



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



February 18, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Our Lenten Journey: We Are Not Alone

The First Sunday of Lent

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

Welcome

Rev. Greg Davis

Procession of Lenten Symbols

Rev. Cathie Crooks

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit**

Let Us Build a House

MV #1, vs 1

***Call to Worship**

Covenants, when made,
have lifelong consequences.

**Covenants kept
and covenants broken.**

Covenants, when lived,

change our lives.

**Lives broken and
lives made whole.**

Covenants with each other.

Covenants with God.

As people baptized by the Holy Spirit,
we are part of a never-ending covenant –

**God is our God,
and we are God's people.**

People of the Creator

People of the Christ

People of the Holy Spirit

People of the Covenant

People of Christ's Way.

Amen and amen!

***Hymn**

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

VU #312

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of the Promise,
we recommit ourselves to you today.
Remind us of the rainbow.
Remind us of the waters of baptism.
Remind us of the responsibilities
we have accepted
as your people.**

**May your never-ending grace
and forever love
be in us and with all creation, always.
In your holy name, we ask these things,
as we continue to pray...**

**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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters VU #442

*During the singing of the third verse,
children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.*

Introduction

Presentation Gail Duckworth, Pastoral Care Committee

Questions and Promises of Parents

Promise of Congregation

Statement of Faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,**

***Hymn** We Are Not Our Own Insert

Response to the Word

Minute for Mission David White, Chair of Finance Committee
Linda Hibbs, Chair of Pastoral Care Committee

Offering Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** VU #149, vs 4

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Receive our gifts this day, O God,
as a sign that all that we have,
and all that we are,
and all that you call us to become,
is yours.
Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Forth

***Hymn** Bless Now, O God, the Journey VU #633

***Commission and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

***Postlude**

Portions of this morning's liturgy are adapted from ***Gathering, Resources for Worship Planners: Celebrating 50 Years with A New Creed*** (Lent/Easter 2018, Year B).

We Are Not Our Own, the hymn following this morning's meditation, is used with permission (OneLicense: A-727834).

Greeters:

Head Greeter: George Neale

North Side: Bill & Bev Bishop, Velda Ward

South Side: Clara MacLeod, Jean Peterson, Bruce Fitchett

Balcony: Alan Edwards, Ron Estabrooks

Ministers: All of Us

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

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Office Administrator: Ellen Locke Doiron

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Announcements

Happy Birthday to Gail Swan & Melanie Walsh-Fraser today, to Suzanne Campbell on Feb. 19 and to Jessie Downe & Eileen Howatt on Feb. 20.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Shirley Pollard on the death of her sister, Dorothy Crosby.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Coleen Mumford on the death of her sister, Virginia MacDonald.

Today we welcome into the church by baptism, Jacob David Foster, son of Jessica and Craig Foster.

The Annual Meeting of The Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge will be held following lunch in the gym today. Reports are available at trinityclifton.org. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting today.

Sabbatical: Rev. Greg's Sabbatical will begin May 1, 2018 and is for three months. If you wish to read the proposal for this time of study and renewal, it is on the website: trinityclifton.org under the heading 'what's new' then 'church news'. Along with Rev. Cathie, Council is making plans for the church ministry during this time. The congregation will be made aware of our plans for this time. If you have questions, please see a member of Council.

If you would like to sponsor the bulletin in memory or celebration, please contact Ellen in our office. The cost is \$50 and helps pay for our bulletin covers.

2017 Income Tax Receipts are ready. Please pick yours up from our office to save on postage costs.

If you are a patient in hospital, or know of someone in hospital, please let our clergy or office know so that we may support you with a visit.

Food Bank Sunday: Every Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. All donations of non-perishable food donations and plastic grocery bags are gratefully accepted.

Our office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 19 to observe Islander Day.

Upcoming Trinity Events

Communications Committee will meet on Tues., Feb. 20, 5:30 pm

Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wed., Feb. 21, 5:30 pm

Social Justice Book Club: The weather forecast scared us off last week so we have rescheduled our meeting to discuss "All My Puny Sorrows" to Wed., Feb. 21, 7 pm. Please join us for what is sure to be a lively and timely discussion around the topics of mental health, suicide, dying with dignity and the unique bond between siblings. Hope to see you there!

Bible Study: Feb. 20 through Mar. 27: A study of women in the Bible will continue with **Living the Questions: Uppity Women of the Bible**, as we explore together the Book of Esther. Rev. Cathie will lead this six-week series in the Chapel, each Tuesday at noon, beginning on Feb. 20. Please speak to Cathie today if you are planning to attend.

Ten Strings and a Goat Skin, plus Vishten: Great show coming Mar. 9, 7:30 pm in one concert at Trinity! Tickets available on line at The Indian River Festival, and after church today and the next two Sundays, at the Richmond Street entrance. \$32 adults/\$30 seniors/\$25 students. We're in for an energetic and inspiring musical treat from these award-winning ensembles. Hope to see you there!

Other Church and Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ham and Potato Scallop Supper will be on Sat., Mar. 3, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Tickets: adults \$12, children 12 and under \$6, and pre-schoolers – no charge. For tickets, contact the church office at 368-1233 or Faye at 368-1175.

An interactive community symposium, entitled ***Promoting Mental Health in Seniors: Challenges and Strategies***, will be held at the Murphy's Community Centre on Sat., Feb. 24, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. (Storm date: March 17). There is no fee for the event. Snacks will be provided. Travel and child/elder care subsidies are available on request. To help with seating plans, pre-registration is advised. To pre-register, call Sylvie at [902-368-7337](tel:902-368-7337) or email vrc@eastlink.ca. (NOTE: Registration deadline is February 20)

Triple P Parenting – Positive Parenting Program

Facilitator: Randy Burrows, Spring Park United Church: Feb. 20, 6 pm Triple P is the parenting program that helps make raising kids easier. It gives parents simple tips to help manage the big and small problems of family life! Problems like toddler tantrums, teenage rebellion, self-esteem issues, bedtime battles, disobedience and aggression. Triple P can help you deal with them all – and more! And Triple P is one of the few parenting programs in the world with evidence to show it works for most families.

Gospel Concert – Plan to attend the Park Royal Gospel Concert on Sat., Feb. 24 at 7 pm. Feature guests will be Phase 2, Janet McGarry & Serge Bernard, Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor, Sue Pitre etc. Admission is \$10 at the door. We'll have water and fudge at intermission. Please call 902-894-9656 if you have any questions.

The Camp Abegweit Annual meeting will be held on Mar. 6 at 6 pm at the North Bedeque United Church. All are welcome.

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



Trinity Members, Alan Brady and John Enman, volunteered this week at the Y's Men Pancake Breakfast.