



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



**December 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**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** Come Now, Savior of the Nations J.S. Bach

**Welcome** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit** Introit for Advent Healey Willan

**\*Call to Worship**

In the spirit of joy, let us worship God.

**We lift our voices to give God thanks and praise!**

Let us prepare our hearts to receive the Promised One.

**We prepare our hearts to receive the One who comes to save!**

**\*Processional Hymn** Once in Royal David's City VU #62

**Lighting the Third Advent Candle**

Mim MacInnis and Jackie McKinnon

## Opening Prayer

Eternal Spirit,  
who sings sacred mystery into life,  
**with great anticipation and joy,**  
**we await the Christ child**  
**who will light the way before us.**

As we journey ever closer to a new dawn,  
lift our hearts and give our voices  
a new song of joy.

**We pray in the name of the One who comes.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn**                      Hope Is a Star                      VU #7, vss. 1-3

## Time with Our Children

### The Service of Lessons and Carols

**First Lesson**                      Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9                      Mason & Noah Rogers

**Anthem**                      Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming                      Praetorius

**Carol**                      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel                      VU #1, vss. 1-3

**Second Lesson**                      Luke 21: 26-31                      Ellen Locke Doiron

**Anthem**                      A Maiden Most Gentle  
Trad., arr. Andrew Carter

**Third Lesson**                      Luke 1: 47-55                      Ashley Willis

**Anthem**                      Hurry, Hurry Yonder                      Davenport/Wagner

**Carol**                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing                      VU #48

**Fourth Lesson**                      Matthew 1: 18-25                      Vans Bryant

**Anthem**                      Love Came Down at Christmas                      Rosetti/Sirett

**Fifth Lesson**                      Luke 2: 1-7                      Judy Irwin

**Anthem**                      The Wild Wood Carol                      John Rutter

**Carol**                      Away in a Manger                      VU #69

**Sixth Lesson**                      Luke 2: 8-20                      William MacLeod

**Anthem**                              Shepherd's Pipe Carol                      John Rutter

**Carol**                      While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
VU #75, vss. 1, 2, 3 and 6

**Seventh Lesson**                      Matthew 2: 1-2      Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer

**Anthem**                              The Colours of Christmas                      John Rutter

**Eighth Lesson**                      Matthew 2: 3-11

**Anthem**                              Sans Day Carol  
Cornish Trad., arr. John Rutter

**Carol**                              O Come, All Ye Faithful                      VU #60

### **Response to the Word**

#### **Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**                              Noel Provençal                              Balabastre

**\*Presentation of Offering**                              Tune: Hymn to Joy

**Joyful, joyful as the wise ones  
brought their gifts on bended knee  
to the lowly Child in manger,  
may we bring our gifts to Thee.  
We are here, our time, our talents,  
we would dedicate as well;  
may we show Christ's love within us,  
by our lives our faith forth tell.**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

### **Sending Forth**

**\*Carol**                              Joy to the World                              VU #59

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude**                              Noel Suisse                              D'Aquin

**Greeters:**

**Head Greeter:** Philip Floyd

**North Side:** Harvey & Anne MacEwen, Susan Willis

**South Side:** Mary Ann Burke Matheson, Gordon Matheson,  
Natalie Smith

**Balcony:** Kevin Jenkins & John Kamphuis

**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Interim Clergy:** Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer & Rev. Melaney Matheson

**Music Director:** Donald Fraser

**Office Administrator:** Ellen Locke Doiron

**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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**Announcements**

**Happy Birthday** to Debby MacLeod, Don Wonnacott, and Jean Mills on Dec. 22.

**Memorial Angel Tree:** Today and on Dec. 23, you are invited to purchase a Memorial Angel in memory of a loved one. During worship the names will be read and the angel hung on the tree by the children. After Christmas the children will use the money raised to purchase gifts for others in need, from the United Church's Mission and Service, Gifts with Vision Catalog. Angels are \$5 and will be available before worship at the Richmond St. entrance.

**Sunday, Dec. 23:** Lectionary Readings – Micah 5:2-5a,  
Luke 1:46b-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

**Please drop by the Trinity Library Display Table** at Coffee and Conversation today to check out our Christmas collection.

Trinity Library Committee

**2019 Church Envelopes** are now ready and are outside our church office. If you don't have contribution envelopes but would like some, please see Ellen in our office.

**Taxi anyone?** A reminder to all members of the congregation that a free taxi service to and from Church activities is available. Call Yellow

Cab at 902-566-6666 to book your ride, indicating that it is a charge to Trinity Men.

**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.

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

**Sing Noel:** Today at 3 pm at the Confederation Centre of the Arts, the Centre's Choral Music Programme presents SING NOEL, directed by Donald Fraser. Join the Confederation Centre Youth Chorus, accompanist Sara White, and special guest soloist Joey Kitson and in this 41st Annual Carol Concert, with audience participation. Admission \$20. Tickets available at Centre's Ticketworks.

**Central Queens United Church** is pleased to invite you to a festive Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 16 featuring the talented "Phase II and Friends" band accompanied by talented guests Keila Glydon and Jeannie Campbell. Doors open at 6:30 with concert starting at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$12 at the door with seasonal treats to be served.

**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.

### **Fundscrip Questions Answered:**

Q. How many company gift cards are available?

A. 78

Q. Does Trinity stock gift cards from all 78 companies?

A. No. Trinity only has on hand approximately 30 types of gift cards which are for the most requested cards, such as gas, groceries, restaurants, drug stores, movies and hardware.

Q. Can gift cards that are not commonly carried be ordered?

A. Yes, it usually takes 5 days for delivery.

**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

**Christmas Events at Trinity United Church**

**Sun., Dec. 16, 7 pm** **Clifton Church  
Christmas Service**

**Wed., Dec. 19, 12:10 pm** **Prince Street Advent Service  
at Trinity**, with St. Paul's Archdeacon John Clarke

**Sun., Dec. 23, 10:30 am** **Journey to the Cradle  
Advent IV Service**

**Christmas Eve Services** **4 pm – Worship for all ages  
7 pm – Worship in Word and Song**

## 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.



