



**Trinity – Clifton Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**



December 10, 2017 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome

We are glad that you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshipper or member.

All are welcome in this place.

*Please rise as you are able.

The Gathering

Prelude Sleepers Awake J.S. Bach

Heavenly Star

Trinity-Clifton Kids Choir
Ellen Davis, Director

Words of Welcome Rev. Greg Davis

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit** People, Look East VU #9, vss 1 & 5

***Call to Worship**

Come, people of God,
holy creations, wholly God's,
with our holey and ragged lives.

We come, seeking God's grace

to make us whole.

Come on this second Sunday of Advent.

**We come trusting like the Magi,
listening like the shepherds,
and believing like Mary and Joseph.**

Come to listen, believe,
and imagine what is possible.

We come, we come.

***Hymn** There's a Voice in the Wilderness VU #18

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Emily Bryant

Hymn Hope Is a Star VU #7, vss 1 &
2

Pre-K, Kindergarteners and Grade 1 leave for Sunday School.

Opening Prayer

Solo Climbin' Up the Mountain
Trad. African American Spiritual, Arr. Patsy Ford Simms

Siobhan Armstrong

The Word

Isaiah 40: 1-11 Bruce Fitchett

Psalms 85 VU, page 802

Mark 1:1-8 Rev. Cathie Crooks

Anthem Lo, How A Rose Praetorius

Communion Meditation Rev. Cathie Crooks

Service of the Table

***Hymn** Come Touch Our Hearts MV #12

Invitation to the Table

Grape juice and gluten-free bread will be served at each station.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Congregational Response VU #1, vs 6

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

**God of Christmas promise,
God of childlike hope,
we thank you for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
In this meal, we have been replenished
and strengthened, the light of your love
rekindled within us.
Lead us to live lives marked by truth,
and empower us to boldly carry your light
into the world, we pray. Amen.**

Response to Word and Table

Offering Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering**

Tune: VU #541

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

***Offering Prayer**

Sending Forth

***Hymn** Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU # 481

***Commission and Benediction**

Postlude He Came in Blessing J.S. Bach

Ushers:

Head Usher: Marven MacDonald

North Side: Phil Floyd, Natalie Smith, Roddie MacLean

South Side: Luke Doiron, David White, Willard MacKinnon

Balcony: Kevin Jenkins, John Kamphuis

Ministers: All of Us

Clergy Team: Rev. Cathie Crooks & Rev. Greg Davis

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Office Administrator: Ellen Locke Doiron

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Charles Baglole

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Announcements

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Blanche Jenkins on the death of her sister, Alberta MacEachern.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Eleanor Ross on the death of her husband Clarence.

Happy Birthday to David Younker on Dec. 15.

Advent Gathering at Trinity: December 12, noon-1 pm

Reflecting on this time of year, the author of *The Complete Guide to Godly Play* writes:

This time of year, you will see people hurrying in the malls buying things and doing this and that, but they will miss the Mystery.

On Tues., Dec. 12, noon – 1 pm, you are invited to return to continue the Advent journey toward Christmas through music and poetry and ritual. Hot beverages will await you and the warmth of good company, too! If you are planning to participate, please call Ellen at the Church Office (902.892.4114) or email her at trinityunited@eastlink.ca by noon tomorrow.

Help Needed: During the month of December, we will be hosting two of our annual events: a turkey dinner for the students and staff at Prince Street School and a turkey dinner in our gym to support the Salvation Army. If you can contribute towards the expenses of these dinners, please contact Ellen in our office.

2018 Church Envelopes are now ready and are outside our church office. If you don't have contribution envelopes but would like some, please see Ellen in our office.

Confirmation: Any person (grade 9 and up) wishing to be confirmed in the United Church is required to participate in a Confirmation Educational Program. If there is sufficient interest, a program will begin in the New Year. If interested, please contact Greg Davis at gcdavis@eastlink.ca or call 902-892-4114 no later than Dec 15.

Readings for Sunday, Dec. 17: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Upcoming Trinity Events

Ashley MacIsaac in concert at Trinity on Fri., Dec. 15, 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available after church at the Richmond St. entrance.

Worship Committee will meet on Wed., Dec. 13, 4:30 pm

Property Committee will meet on Wed., Dec. 13, 6:30 pm

Other Church and Community Events

Stratford Community Choir, conducted by Kay Linkletter, will be presenting Holiday Favourites, a concert of Christmas music on Sun., Dec. 10, 2:30pm at Park Royal United Church. Special guests will be the Stratford Elementary School Glee Club under the direction of Ellen Davis. Admission is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults or \$25 for a family.

Sing Noel: On Sun., Dec. 17, at 3 pm. at Trinity, Charlottetown, the Confederation Centre Choral Music Programme presents Sing Noel, directed by Donald Fraser. Join the Confederation Centre Youth Chorus, accompanist Sara White, and special guest soloist Joey Kitson and in this 40th Annual Carol Concert, with audience participation. Admission \$20. Tickets available at Centre's Ticketworks, or at the door.

Fundscrip – Gift cards for gas, groceries, movies, books, clothes and more can be purchased with cash or cheque before and after our service each Sunday or in our church office during the week. Use them yourself or give as gifts – a great way to help our church as we receive a percentage from the sale. Promotions for month of Nov. are as follows: Esso 3% (regular 2%), Winners 8% (regular 6%), Canadian Tire 5% (regular 4%), Old Navy/Gap 10% (regular 5%), Way Spa 13% (regular 10%)

Available Cards:

Gas - all stations **Groceries** - all stores **Office** - Staples
Health - Lawtons, Shoppers **Entertainment** - Indigo, Cineplex
Apparel - Payless Shoes, Claires, Aldo, Marks Work Wearhouse, Old Navy, GAP, Le Chateau **Children** - Toys R Us, Children's Place
Department Stores - Hudson Bay, Winners, Walmart
Electronics - Best Buy, The Source
Home and Garden - Home Furniture, Stokes, Home Sense, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Home Depot
Restaurants - Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas
Other - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Fairmont Hotels, Giant Tiger

