



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



December 24, 2017 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve

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 Organ, Trumpets and Flute

***Call to Worship** Rev. Cathie Crooks

Come away, come away,
come this night to Bethlehem.

**Come adore on bended knee,
one whose birth the angels sing.**

Come away, come away,
come to a place of quietness and peace.

**Come with wonder, come with awe;
take your place among sheep and cattle.**

Sing with joy, praise God,
for the time of promise has come.

**Sing the good news of Emmanuel:
God-with-us!**

Come away, come away,
come this night to Bethlehem.

***Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

VU #60, vss 1-4

Unison Prayer

**As once you came in the hush of darkness, O God,
so still our hearts now by the wonder of this night.
Make us wise with the wisdom of a little one,
that truth might be born afresh in us.**

**Let not our hearts be busy inns with no room,
but doors opened wide to welcome a Holy Guest,
who is Jesus, the Christ, alive with you
and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Words of Welcome

Rev. Greg Davis

***Carol**

Angels, We Have Heard On High

VU #38

The Word

Luke 2: 1-14

Linda Dunning

Anthem Lo, How A Rose `Er Blooming Praetorius

Reflection Darkness: The Cradle of Revolution

***Carol** O Little Town of Bethlehem VU #64

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Carol Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU #48

Carol What Child Is This VU #74

***Presentation of Offering** In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55, vs 4

***Offering Prayer**

Christmas Prayer

Sending Forth

***Carol** Silent Night VU #67

***Commission and Benediction**

Postlude Toccata Widor

Christmas Blessings, one and all!

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

This evening's bulletins are in loving memory of Elsworth Wheatley presented by wife Evelyn Wheatley and daughter Miriam Wheatley-McGuire.

A Poinsettia has been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Dot, Rollie, Merrill, & Lynne Johnston presented by the family.

Heartfelt thanks! For your lovely cards and gestures of kindness this Advent-Christmas Season, we – your custodial staff, office administrator, organist-choir director, and clergy, join our voices in heartfelt thanks! May the blessings of this holy season – peace, hope, joy and love – be with you and your loved ones in the coming days!

Lorraine, Charles, Ellen, Don, Greg and Cathie

Rev. Cathie will be away from December 25 - January 2.

Rev. Greg will be away from January 2 – 9.

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.

Other Church and Community Events

The Charlottetown Area Christian Council is planning to celebrate the World-Wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an inter-denominational prayer breakfast and a Sunday evening concluding service. The prayer breakfast will be held at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel on Sat., Jan. 20, 8 am. Tickets are available in the Trinity church office and are \$15 each. The concluding service will be held on Sun., Jan. 28, 7pm at St. Dunstan's Basilica.

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.

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

