



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



December 2, 2018 10:30 a.m.

White Gift 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** Sleepers Awake J.S. Bach
- Welcome** Rev. Melaney Matheson
- Acknowledging Traditional Territory**
- Quiet Preparation for Worship**
- *Introit** VU #5, vss. 1 and 2
- *Call to Worship** Luke Doiron

Advent, a time for reflection:

**we will prepare ourselves
carefully and prayerfully
for the coming of Jesus.**

Advent, a time of wonder:

**God loved the world so much,
that God sent the wonderful child Jesus.**

Advent, a time of priorities:

**in the midst of preparations,
the rush and the worry,
the light of Christ will shine through.**

Advent, a time for inspiration:

**if God is for the world,
with the world,
and in the world,
what can stop God's people
from changing the world?**

Come, let us open our lives to God.

***Hymn** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus VU #2

Advent Candle Liturgy

Kerri Seward Carpenter, Stephen, Camden & Paige Carpenter

Opening Prayer

Holy Light, in the dawning of Advent,
awaken us to signs of your presence.

Be with us in this time of waiting.

May the eager anticipation
so much a part of this festive time,
be transformed into a deep yearning
for your reign of hope and love.

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

Hymn Hope Is a Star VU #7, vs. 1

The Word

Prayer for Understanding

Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25: 1-10, VU, pg. 752 Justin Thompson

John 1: 14,16

Anthem Advent Alleluia Althouse

The Christmas Story Pageant – "God With Us"

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering

VU #55, vs. 4

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

This we pray in Jesus name who taught us to pray together saying...

**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

People, Look East

VU #9

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Once He Came in Blessing

J.S. Bach

Our Call to Worship this morning was written by David Sparks and The Advent Candle Litany (adapted) is by James Ravenscroft. Both are found in Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners, (Advent/Christmas/Epiphany , 2018, Year C).

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**Web Page:** www.trinityclifton.org **Email:** trinityunited@eastlink.ca**Phone:** 902-892-4114 **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri., 8:30 am – 3 pm**Announcements**

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Melanie Walsh-Fraser & Don Fraser and family on the death of Melanie's father Edwin Walsh.

Thank you to Suzanne Campbell for her leadership in planning today's special pageant.

Poinsettia has been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Ian W. Taylor. presented by Sandra & Mark Richardson.

Happy Birthday to Angie Phillips today and to Justin Mahood on Dec. 5.

Memorial Angel Tree: On Dec 9, 16 and 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 Churches Mission and Service, Gifts with Vision Catalog. Angels are \$5 and will be available before worship.

Sunday, Dec. 9: Lectionary Readings – Baruch 5:1-9, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

Help Needed: During the month of December, we will be hosting two of our annual events: a Turkey Dinner for the students and staff

at Prince Street School and a Turkey Dinner in our gym to support the Salvation Army. If you can contribute towards the expenses of these dinners, please contact Ellen in our office.

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.

Trinity UCW Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Mon., Dec. 10 at the Quality Inn on the Hill. Registration is at 9:30 am with the meeting beginning at 10 am. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Cheryl Millman who is the co-founder and executive director of "Open Door Outreach", will begin her address at 11 am. A turkey dinner will be served at 12 noon. The cost is \$20 per person and payment due tomorrow, Dec. 3 to Anne Love. Please contact Linda Hibbs at 902-628-6956 for further information.

Camp Abby: Please remember our church camp in your year-end givings. The Camp had a great summer but, unfortunately, costs increased. Please see Ellen in our office to make a donation or mail to PO Box 632, Kensington, PE, C0B 1M0.

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.

Upcoming Trinity Events

Property Committee will meet on Wed., Dec. 5, 6:30 pm.

Church Council will meet on Thurs., Dec. 6, 6:30 pm.

Congregational Christmas Dinner: On Sat., Dec. 8, 5:30 pm, we will be having a fundraiser for the Salvation Army. Tickets are free and will be handed out at the Richmond Street entrance after worship today. Please make a generous donation to the Salvation Army kettle on the night of the dinner.

Lennie Gallant will be presenting a Christmas concert entitled "The Innkeeper's Christmas Concert" at Trinity in Charlottetown on Dec. 14, 8 pm. Lennie's special guests include Rowen Gallant of Ten Strings and a Goat Skin and Patricia Richard, Jeremy Gallant, Jonathan Gallant and Sean Kemp, members of the Atlantic String Machine. Lennie's newest CD "Time Travel" will also be available at the show. This promises to be spectacular evening of Christmas music in the magical acoustic setting that is Trinity. Tickets are \$30 each, in advance, or \$35 at the door on the night of the event.

Other Church and Community Events

Handel's Messiah: On Sun., Dec. 2, at 2:30 pm on Main Stage, Confederation Centre Music Department presents Handel's Messiah, conducted by Donald Fraser. The Confederation Singers and Orchestra will be joined by soloists: Shannon Scales, Hannah O'Donnell, James Smith, and Parker Clements. Reserved admission \$25. Tickets available at the Ticketworks.

Sirens and its sister choir Harmonia will celebrate the magic and wonder of the Christmas season with a set of two concerts this December. "O Star" will be performed first on Sat., Dec. 8, 7:30 pm at Park Royal United Church and then again on Sun., Dec. 9, 3 pm at St. Andrew's United Church. The St. Andrew's Senior Choir will join the ensembles for the Vernon Bridge performance. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for students. They can be purchased online at sirenschoir.com or at the door.

Central Queens Live Nativity: On Sun., Dec. 9, Live Nativity in parking lot of Central Queens United Church at 6 pm. Real animals and characters recreating the night of Jesus' birth. Presented by our Sunday School staff and students. Light refreshments provided within the church following your journey. Admission is a free will offering for the Sunday School program.

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 p.m. 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

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.

