

140TH ANNIVERSARY

of

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada



~ Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871 ~

10:30 a.m., 4th December 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

- ORGAN PRELUDE** Advent Chorale Preludes J. S. Bach
John Walter, Organist
- *PROCESSIONAL** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending, vs. 1&2 VU 25
- *A MEDITATIVE PRAYER** *back cover of bulletin insert 'God Gathers the Lambs'*
- *PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord's Prayer VU 921
- *THE PEACE** *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR SESSION FUND – *Dr. Ruth MacKenzie; Dorothy Kern, Archives Comm.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Alison McDonald*

OFFERING

Offertory Words

Offertory

Ye Banks and Braes

Robert Burns

Kevin Robarts, flute ; Leah Collins Lipsett, piano

* Offertory Response

Hope Is a Star, v. 2

VU 7

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTER

* Lighting of the Advent Candle Two, Peace

*Last Sunday we lit the first Advent candle, the candle of hope.
We light it again remembering the hope,
which will always be brought to birth
in, through, and among, all creation.
First candle is lit*

*The second Advent candle is the candle of peace.
In the stillness of our worship here we light it,
watching it burn and glow.
Second candle is lit*

*And we affirm that we are a people of God
willing to walk and live in partnership
with all who seek to be people of peace.*

The candle is lit; White Gift bags are distributed during the singing of the Carol.

*ADVENT CAROL

A Candle Is Burning, v. 2

VU 6

Children leave for Church School in the lower hall; Nursery is located off the Tobin St. lobby

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Elliott Prouty

REFLECTIVE HYMN Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

Mark 12:28-34 (*The Great Commandment*)
Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 (*The Old Life and the New*)

SOLO How Beautiful Are the Feet (from Messiah) G.F. Handel
Shannon Lawson, soprano John Walter, organ

CONTEMPORARY WORD “Who Are You?” – Rev. Vincent Ihasz

*HYMN Hark the Glad Sound VU 29

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S. FONG VOLUNTEER AWARD

Peter Coulthard, Nominating Committee

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed VU 918

*ADVENT HYMN Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending, vs. 3&4 VU 25

*BLESSING WORDS

*CHORAL RESPONSE Go Now In Peace Don Besig

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 soaring like a dove. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A--men, a--men, a--men.

ORGAN POSTLUDE Carillon Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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Welcome to Fort Massey by-the-sea on this 2nd Sunday of Advent – Peace. A special welcome to *the Rev'd Vincent & Mrs. Anne Ihasz*, from Bethany United Church, Halifax, who are here to help us celebrate 140 years of ministry on the corner of Queen & Tobin. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Join us in the lower hall after worship for **our anniversary luncheon** hosted by members of the *Kirk Session*.

Fort Massey Church
~ where life and faith meet ~

Congratulations to Dr. Tim Dean, recipient of the 2011 William S. Fong Volunteer of the Year Award.

Newsletter deadline is tomorrow. E-mail Holly at the following:
<dundeed@seasidehighspeed.com>

2011 Canadian Church Calendars are for sale after the Service. \$5.

Book Launch. Dr. Ruth MacKenzie has completed a small book, *History of Fort Massey, 1971-2011*, to complement the late Rev'd. Dr. D. M. Sinclair's *History of Fort Massey, 1871-1971*. On sale TODAY, Dec 4, for \$10, with all proceeds going to the Session Fund.

Brunswick St. Mission Pewter Tree Ornaments. \$15. See the minister after the Service to order.

Mission to Seafarers Christmas bags are due Dec 15th. Our goal is 50 bags! Fill them with socks, gloves, scarves, toiletry items, etc.

White Gift Food Bags can be returned on Dec 11th; and will go to the Brunswick Street Mission Food Bank. Thank you.

M&S Christmas Stockings are due Dec 18th.

Camp Kidston Gift Certificates are a great Christmas gift available in any denomination and can be used to purchase Kidston clothing, etc. or to send your child or grandchild to camp next summer. If you are interested please contact Angela 835-2453, ange@ns.sympatico.ca

Oxfam. Want to make a difference this Christmas? Consider Oxfam Unwrapped! It is an on-line alternative giving program that offers a selection of life-changing gifts. Visit <http://www.oxfamunwrapped.ca/>

Fair Trade “Breaking the Silence”, Just Us! Coffee & Fair Trade Zatoun Olive Oil, Olive Oil Soap, and Za’atar spices – from and in support of farmers in Palestine and peace with justice in the Holy Land. To purchase the coffee wholesale and in bulk, contact Just Us! 1-888-NOT-THEM (668-8436); and/or to purchase the Zatoun olive oil and other Palestinian products, contact Linda Scherzinger at 425-0339.

In the Community...

St. Andrew's UCW Bake Sale, Crafts, Jewellery, New-to-you, TODAY, Dec 4, 12 -1:30 pm, in the Church Hall, Coburg Rd. Free admission includes Coffee/Tea/Muffins.

Seton Cantata Choir presents its annual Christmas concert, *Seton's Greetings*, Dec 4 at 3 pm at Bethany United Church, 7171 Clinton Street, Halifax. Tickets: \$15 429-1680 and at the door. The choir, under the direction of Wayne Rogers with accompanist Dean Bradshaw, will perform a blend of sacred text and modern music.

The Halifax Camerata Singers, featuring Camerata Xara Young Women's Choir, present *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, TODAY at 4 pm at First Baptist Church, Halifax. Dylan Thomas's celebrated prose is a nostalgic telling of the story of a Welsh Christmas from the view of a child. This popular work will be read by John Hancock, a familiar voice from CBC. The audience will be invited to join the choirs for a singalong of familiar carols, accompanied by organist Shawn Whynot. Tickets – \$20, \$10 student – are available by PayPal at www.halifaxcamerata.org, and at the door.

The Annual RCCO Carol Service at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on Tower Rd. will be held on Monday, Dec 5th, 7 (organ preludes) for 7:30 pm. Free will Offering.

Auction for Asylum, Thu, Dec 8, 8-11 pm, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Join us for a holiday silent auction to benefit the Halifax Refugee Clinic as it continues to provide free legal and settlement services for refugee claimants. Features a live performance by La Movida (Halifax's one and only latin pop rock cover band), appetizers from local restaurants, innovative Caribbean cuisine served hot by Chef Steve Thom, and a cash bar. Admission \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the [\(902\) 422-6736](tel:9024226736) or at the door.

At the Kirk...

Mon	11-1	Church Hall/Cornwallis Park	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Mon	7 for 7:30 pm	All Saints' Cathedral	RCCO Carol Service
Tue	10 am <u>Dec 13</u>	Sharon Ross'	Next Women's Coffee Group
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7-8:15 pm	Lower Hall	Yoga with Jenny MacDougall
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
	(1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays of the month) in partnership with		Public Health
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Thu	10:30 am	Minister's Study	Spirit Connectors
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor hockey
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Fri	9:30 am	Cousin's Restaurant	Men's Breakfast
Fri	10-11:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Fri	7-8 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society
Sunday, Dec 11, Advent 3, White Gift Sunday			
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship with the Church School
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation
Sun	2-3 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	3-4 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society

Coming up @ the fort...

Dec 18, Carol Service, 10:30 am; Dec 24, Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 pm; Dec 25, Christmas Day Service, 10:30 - 11am; Jan 1, New Year's Communion at-the-rail, 10:30 am; Jan 8, Epiphany Service, 10:30 am

Leadership in the Community of Faith

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister
Robert Bossler, Student Minister
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
Irene Parks, UCW President
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Music Director
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
Elaine Janson, Nursery
Kevork Peltekian, Board Chair
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
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