



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



**December 24, 2017 10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth 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

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

We come to witness a miracle.

**We sing the miracle of God's steadfast love.**

New life bursts forth in unexpected ways.

**We shout the good news:**

**God's covenant endures forever!**

The desert blooms; what was barren is fertile!

**With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness**

**to all generations:**

**God is the Rock of our Salvation!**

**\*Hymn** All Earth is Waiting VU #5

*Please be seated.*

**Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle** Luke Doiron

**Hymn** Hope Is a Star VU #7

**Prayer**

**Time with our Children**

### **The Word**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16** Luke Doiron

**Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O GOD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness  
to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love  
is established forever;**

**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"**

Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:

"I have set the crown on one who is mighty,  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

**I have found my servant David;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him;**

my hand shall always remain with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.

**The enemy shall not outwit him,  
the wicked shall not humble him.**

I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.

**My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;  
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.**

I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

**He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

**Luke 1:26-38**

Rev. Greg Davis

**Anthem**

In Dulci Jubilo

Arr. Chilcott

**Sermon**

**Hymn**

She Comes Sailing on the Wind

VU#380

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**

Lo, How Arose Er' Blooming

Prautorius

**\*Presentation of Offering**

Text: bulletin/screen  
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**

**God's steadfast love is established forever –  
like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.  
God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens –  
like stars that never grow dim.  
May God bless this offering  
that Christ's light will shine throughout the ages.  
Amen.**

**Duet** O Holy Night  
Olivia Barnes and Sebastian Comtois

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing VU #48

**\*Commission and Benediction**

Go from this place in peace.

**Anointed by the Holy Spirit,  
we go to serve God and be present to all.**

Go from this place in love.

**Bathed in the light of Love made known,  
we go to proclaim God's joy!**

**Amen!**

**Postlude** Fugue on the Magnificat 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**

**Today'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.

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Doug & Ruth Phillips on the death of Doug's stepmother Irene Phillips. Irene was a grandmother to Angie, Anita & Amy.

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Reagh & Linda Sherren on the death of Reagh's mother Agnes Curtis.

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Wishes** to Basil & Joy Ikede who were married on Dec. 30 in Ibadan, Nigeria.

**Happy Birthday** to Keridwen Campbell & Mark Burgoyne on Dec. 26 and to Ashley Willis on Dec. 30.

**Children and youth** are invited to remain in worship for the whole service on Sundays Dec. 24 and 31. Sunday School Classes will resume for all ages on Sun., Jan. 7.

**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 through January 2.

**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](mailto:gcdavis@eastlink.ca) or call 902-892-4114 no later than Jan. 15.

**Readings for Sunday, Dec. 31:** Isaiah 61:10-61:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

### **Upcoming Trinity Events**

Christmas Eve Services - 10:30 am – Advent IV  
4 pm – Children’s Worship  
7 pm – Worship in Word and Song

### **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

