



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



December 31, 2017 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

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

Words of Welcome

Rev. Greg Davis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit**

O Come, All Ye Faithful VU #60, Vss 1 & 5

***Call to Worship** (From Psalm 148)

Let them praise the name of God,
for God commanded,
and they were created.

**God established them forever and ever;
fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy weather fulfilling his command!
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
royalty and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and woman alike,
old and young together!
praise the name of God!

Pause.

When do you pause from praising God?

Pause

Come, let us worship.

***Hymn** Joy Is Now in Every Place VU #45

Opening Prayer

Hymn Once in Royal David's City VU#62 Vss 1&2

Time with our Children

Hymn Once in Royal David's City VU#62 Vss 3&4

Prayer of Hope for the New Year

In this coming New Year,
the worries and anxieties of the past
will be accepted and let go.

(silent reflection)

Thanks be to God.

In this New Year,
the grudges and resentments we hold
will be faced and overcome.

(silent reflection)

Thanks be to God.

In this New Year,
we will not just speak out for these downtrodden and

despairing, we will work with them.

(silent reflection)

In this New Year,

**we will fulfill our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ,
and the world, our neighborhood,
and our church will change for the better.**

(silent reflection)

This New Year's change will become reality.

Words of Affirmation

Know forgiveness, peace, and a new way,
as a new year begins.

We will, thanks be to God. Amen

The Word

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

Anthem

Sermon New Beginnings

***Hymn** In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55

Offering Invitation

Offertory

***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**

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Forth

***Hymn** Joy to the World VU #59

***Sending Forth**

For the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
**So the God will cause righteousness and
praise to spring up before all the nations.**
Go now in peace and be the shoots of hope
for a world in waiting!

Postlude

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

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Charles Baglole

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Announcements

Happy Birthday to Jean Peterson on Jan. 4.

Children and youth are invited to remain in worship for the whole service today. 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.

Annual Prince Street School Turkey Dinner: On Dec. 14, the Outreach Committee with the assistance of a very generous group of volunteers, and Chef Emily Wells, prepared and served dinner to the three hundred students and teachers at Prince Street. I would like to express my thanks to all who helped with another very successful event.

Don Scott, Chairperson, Trinity/Clifton Outreach Committee

UCW Sewing Bee: Volunteers Needed A Maritime UCW Biennial will be held at Trinity in Summerside, April 27-29, 2018. As part of our contribution, Trinity UCW is sewing twenty Hospitality Bags. On Jan. 16, 9:30 am, a Sewing Bee will be held in the gym to work on this project. (Storm date: Jan. 18, 9:30 am) Volunteers are needed to cut, iron, pin, and sew. If you are interested in helping out, please call Jeanette Scott (902-569-3261.)

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 Jan. 15.

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 – Tim Hortons, Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas
Other - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Fairmont Hotels, Giant Tiger

