Joseph call on us to welcome them as family.

Welcome, Holy Family! Share the awe in our hearts

God calls on us to open hearts to the joy of something new.

We open our hearts to joy and bid the child come.

Written by Reverend Deborah Ambridge-Fisher, Christmas 2020

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 VU 850
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Reflection:

Special Music: Good King Wenceslas Traditional

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Written by Mary Grant, Christmas 2020

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: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU 48

Sharing the Light

**Stars fill the velvet sky
Such brilliance touches every heart.
These candles of Hope and Peace and Joy
Bring feelings too large to hold inside.
Hope, Peace and Joy, all are transferred
To us as we leave this place, committed to share them
with everyone we meet and in everything we do**

Written by Mary Grant, Christmas 2020

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: MV 205

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen.**

Postlude: There is a Star in the East VU 70

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