



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



September 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.

The Season of Creation

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 Melissa Lewis Bereite dich Zion J.S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Cathie Crooks

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit** Come All You People MV #2, *repeat*

***Call to Worship**

How manifold are God's works!
In wisdom God has made them all;
the earth is full of God's creatures.

Ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

**Ask the plants of the earth,
and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea
will declare to you.**

These all look to God to give them their food in due season;
when God's hand is open, they are filled with good things.
The hand of God has done this.
In God's hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.
Come, let us worship the Creator that gives life to all!

***Hymn** Called by Earth and Sky MV #135

Opening Prayer

**Holy Wisdom,
we see the destruction in the world around us,
and hear the cries of our fellow humans and creatures
who are affected by climate change.
We call to you:
guide us; teach us; inspire us; forgive us.**

**You say, "I have been your guide and teacher.
The whole cosmos bears witness to my wisdom,
and creation itself is the revelation of my love.
Open your ears and hear. Open your eyes and see.
Turn to the plants and animals. The sea and the sky.
They will show you my wisdom."**

**And so we say, "Open our hearts and minds
to all the wisdom of creation as we gather**

in worship today.”

**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,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

***Hymn** Shout for God VU #246, vss 1, 2

Blessing of Children and Youth Ministries

Hear these words as they are recorded in Scripture:

Love God with all your heart, and soul,
and mind, and strength. Never forget
these commandments I give to you today,
and teach them to your children.

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

Congregation:

**We give thanks for the faith
that has been handed on to us.
This faith we desire to hand on to our children.**

Children and Youth:

**We are glad to be part of this family of faith.
We want to keep learning the stories of faith,
and how to live in the way of Jesus.**

Sunday School Leaders:

**We offer ourselves to God and to this congregation,
responding to God's call to learn and to teach.**

Congregation:

**We give thanks for your commitment.
We pledge to you our support in prayer and in action.
The teaching you offer is on behalf of us all.**

Children and Youth:

**We give thanks for you also –
for your time, your patience, and your love.**

Let us pray.

And now, O God, we ask your blessing
on these children, youth and adults.
Fill them with holy creativity, sacred joy
and amazing grace. This we pray, and together
our whole congregation exclaims:
Amen and amen!

***Hymn** Shout for God VU #246, vss 3, 4

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, made in your image,
we have re-made ourselves in our own image:
valued for our "bottom line" and production.
Forgive us for losing touch with the truth
of our connection with all creation
and the presence of the Holy in each of us. Amen**

Words of Assurance

The Word

Prayer for Understanding

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalm 19 VU, pages 740-741

Luke 5: 12-16 Rev. Greg Davis

Solo Melissa Lewis O Rest in the Lord (Elijah) Mendelssohn

Sermon Defining Jesus, Defines Us

Response to the Word

***Hymn** Bring Many Names VU #268

Offering Invitation

Offertory Sweet By and By Raney

***Presentation of Offering**
Your Work, O God VU #537

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Forth

***Hymn** Touch the Earth Lightly VU #307

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude Grands Jeux Clerambault

Worship materials used in full or adapted are from the following source: United Church of Canada Website (Worship).

Greeters:

Head Greeter: Willard MacKinnon

North Side: Mary Chandler, Austin & Isabel Bowman

South Side: David White, Don & Jeanette Scott

Balcony: Miriam Lank

Ministers: All of Us

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

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Office Administrator: Ellen Locke Doiron

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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Announcements

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of the late Bev Dunsford.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to June & Bill Ives on the death of June's brother, Wendell Dennis.

Happy Birthday to Justin Thompson on Sept. 17, to Ellen Fraser on Sept. 19, to Paulette Neale on Sept. 21 and to Violet Foster & Debby Floyd on Sept. 22.

Financial results: The following is our month-end financial results to July 31 with comparative figures for the previous comparative period.

	2017	2018
Offerings PAR	75,796	71,193
Offerings- Loose & Envelopes	62,342	60,955
Other Revenue		
(ie parking lot & rentals)	41,663	38,283
Total Revenue	179,801	170,431
Total Expenses	284,955	276,025
Net Income (Loss)	(105,154)	(105,594)

Fall programming for children and youth at Trinity has begun! Sunday School registration continues today at the Richmond St. entrance. We have a great program planned for children from pre-K through Grade 12 and beyond. We will continue with a combination of Godly Play and class time. We are using a new curriculum this year and have wonderful leaders looking forward to sharing their faith with the children and youth and young adults. Please spread the word as we welcome new and returning young people to church today and in the coming weeks! Following worship this morning, there is a welcome BBQ to which all are invited! Please join us!

Rev. Cathie will be on vacation from Sept. 19 through Sept. 26.

Sunday School Book Room: Thank you to Kira, our summer student, for doing a fantastic job of organizing the Children's Library upstairs in our CD wing. We have lots of wonderful books. Please visit our book room and borrow a story to share.

Food Bank: Please remember to support the food bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week at our office. Most needed items are pasta, spaghetti sauce, Sidekicks and flakes of ham, chicken, and turkey and canned tuna.

Open House at Trinity: Most of this year's cruise ships are in Charlottetown in September and October, and we are looking for volunteers. You can sign up **anytime** on the signup sheet on the bulletin board outside Ellen's office. We need two people for each date and time.

Looking forward to Pickles: Thank you for your very generous support with our jam making. We now need sugar & vinegar for mustard pickles. On Sept. 18 & 20, we will be pickling in the gym kitchen. Join us to learn and to help.

Calling all those who love to sing! The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Don Fraser, rehearses each Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 8 pm. New singers are always welcome! If you have questions or wish to let Don know you'll be coming, please be in touch at 902-569-1604. Please join us! We'd love to sing with you at Trinity!

Volunteers needed at Camp Gencheff on Tues., Sept. 25 to serve supper to Unit 7 from Hillsboro Hospital. If you can help, contact Heather Cameron at 902-940-0034.

Upcoming Trinity Events

Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Wed., Sept. 19 at 5:30 pm.

Christmas Fair meeting will happen on Thurs., Sept. 20 at 5 pm.

PEI Social Justice Book Club: September is the perfect time to dive into an engaging and thought-provoking novel and we have a great suggestion for you. Anita Diamant's novel, The Red Tent, offers us a female perspective on the story of the Twelve Tribes of Israel as we see the world of that time through the eyes of Jacob's only daughter, Dinah. We are looking forward to a lively and stimulation discussion sparked by the topics in this book and we hope you will join us. We will be meeting on Oct. 3r at 7 pm. For more information contact Bev Bishop at bevbishop71@gmail.com or Monica Macdonald at 902-388-7780 or check out our page on Facebook. There will be 10 copies of The Red Tent in the Trinity library available for you to borrow. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Other Church and Community Events

PEI UCW Presbyterian Fall Rally/Workshop will be held at Camp Abby on Sat., Sept. 29, 9 am – 3 pm. Included in the program will be guest presentations by Rev. Karen MacLeod Wilkie ("Spirituality in Motion") and Rev. Heather MacDougall ("What Does God Look Like"). Cost is \$12 per person and pre-registration is preferred although you may register at the door. If you would like to attend please contact Judy Irwin, Anne Love, or Jeanette Scott. Deadline for sending registrations is Thurs., Sept. 20.

Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is excited to host "Tribute to Lady Singers of Our Century" on Mon., Oct. 1. Jolene Patkai, Keila Glydon, Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor and Colleen MacPhee will feature songs by Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, Anne Murray, Connie Francis and Rita MacNeil. Concert starts at 7:30 with doors opening at 6:30. Light refreshments served. Admission \$12 at the door.

District 10 Al-Anon Family Group - Sea of Hope, will be having their 48th Al-Anon Anniversary on Sun., Sept. 16 at 2 pm at St. Augustine Church. (St. Monica's Chapel.) 2190 Church Road, Rustico. There will be an AA and Al-Anon speaker. Lunch will be served. There will be a draw for a basket. To know more about Al-Anon, please call [\(902\) 892-9974](tel:9028929974) or visit the Website www.freewebs.com.alanonmaritimes

Fundscrip – September promotion:

Swiss Chalet - 6% (reg 5%) and Shell - 3% (reg - 2%)

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, Kent
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-Clifton 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.

As an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, Trinity-Clifton is committed to broadening social justice concerns within church and society.

The United Church of Canada has stated:

“In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territories of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the Courts and Pastoral Charges of the United Church of Canada.

A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgment in its Opening Address.”

We follow the lead of the United Church of Canada in acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation.