

**\*\*Offering Verse:** VU 603

We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need..  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.

**\*\*Prayer After Giving:**

Prayers of Our Community:

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:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You VU 232

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*\*Choral Amen:**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen (Don Besig)

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

Forest Hill Important Dates

1.

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



The Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to Worship!

OFFICE HOURS

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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

*At the \*\*, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

VU 477

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: We gather to hear about the story of our faith.  
All: About the Creator's mighty acts, about the brave  
deeds of prophets and heroes, about the noble work of  
persons who live out a commitment to follow the life  
and teachings of Jesus the Christ.  
One: We seek to immerse ourselves in the story of our  
faith,  
All: By striving to find our role within it, by interpreting it  
anew as it touches our spirits and circumstances, by  
allowing it to change us.  
One: We hope to be ongoing participants in the story of our  
faith.  
All: As translators of love in action, as creators of justice  
and peace, as characters who confront life with a true  
sense of devotion.  
Together: In worshipping the Ground and Source of our  
Being, in listening to one another, we celebrate the  
story of our faith.

(adapted from "Resources for Worship and Devotions" by Glen E.  
Rainsley)

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Our loving and caring God, we need this time together  
to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith;  
we need this time of worship to be comforted and  
strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors  
of wars. We read of persecution and oppression.  
Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world  
of peace and justice and love. May this time together  
imprint this vision and promise on our hearts,  
that we may live into this beloved community. Amen.  
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\*\*Opening Hymn: Sprit Open My Heart MV 79

Story Time: NBU Forestry Students

Prayer that Jesus Taught

\*\*Song of Praise: Are You a Shepherd? MV126

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

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Bob Fisher

Isaiah 42: 1:9  
Psalm 29 VU 756  
Matthew 3: 13-17

One: In this is the Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

Reflection: Be Thou a Blessing

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Sister Let Us Walk Together MV 179

## Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts