



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



April 8, 2018 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Easter

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	Christ is Arisen	J.S. Bach
Welcome		Rev. Greg Davis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit	Spirit of Life	VU #381
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***Call to Worship**

A new day:

Christ lives!

In our hearts and in our world:

Christ lives!

In the face of an unexpected neighbor:

Christ Lives!

As we share God's abundance:

Christ lives!

As we care for God's creation:

Christ lives!

As we share the good news, let our joy be

complete:
Christ lives!

***Hymn** There's a Spirit in the Air VU #582

Opening Prayer

**Holy God,
who made the world and called it good,
who calls humanity into community with you
and with each other,
who breathes within our world
and calls us to peace and justice,
make your presence known to us here gathered
that we may recognize you
in the wounds of our sisters and brothers,
and make real for them your hope of abundant life,
through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen savior.
Amen**

Hymn Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV #121 v 1,2,3

Time with Our Children

Hymn Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV #121 v 4,5

The Word

Acts 4:32-35 Luke Doiron

Psalm 133 Sung VU #856

John 20:19-31

Anthem Behold, Now Praise the Lord Bancroft

Sermon

Hymn We Meet You, O Christ VU #183

Response to the Word

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation

Offertory With All My Hearts New Power Walther

***Presentation of Offering** VU #544
 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

***Offering Prayer**

**O God of life,
take these gifts and bless them, multiply them,
put them to work in your world
wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope.
Put them to work in your world
to care for your earth, your water, your air
--all the created elements that sustain your children.
We offer them to you as a witness to your love
that makes our joy complete! Amen**

Pastoral Prayer

**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.**

Sending Forth

***Hymn** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU #586

***Commission and Benediction**

Postlude The Day of Gladness Now Appears Fischer

Portions of this morning's liturgy are adapted from **To Make Our Joy Complete: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter** written by Edith Rasell, and Susan A. Blain.

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 Ella (Wood) Willis, presented by Wilma & Ian MacLean, Janet McMurtry and families.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of the late Helen E. McInnis.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Kathy Birt on the death of her sister-in-law, Donna Birt.

Happy Birthday to Austin Bowman today, to Randy Doiron on Apr. 9, to Gordon Worth on Apr. 11, to Wendy Phillips on Apr. 12, and to Kate Scantlebury on Apr. 13.

Upcoming Trinity Events

UCW Executive meets on Mon., Apr. 9, 9:30 am.

UCW General meets on Mon., Apr. 9, 10 am.

M&P Committee meets on Mon, Apr. 9, 6:30 pm.

Worship Committee meets on Tues., Apr. 10, 4:30 pm.

CD Committee meets on Wed., Apr. 11, Noon.

Affirm Committee meets on Wed., Apr. 11, 4:30 pm.

Property Committee meets on Wed., Apr. 11, 6:30 pm.

Unit 2 UCW meets on Thurs., Apr. 12, 2 pm.

Church Council meets on Thurs., Apr. 12, 6:30 pm.

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.

Voices of Spring: The 38th annual celebration of Spring is today at 3 pm. The Confederation Centre Youth Chorus will be conducted by Donald Fraser and accompanied by Sara White. General Admission \$20.

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 two Sundays here following Sunday services Apr. 8 & and 15. Ticket price is \$15

Spring Awakening: Godly Play for Adults

Do you enjoy listening to a good story? Join us:

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

"Knowing Jesus in a New Way"

On April 12, hear and ponder two stories: the women at the tomb and the disciples on the Emmaus Road. Storyteller: Gail Hopkirk

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 am, April 15, 22, 29

"The Faces of Easter"

On April 15, begin the overview of the life of Jesus, with the stories of Jesus' birth, childhood and baptism. Storyteller: Linda Mahood

Parents and guardians please note that childcare will be provided.

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.

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.*

Trinity Development Committee

During the past several months your Development Committee has been exploring numerous options to bring new musical entertainment to Trinity United. Thus far we have hosted what we hope will become an annual Variety Show, a wonderful evening of entertainment presented by talented individuals from within our congregation. "An Ashley MacIsaac Christmas" followed in December and "Ten Strings and a Goat Skin/Lennie Gallant/Vishten" in March, both co-produced with The Indian River Festival.

Between now and June 3, we have five concerts scheduled and others are in various stages of planning.

- Men of The Harvest, a 20+ person multi-denominational men's gospel choir will bring its four-part harmony to Trinity, Sun., Apr. 15.
- For the young and young at heart, Island icons Richard Wood, Gordon Belsher and Brad Fremlin, accompanied by Celtic dancers will bring their "World Class Kitchen Party" to Trinity Fri., May 18.
- Arioso will perform on Sun., June 3. This six-lady choir, based in Kensington, has performed gospel and contemporary music to appreciative audiences throughout the Province for the past several years.

All events of course have a financial component. Some we consider not feasible to take on, either by ourselves or in partnership with others. In these situations we explore the possibility of renting our sanctuary using a base rental rate plus additional costs for patrons exceeding predetermined numbers. This considered;

- The Indian River Festival has rented Trinity Friday, April 13th to present its concert "A Celtic Spring Fling" an event headlined by The Paul McKenna Band from Glasgow Scotland that features stories, songs, even pipes. The band will be joined by Cassie & Maggie, Traditional Juno Award Nominees and Canadian Folk Music Winners from Nova Scotia.
- Similarly, Rawlins Cross featuring local favourite Joey Kitson will perform April 21st.

Development has been in contact with numerous other well-known artists with whom we are in various stages of discussion. The committee understands music in all its forms can be a very personal thing, so we'd like to give you an opportunity to provide suggestions as to what you would like to hear going forward as well as feedback on concerts held thus far. Our goal is to identify musical entertainment of differing genres we feel appropriate to Trinity, while contributing to our financial well-being.

Your input in this process is important to us. As we continue to seek opportunities for future events we would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions as to possible groups, individual artists or choirs of interest to you.

Please forward your comments to Bob MacNutt at bgmacnutt@pei.sympatico.ca. All will be shared and discussed with the Development Committee.