



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



April 1, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jessica, Craig, Charlotte, Violet & Jake Foster

Let us sing praise to God!

May Christ's love burn within us!

***Hymn**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

VU #157

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Greg Davis

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed!

Hallelujah!

On this day we celebrate resurrection.

The power of life has overcome
the power of death.

Hallelujah!

The light of love has shattered

the shadows of fear.

Hallelujah!

The way of peace has prevailed
against the violence of empire.

Hallelujah!

We come to worship God
whose resurrection power is promise
for all who embrace the ways of love.

Hallelujah!

Please be seated.

Unison Prayer

**God of the morning,
Jesus of the empty tomb,
Spirit who rolls stones away,
the word "alive" is not enough
to encompass this day.**

**May we know life
in every molecule of our being,
in every word we utter,
in every breath we take.
May your resurrection,
your breathing again,
ground us in hope once more.**

**God of the morning,
Jesus of the empty tomb,
Spirit who rolls stones away,
receive now our prayer,
as together we say...**

**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;**

**Accept now our gifts of heart and hand –
our response to your abundant grace.
Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn** All Who Hunger VU #460

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

...The day of resurrection has come,
scattering fear and gloom.
And so we rejoice with all your people
of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name...

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy MV #203

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live your way
and share your joy.**

**We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

***Hymn** The Day of Resurrection VU #164

Sending Forth

Commission and Benediction

Go forth in Easter joy,
with renewed hope,
trusting in the life-giving, transforming love
of God, for –

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Amen and amen!

Postlude

Finale Jubilate

Greeters:

Head Greeter: David Younker

North Side: Austin & Isabel Bowman, Heather Diamond

South Side: Don & Jeanette Scott, Jean Peterson

Balcony: Miriam Lank, Alan Edwards

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 presented in loving memory of Russell Downe, presented by wife Jessie and family.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Carol Chandler and Harvey & Mary Chandler on the death of their brother Eric Chandler in Victoria, BC.

Happy Birthday to Shirley G. MacDonald on Mar. 30, to Finley Campbell today, to Coleen Mumford on Apr. 2, to Willard MacKinnon & Noah Duckworth on Apr. 3, to Reigh McKenna on Apr. 6 and to Chris Cook on Apr. 7.

Easter Flowers

In Loving Memory of:

Phyllis & Fremont Archer
Loved ones
Loved ones
A. Frank & Margaret MacLean and
Robert A. Crooks
Mary Leard
Douglas Baird
Harry R. Love

Presented by:

daughter Judy Irwin and family
Susan Willis
Mark & Sandra Richardson
Cathie Crooks & family
Heather & Kent Shaw
his daughter Joyce Caines
the Love family

Upcoming Trinity Events

Tuesday Night Church Supper: There will be a Tuesday Supper on Apr. 10 at 6 pm in the gym. The speaker will be Ann Atkinson, who is a member of our congregation and Patient Care Coordinator for Unit 7 at the Hillsborough Hospital. The topic of her talk will be "Adjusting Nursing Practices on Unit 7 Hillsborough Hospital to focus on a Mental Health Recovery Model." Trinity has a strong connection with Unit 7 via interactions involving its Outreach and Service Committee. Cost of meal is \$10. Tickets are available after the service at the Richmond St entrance or during the week in our office.

Men of The Harvest, a multi-denominational men's four-part harmony choir will be performing at Trinity on Sun., Apr. 15, 7 pm. Since its inception, Men of The Harvest has shared the unique strength and power of the male voice with audiences throughout PEI and beyond, so for a wonderful evening of gospel and contemporary music we invite you to plan to attend. Tickets are available through the Eastlink Centre on line or by phone. They will also be on sale the next three Sunday's here following Sunday services Apr. 1, 8 & and 15. Ticket price is \$15

Other Church and Community Events

The Annual Meeting of the PEI UCW Presbyterial will be held on Sat., Apr. 14 at the Winsloe United Church. Registration will begin at 9:30, meeting at 10. Registration fee is \$7. Bring lunch to share. Guest speaker is Cheryl Millman from Open Door Ministries.

Godly Play for Adults: Do you enjoy listening to a good story? Have you ever wondered how to get inside a Bible story so it speaks to you? Godly Play Storytelling helps us engage the old, old Scripture stories in a new way and find meaning for today. You are invited to participate:

Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., April 12, 19, 26

“Knowing Jesus in a New Way”

Hear and reflect on core Bible stories of the resurrected Christ. These stories take place between Easter and Pentecost. They include Mary at the empty tomb, the disciples in the Upper Room and on the Emmaus Road, Peter going fishing, and also the stories of the ascension, and Pentecost. Ponder how the Spirit of Christ is still with us and active in our communities.

Storyteller: Gail Hopkirk

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 a.m., April 15, 22, 29

“The Faces of Easter”

Hear and wonder about the core Bible stories of the life of Jesus. Through an overview of the life of Jesus, beginning with the birth of Jesus, his childhood, temptations, ministry, death and resurrection, hear how Jesus “...grew in wisdom, stature and in divine and human favor.” (Luke 2:52) Ponder how these stories are our stories.

Storytellers: Linda Mahood, Ellen Locke Doiron, Linda Lavoie

Parents and guardians please note that childcare will be provided.

Take this opportunity to hear and wonder about these core Bible stories. No Bible background is needed! You share only if you wish. If you plan to attend, please speak to or email

gailhopkirk@gmail.com

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

Following an educational period of 2.5 years of discussions, study sessions, and with input from members of the LGBTQ community in PEI, Trinity-Clifton Pastoral charge voted to become an Affirming Ministry on Dec. 6, 2015, the first Affirming Ministry on PEI. As part of our congregational studies, Trinity-Clifton developed the Vision Statement listed below which was approved at a Congregational Meeting on May 24, 2015.

Vision Statement

We, the Trinity-Clifton Christian family, believe that God has blessed us with diversity, including diversity in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, age, ability and faith. We believe that Jesus challenged boundaries by reaching out to all people, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness.

We publicly declare our commitment to openness, growth, action, and education, honouring diversity and challenging injustice in solidarity with those who experience discrimination.

We offer our resources and talents with open hands and hearts in love and service to all as we work for reconciliation and justice locally, regionally, and globally.

Our ongoing commitment as an Affirming Congregation and Ministry is to offer a ministry that publically declares our commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Although Affirming Ministries make an explicit statement about issues of sexuality and gender, their commitment to justice is far broader as stated in the goals of Affirm United below:

Affirm United goals are:

- *To support United Church Ministries in their ministry to people of all sexual orientation and gender identities.*
- *To broaden Social Justice Concerns within church and society.*