



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



**September 30, 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**

**Welcome**

Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit** Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV #18, repeat

**\*Call to Worship**

God comes along side us and calls us by name.

A simple call. A hard call.

**Because following requires leaving.**

And we look around to see who else God could be talking to.  
**And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.  
**But we have come this far,  
to this place,  
where in listening, we are transformed.**

**Transformed by God's presence  
we open our hearts, minds and spirit  
to a love that will not let us go.  
We come and worship God!**

**\*Hymn**

As Comes the Breath of Spring

VU #373

### **Opening Prayer**

**God of all time and space,  
we celebrate your Presence with all creation!  
Touch our hearts and minds,  
touch our bodies and souls,  
so that we would know this truth:  
we are not alone!  
From wherever we come,  
wherever we are going,  
help us to know, to live  
and to share your Love.  
In Christ name, by the power of the Spirit,  
held close by the Creator,  
we ask it. May it be so.**

**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

**Time with our Children**

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

**The Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** Mary Cowper-Smith

**Deuteronomy 34:1-8**

**Psalm 139** VU, page 861

**Mark 11: 27-28; 12:1-12** Rev. Greg Davis

**Anthem**

**Sermon** It's NOT our Ministry!

**Response to the Word**

**\*Hymn** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU #563

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering**

Grant Us, God, the Grace

VU #540

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Marking the End of a Pastoral Relationship**

**Barbara Prowse:**

Our church, like any community, changes.  
Babies are born.  
Children grow up.  
Loved ones and friends grow old.  
People move into our community and church.  
Others leave us, moving on to new places,  
new experiences, and new opportunities.

Let us not forget that the ministry in this place  
is Christ's ministry, entrusted to us as part of Christ's body.  
Our ministry is ongoing.

When a minister comes into our church,  
we covenant with one another;  
we promise to live together as God's people,  
deepening our commitment to Christ  
and growing closer to God.  
God's covenant with us never changes,  
but our covenants with one another do change.

Today, we mark the ending of the covenant between Rev.  
Greg Davis, Rev. Cathie Crooks, Trinity-Clifton United Church  
and the Prince Edward Island Presbytery.

**Cathie:**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks  
for the time and the faith shared in this community.

We give you thanks for Greg's ministry in our midst.  
We thank you for the worship, the learning, and the service  
that have been ours together.

Be with us now as we mark the end of this relationship,  
and guide us by your Spirit  
into the next stage of our life with you.

**Greg:**

Friends, you called me into your midst,  
to serve with you in the ministry of Word, Sacrament and  
Pastoral Care.

May God's Word continue to challenge, nurture, and inspire  
you.

**Congregation:**

**We will continue to place scripture at the centre of our  
life.  
The Word of God lives among us.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Greg:**

May you continue to welcome new members through the  
Living Waters of our faith.

**Congregation:**

**We will continue to celebrate new life in baptism;  
the font of blessing welcomes all.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Greg:**

May you continue to share the bread and cup,  
remembering the One who is Bread of Life and True Vine.

**Congregation:**

**We will continue to break the bread and share the cup;  
the table invites us to taste and see that God is good.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Greg:**

May you continue to love one another and to be of service in the community.

**Congregation:**

**We will continue to offer care and encouragement to one another,  
and to work for justice, following in the way of Jesus,  
friend of all.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Greg:**

May your light continue to shine in this place.

**Congregation:**

**We will continue to build, to dream and to grow,  
discerning God's will for us in our time and place.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Greg:**

Friends, I thank you for your love, kindness, and support during these past ten years.  
I am grateful for the struggles, the surprises,  
and opportunities we have shared.  
I ask you for your forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

**Congregation:**

**We receive your thankfulness  
and offer our forgiveness.**

**We ask you to forgive us for our mistakes.  
We are grateful for your guidance and your gifts.**

**ALL:**

**As we part, may we know God's grace and peace.**

**Barbara:**

Would the congregation please rise.

Will you, Rev. Crooks and the members and friends of Trinity-Clifton United Church release Greg from the duties of the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in this place? If so, please answer: we will, with God's help.

**Congregation:**

**We will, with God's help.**

**Barbara:**

Will you respect the new relationship that now begins and offer your encouragement and prayers for Greg's continued ministry elsewhere? If so, please answer: we will, with God's help.

**Congregation:**

**We will, with God's help.**

**Barbara:**

Greg, will you release Cathie and Trinity-Clifton from their covenant with you as minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care?

**Greg:**

I will, with God's help.

**Barbara:**

Will you respect the new relationship that now begins and offer your encouragement and prayers for their continued ministry here?

**Greg:**

I will, with God's help.

**Barbara:**

You may be seated.

**Cathie:**

As one voice, let us pray together:

**Holy God, your love for all is everlasting.  
Help each of us to trust in the future which rests in  
your care.  
The time we were together in your name provided  
laughter and tears,  
hopes and disappointments.  
Guide us as we hold on to these cherished memories  
and move forward in new directions.  
Keep us one in your love forever,  
through the presence and the power  
of your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn** Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV #150

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**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**

**Today's bulletins** are in loving memory of Ian W. Taylor and Joseph H. Taylor, presented by Mark & Sandra Richardson & family.

**Happy Birthday** to Caleigh Cameron & Lorna MacPherson on Oct. 2, to Barb Stewart & Lindsay Burgoyne on Oct. 3 and to Joy Spence on Oct. 5.

**Happy 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** to Iris & David Rogers on Oct. 1.

**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.

**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!

**Trinity-Clifton United Church** is very fortunate that Rev. Melaney Matheson and Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer are willing to work with us again in ministry following the departure of Rev. Greg Davis at the end of September. Melaney's responsibilities will include sharing in the preparation and leading of worship and oversight of the Christian Development program for children and youth. Anne's primary focus will be visiting our members who are home-bound, living in community care facilities or nursing homes.

**The Ramsden Scholarship** is granted to protestant students who are enrolled at UPEI. The Scholarships are based on financial need, not academic achievement. Students who are interested in applying can download the Ramsden Scholarship application form from the UPEI website or the Trinity-Clifton website. Please note: deadline for applications is Oct. 1.

**Needed:** A telephone (land line style) to replace current one at Richmond Street entrance.

## **Upcoming Trinity Events**

**UCW Executive Meeting** will take place on Mon., Oct. 1 at 9:30 am

**UCW General Meeting** will take place on Mon., Oct. 1 at 10 am.

**Finance Committee** will meet on Mon., Oct. 1 at 6 pm.

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Wed., Oct. 3 at 6 pm.

**Property Committee** will meet on Wed., Oct. 3 at 6:30 pm.

**Church Council** will meet on Thurs., Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm.

**Farewell to Rev. Greg Davis:** After ten years of ministry among us, Rev. Greg will take leave at the end of this month. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship, there will be a reception in the gym during which we will have the opportunity to bid Ellen and Greg a fond farewell.

**The Supper Club** will meet on Tues., Oct. 2, 6 pm in the gym. Guest speaker will be Pauline Howard, Harvest Coordinator of the PEI Food Exchange, a voluntary organization dedicated to improving food security, especially for the needy, on PEI. The talk will address how the group was created, its success thus far, and its vision for the future. Cost of supper is \$10 and tickets are on sale at the Richmond Street doors after church. Everyone welcome!

**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. 3 at 7 pm. For more information contact Bev Bishop at [bevbishop71@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**Prince Edward Island fiddler, Richard Wood** will be launching his long-awaited CD, "Unbroken", at Trinity on Sat., Oct. 6 at 7:30 pm. The CD features contributions from many Island Artists including Eddy Quinn, Joey Kitson, Kelly Mooney and several others, many of whom will accompany him on stage for the launch. Brother and sister, Dominik and Bethany Pineau from the Juliette Roberts School

of Dance, will also be performing. Come and enjoy a great evening of spirited Richard Wood magic in an acoustically amazing venue. Tickets are available through the Eastlink Centre as well as at the door. Tickets are \$18.00 each.

**Thanksgiving Sunday and World Communion:** This year, Thanksgiving Sunday and World Communion Sunday fall on the same date. In addition, we will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at the 10:30 service at Trinity. Please join us for worship on Sun., Oct. 7 and invite your family and friends for what promises to be a lovely service of word, sacrament and song.

**The Ellis Family Band** will be wrapping up their 2018 schedule at Trinity on Oct. 20 at 7 pm. The band, former Juno and CCMA nominees, are well known PEI Artists. The Ellis Family Band has played and recorded in Nashville, Tennessee and have had the honour of performing alongside legendary stars including, Jerry Reid, Joe Stampley, Gary Morris and George Jones. They toured professionally from 1984 to 1999, when they decided to return to their roots on PEI. This is sure to be an evening of wonderful music in a beautiful venue. Tickets will be available through the Eastlink Centre as well as at the door. Tickets are \$14.00 each.

**Pickleball at Trinity** has once again begun for the season. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports these days and is meant for people of all ages. It is a fun and easy way to keep active and meet some new people. To simply describe Pickleball, it is a combination of table tennis, badminton, and tennis and can be a light workout or more energetic, just how active is all up to you. Won't you please consider joining us in the church gym on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm? You may stay the whole evening or for a short time. Why not check us out? If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Fitchett, Callista Tan or Judy Irwin.

### **Other Church and Community Events**

Sabah, one of the Syrian women whom Trinity Clifton sponsored as a refugee in 2016 through our participation in the Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group, was recently given a sewing machine and a sewing table by members of our congregation. She is using them to open a small business of alterations to women's and men's clothing.

If you would like her assistance with your sewing needs, please send her a text at 902-218-2231 to arrange an appointment.

**Camp Abby** will be closing up the Camp on Sat., Oct. 6 at 9 am. We will be moving all the mattresses from the cabins into the main building and moving the picnic tables inside the rec building. If you are available and have a truck we would love your help. Thanks from the Camp Board.

**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.

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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.

### **TRINITY-CLIFTON CHRISTMAS FAIR 2018**

Friday, November 16: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday, November 17: 9:30 am to 2 pm

#### **HELP WANTED!**

Planning is well underway for our annual Fair. The Committee, under the leadership of Linda Dunning and Debbie MacLeod, has been discussing and organizing. Work crews and individuals have been busy making jams, jellies and pickles in preparation. We now are soliciting your help in the following aspects of the event. (Please note that this is not the complete needs list! More items will appear in our weekly bulletins.)

#### **SILENT AUCTION TABLE:** We need items!

We are seeking donations for the Silent Auction table. This will be the fifteenth year that the table has been a part of the Fair and we need a good variety of items to make this as successful as other years. We are looking for ***new, hand-crafted specialty*** items. In the past we have had items such as framed paintings and photos, various woodworking items, quilts, wall hangings, table centerpieces, golf club, Adirondack (Muskoka) chair, refurbished rocking chair, framed cross stitch, Christmas tree skirt, Christmas wreaths and a Swedish embroidery throw.

Our ***specialty baking*** part of the Silent Auction has always been very popular. Included we have had plum puddings, dark fruit cakes,

light fruit cakes, sultana cakes, carrot cakes, gumdrop cakes and so on.

Now that Fall is here and we start spending more time inside, would you please give this table some thought as you get into your hand-crafts and consider how you might help? Just use your imagination as a variety for this table is welcomed.

If you think you might have an item for the Silent Auction table, or if you have any questions or ideas, please contact Judy Irwin at 902-569-3187.

### **TRINITY-CLIFTON CHRISTMAS FAIR 2018**

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Saturday, November 17: 9:30 am to 2 pm

We will need **HOLLY** and we thank you in advance for your donation.

**Books** – good, interesting books, children’s books, CDs, LPs etc.

**Treasures** – antiques, crystal, china, cups and saucers, dishes, ornaments, serving platters and trays, home decor items and so on.

**Jewellery** – costume jewellery, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, pins, broaches, watches, cuff links, etc. We can clean and repair broken jewellery.

The above items may be dropped off at the Church office at any time or call Linda at 628-1394 or Debbie at 892-9217 for pick-up.

### **Setting up and Taking down: Calling all hands!**

We are looking for people who can help with this great adventure by setting up tables and displays, taking down tables, and working at

the various tables during the two days of the Fair. Time slots are flexible and can be arranged according to your schedule and ability.

We sincerely invite you to be a part of this big event and encourage you to help out. If you think you can help, please call Linda Dunning at 902-628-1394 or Debbie MacLeod at 902-892-9217.

**We thank you very much in advance for any assistance!**