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Vision Statement

**A vibrant, inclusive community of faith
striving to live Jesus' message
of love and hope and promise of new life.**

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(▲ indicates standing if you are able)

Gathering Music

The Life and Work of the Faith Community

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sung Meditation **Come and Find the Quiet Centre #374**

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead;

Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:

Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see

all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

▲ Call to Worship

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

▲ Opening Hymn **Sing Praise to God #221**

Opening Prayer (together):

Gracious God, we come to this place to be opened to the wonder and mystery that surrounds you. We come to catch a glimpse of your mystery as we search for new meaning. We come to unburden ourselves in your presence. We come to be filled anew with your grace. Enable us to hear your voice and answer your call. Amen.

(Adapted from Catherine Tovell, Dundas Street UC London, ON *Gathering A/C/E 11/12*)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 21-31

A Time for All Ages

▲ Hymn

We Are Marching #646

Scripture

Mark 1: 29-39

Reflection

Have You Not Heard?

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music

One Song (Pepper Choplin)

RESPONDING TO GOD IN LOVE

▲ A New Creed

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▲ Hymn

Arise your Light Is Come #79

Minute for Mission

The Offering and ▲ Offering Song:

**Grant us God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

▲ Prayer of Dedication

On Eagle's Wings #808 chorus only

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GOING OUT IN CHRIST'S SPIRIT

▲ Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You #232

▲ Commissioning and Benediction

▲ Song of Dismissal **Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence**

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Postlude

The sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Aid Loop System.**

You may need to **set your hearing aid to T** to take advantage.

There are **Children's Activity Bags** under the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary to keep little ones occupied during the service.

**Today's bulletin is dedicated in honour of our daughter
Heidi Brownell on her birthday February 6th.**

We are so proud of you, love mom and dad Pat & Roy Nordin.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please **sign the book** in the foyer, visit our **Welcome Table**, and join us for refreshments in the Social Room after service.

Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 - noon. (454-0508)

Catherine can be reached at reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com or at home for Pastoral Care emergencies 444-9052

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Ken & Bernice Peach, Nancy Russell, Gwendolyn Daine, Gerald Harpell, Rev Jim Martell, Chris Amirault, Myra Freeborne, Shirley Daisley, Bruce Nickerson, John & Zita Murphy, Ron Herold, Marjorie Grant, Carla Gauvin, Beth Ralston, Sue Boomer

Congratulations to Irene MacDonald who celebrated her 96th birthday with family and friends this week.

The Life and Work of our Faith Community – February 5, 2012

The Committee of Stewards is conducting their February Fuel Fundraiser. Please pick up your envelope from the Information Table.

Just Us coffee and chocolate ~ all you lovebirds don't forget that Valentine's Day is just around the corner.....Fair trade chocolate makes the perfect gift for those concerned about the wellbeing of all people across the globe. Contact Brenda Woolner 490.4268. Bmwinhalifax@gmail.com

Committee Chairs: Annual Reports are now due. The report must be collated and sent to the printer this week to be printed in time for distribution Sunday Feb 19. Annual Meeting is February 26.

UCW Leadership Team has been **rescheduled to Wed. Feb 8 at 7 pm.**

UCW Annie Story Unit #5 will meet at **Betty Fraser's** on Monday **February 13 at 11:30 am.**

UCW Unit #4 will hold their meeting at **Sheila Cossar's** on Wednesday **February 15 at 11:30am.**

Rev Catherine will be on Study Leave from February 16 to 22. Pastoral Care emergencies can be directed to Rev Trent Cleveland-Thompson at Fort Massey United 423-4294 or fmminister@eastlink.ca

The **Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for **February 18 at 8:30am** at the Steak & Stein on Young Street in Halifax. All men are welcome.

The **February Card & Games Social** will be held **Saturday February 18th** from **12:30 – 3 pm** in the **Social Room.**

Maritime Conference – May 31 to June 3: Anyone interested in participating in **Youth Forum** or **Intermediates at Conference** please speak to Catherine.

Camp Kidston 2012: information on Camp Kidston registration, job postings and fundraisers is available on the United Memorial Bulletin Board in the Social Room or at www.campkidston.com

News from the Worship Committee

Learning - We continue to study Eager for Worship, a United Church resource on worship and music.

Chair - Wilfred Dillman resigned as Chair of Worship effective Dec 31, 2011. He served in this capacity for several years and we thank him for his valuable contribution and for continuing to get greeters. Gail Logie has assumed the position for one year. Thank you Gail!

Responsibilities - We reviewed roles and responsibilities for the worship committee; these will be publicized soon in order to invite others to join. Please direct any feedback on worship to Gail Logie.

Choir Gowns – We purchased 'gently used' choir gowns from a UCC church in NB which closed.

Pulpit Supply - Needed for Feb 19th as Rev Catherine is away for one of her three weeks of Study Leave.

Youth Group - On March 18th our new Youth Group is leading worship with guidance from Rev. Catherine.