



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



**December 23, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth 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** Noel Etranger Daquin  
**Welcome** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit** VU #5, vss. 1 and 2

**\*Call to Worship**

Behold, the birth of the Christ child is near!  
**Let us worship God with heart and voice.**  
Behold, the birth of the Christ child is near!  
**Let us journey to the cradle.**

**\*Hymn** Hark the Glad Sound VU #29

**Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle** Anita Conohan, Amy Hughes,  
Angela, Ruth and Doug Phillips

**Opening Prayer**

God of the new day,

we rejoice that the time of celebration is near.

**As the time of our waiting  
draws to an end,  
let the flame of your love  
warm our hearts.**

Keep us focused on the reason for the joy  
and lead us to the places where  
the Christ would be born today.

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

**Hymn** Hope Is a Star VU #7

**Time with Our Children**

**The Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** Karen Wood

**Readings** Micah 5: 2-5a  
Psalm 80: 1-7 VU p. 794, Part One  
Luke 1: 39-56

**Music** On This Day Earth Shall Ring  
Traditional European Carol  
Arr. Tammy Waldrop

**Sermon** The Singer and the Song

**\*Hymn** My Soul Cries Out MV #120

**Response to the Word**

**Minute for Mission** Heather Cameron, Co-Chair  
Outreach Committee

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** Twas in the Moon of Wintertime  
based on the hymn tune 'Huron Carol'  
Arr. Sandra Eithun

**\*Presentation of Offering**

VU #55 vs. 4

**Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn**

My Life Flows On

VU #716

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fugue on the Magnificat

J.S. Bach

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We extend a very warm welcome to the Trinity-Clifton Handbell Choir and their director Kay Linkletter. Thank you for your music this morning.

Our Advent Candle Litany (adapted) was written by James Ravenscroft, 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

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**Announcements**

**Today's bulletins** are in loving memory of Dr. Burton Howatt, presented by Eileen and family.

**Happy Birthday** today to Roma MacQuarrie, to Maya Currie on

Dec. 25, and to Keridwen Campbell & Mark Burgoyne on Dec. 26.

**Financial results:** The following is our month-end financial results to November 30, 2018 with comparative figures for the previous comparative period.

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual
Offerings PAR	117,353	113,066
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Loose & Envelopes	113,820	126,265
Other Revenue –		
(ie Parking Lot rentals)	95,660	83,493
Total Revenue	326,834	322,824
Total Expenses	429,805	420,383
Net Income (Loss)	(102,971)	(97,559)

**Christmas Eve Services:**                   **4 pm – Worship for All Ages**  
  **7 pm – Worship in Word and Song**

**Memorial Angel Tree:** Today, 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. 30:** Lectionary Readings – 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

**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.

**Christmas Gifts Project 2018:** Once again, the Outreach Committee funded a project that provided a Christmas remembrance to seniors with a Trinity-Clifton connection. Deliveries were made to 80 people from Clyde River to Belfast to senior residences, community care facilities, nursing homes and private homes. The Christmas remembrance was a poinsettia plant purchased through Hearts and Flowers or 2 bottles of homemade jam made this past summer at the church. This year 4 persons, for whom a poinsettia

was considered inappropriate, were given a lap blanket. Each gift included a Christmas card signed by our 3 clergy. Deliveries were made by 20 people who found it to be a rewarding experience. This continues to be a wonderful outreach project. Those receiving a gift were surprised, pleased, thankful and appreciative that their church remembers them. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Again, we express our appreciation to Don and Florence Wonnacott for their continued support and assistance. - Mark & Sandra Richardson

**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.

**The Trinity Hand Bell Choir** is hoping to add six new members in January and invite interested ringers to join us. If you are new to handbells, we will gladly teach you and welcome you to our choir. We practice Friday afternoons at 4:15 pm until 5:30 pm in the Chapel. We need committed members so that we can have regular practices and learn some wonderful repertoire for bells. Ages 14 and up welcome. Practice will begin on Fri., Jan. 11; if you are interested please contact Kay at [klinkletter@gmail.com](mailto:klinkletter@gmail.com).

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

**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.

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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.



