

# FORT MASSEY CHURCH

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada



~ Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871 ~

10:30 a.m., 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012

## New Year's Day

## THE GATHERING

*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*

### PRELUDE

### \*OPENING SENTENCES

\*OPENING CAROL                      When Heaven's Bright with Mystery                      VU 93

### \*LITANY FOR THE PAST YEAR

*Let us remember and celebrate the past year.*

*First candle is lit*

*We light this candle remembering the children  
who were baptized this past year into our congregation.  
**This light beams so that all young people may be able  
to grow up receiving affection and protection.***

*Silence and second candle is lit*

*We light this second candle remembering all those  
who have experienced grief and loss in our congregation:  
the death of a loved one, the ending of a significant relationship,  
the loss of employment.  
**This light beams for their continuing comfort and support.***

*Silence and third candle is lit*

*We light this third candle remembering all those who  
have shared in ministry in this place:  
Ministers, lay preachers, organists and singers,  
those who offered pastoral care or reminded us of our wider community,  
those who visited hospitals, nursing homes,  
cooked meals or offered transport.  
**This light beams with the compassion of the Christ One in our midst.***

*Silence and fourth candle is lit*

*We light this fourth candle remembering all those who  
have visited our congregation in recent times  
and decided to call this place, 'home'.  
**This light beams in order that we continue  
to explore and enjoy everything we have received, as a gift.***

*Silence and fifth candle is lit*

*We light this fifth candle mindful of those who  
have called us to risk the way of Jesus:  
to create inclusive and safe, open, and honest communities for all.*

***This light beams as a symbol of hope  
in the midst of both challenge and comfort.***

Silence and sixth candle is lit  
We light this sixth candle having each and everyone of us in mind,  
bearing each other in strengths and weaknesses,  
anxieties and hopes.

**This light beams on the pathways we have welcomed  
and where we didn't want to go.**

**It will continue to shine for each and every one of us  
on the new pathways we will tread.**

Silence

**\*THE PEACE**

Let us then, take a moment to celebrate each other.  
The peace of God is here... to stay. **Thanks be to God.**

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**OFFERTORY CAROL** As with Gladness Men of Old VU 81

\* Please stand as the Offering is brought forward on the last verse.

**A READING FROM OUR CHRISTIAN TRADITION:** Mark 2:21-27 (*The Bible*)

**CONTEMPORARY WORD** "A Field Trip in 2012"

**PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord's Prayer VU 921

\***COMMUNION HYMN** As We Gather at Your Table VU 457

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** INSERT

\***CLOSING HYMN** We Are Pilgrims VU 595

\***BLESSING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE**

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Thanksgiving**

*May it be well with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Life is a gift and we its celebration.*

**May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.**

*We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world.*

*For that mystery we name God...*

*For the sake we name Jesus...*

*For the renewing strength and freedom of the Spirit...*  
(Silence)

*God of winter, the unpopular, slandered season,  
God of freezing rain and snow, of wind and storm,  
God of brisk winter mornings, frost laden yards  
and stark hillsides;  
of warm socks, coats and gloves,  
boots, scarves and warm fires,  
we open ourselves to all the possibilities life offers us.*

*So we join our celebration to all people, saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy, re-creating God,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.*

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Bread and Cup**

*We remember the time when Jesus faced difficult decisions and destructive forces:*

- *in the days and nights of his searching,*
- *in finding ways to free others from images and ideas  
that kept them captive and dependent and fearful of God,*
- *in breaking down social and religious barriers,*
- *in facing failure,*
- *in facing death.*

*When we too experience the winter of our lives  
may we find the courage to let go  
and trust in your guiding, warming light.*  
(Silence)

*And as we eat together at this table  
we remember the importance and the words and the actions  
of all meals in the tradition of Jesus...*

*He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends.*  
(Bread is received by minister and elders)

*He poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it also to his friends.*  
(Cup is received by minister and elders)

**Response**

*Everyone is welcome to be here.*

**In this way, we lift up a world of inclusion,  
where all people live with respect and dignity.**

*Everyone present will receive a share.*

*In this way, we lift up a world of generosity,  
where, as in the examples of Jesus,  
abundance overcomes scarcity so all are fed.  
Everyone is invited now to take a portion,  
and to see others also receive.*

*In this way, we lift up a world of sufficiency,  
where entrenched systems of privilege are challenged,  
wealth is shared equally, and all are satisfied with enough.*

### Communion

*So in the meal tradition of Jesus  
we break and share bread and drink from the cup,  
pledging ourselves to allow the spirit that moved in Jesus  
to move freely in our lives.*

*(People come forward to receive the bread and cup – two stations;  
Elders will bring to those who remain seated)*

### After Communion

*God of amazing grace, in the cold of the winter months  
we are grateful for your presentness, warming us.*

*We pray this presence will strengthen us  
to follow in the way of Jesus, in this city.*

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**Welcome & Happy New Year! 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.

*~ where life and faith meet ~*

**Job:** The "Out of The Cold" emergency winter shelter currently has an opening for the following position: Overnight Staff - Contract position. This position's hours are 11pm to 6:30am, either 3 or 4 days per week (changes from week to week). Interested persons should apply, with resume, by responding to OoTC Hiring <otcshiring@gmail.com>. Applications will be accepted until Friday January 6th. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted on Jan 6th and scheduled for an interview during the week of Jan.7th - 12th. The position begins Monday, January 15th and ends Monday, April 30th 2012.

**Summer Employment:** Thinking about summer? Want to spend July & August in a leadership role at a UCC accredited camp? Do you know someone who might be interested? Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp is accepting applications for summer staff positions. Further information and the application form are online [http://www.campkidston.com/jobs\\_volunteers.htm](http://www.campkidston.com/jobs_volunteers.htm). Applications are due by January 16, 2012

### *At the Kirk...*

Mon	11-1	Church Hall/Cornwallis Park	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Tue	10 am, <u>TBA</u>	TBA	Next Women's Coffee Group
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7 pm	Lower Hall	Yoga with Jenny MacDougall
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Music Room</b>	<b>Board of Management</b>
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
		(1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	The Berkeley	Spirit Connectors
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor Hockey
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Cousin's Restaurant</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast</b>
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
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship (Epiphany I)
Sun	10:30 am	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	2-3 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	3-4 pm	Gym	Dal Student Taekwondo Society

### *Leadership in our Community*

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 Roberts, Flutist  
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist  
Elaine Janson, Nursery  
Kevork Peltekian, Board Chair  
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer  
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