

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



Advent 4  
December 19, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

Prelude: Do You Hear What I Hear? by N. Regney & G. Shayne

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Light and Advent 4 Candle

One: There once was an amazing person who did such wonderful things, that those who followed him asked "Who are you?" and he said, "I am light!"

**All: With this good news we light the candle of Love on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This candle represents the flow of Love from one to another, until the globe is encircled with the warmth of Jesus' Love.**

Introit: VU 7, vs. 4

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart,  
Jesus has come and will never depart.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song,  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
And none shall be afraid.**

Call to Worship:

Come and join us as we tell the story of a deep mystery.

**A faith story that began long ago.**

A story that continues today.

**A story of an unfolding mystery.**

**A story that belongs to all of us.**

Come, let us begin the story that leads us into wonder....

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Divine Mystery you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we may love the widow and orphan, that we may work for justice, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Feasting on the Word: Advent Companion pg 74

Opening Hymn: A Candle is Burning VU 6

Intergenerational Time

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: Jesus Came Bringing Us Love MV 33

*Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.*

Prayer of Confession:

**All: O God, you have done so much for us in the past.  
We have raised our voices in words and in hymns.  
We certainly are not beyond your redemption, God,  
but we do fall far short of what you would have us be. For  
this we pray in silence for your understanding and mercy.**

Words of Assurance:

God has blessed us.

Our prayers are always heard,  
even before they are half formed.

Lovingly, God stays with us.

We are assured of God's forgiveness in the gifts we  
experience of hope, peace and joy.

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Luke 1:39-45

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

Reflection:

Special Music: Mary's Little Boy Child by J. Hairston

## Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: What Can I Do? MV 191

Prayers of Our Community:

**All: Caring God, we ask that you bring hope, peace and joy to those who call on you**

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85  
**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.**

Commissioned to Share the Light

Closing Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful VU 60

Benediction & Choral Ending: MV 215

**Love be with you, Love forever,  
Love be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you.  
Love, Love, Love.**

Postlude: (please remain seated)  
I Saw Three Ships – traditional

## Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

## Declaration of a Safe Space

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.

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