



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



December 9, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Second 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 Once He Came in Blessing J.S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Melaney Matheson

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Preparation for Worship

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

***Call to Worship**

The desert will sing and rejoice
and the wilderness blossom with flowers.

All will see God's splendor,
see God's greatness and glory.

The nations will live in peace;
no more will they train for war.

This is the promise of God.
God's promise will be fulfilled.

***Hymn** There's a Voice in the Wilderness VU #18

Advent Candle Liturgy

Sophia Grace, Lochlain, Heather & Jean Cameron

Opening Prayer

Breath of God,
awaken us to your gentle encouragement.

Guide us to

**turn around,
pay attention,
correct our course.**

Amid the lure of the twinkling lights
and familiar carol sounds,
whisper to us,
inviting us to seek the quiet centre
that grounds our being.

We pray in the name of the One who comes.

Amen.

Hymn Hope Is a Star VU #7, vss. 1 and 2

Time with Our Children

The Word

Prayer for Understanding Emery Wood

Reading Luke 1: 68-79

Anthem The Truth from Above Vaughan Williams

Meditation Space for Peace

***Hymn** Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands MV #173
with alternate 4th and 5th verses

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory Blessed is He Who Comes J.S. Bach

***Presentation of Offering** VU #55, vs. 4

Offering Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

As we come to this table,
we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ,
a banquet prepared for everyone.

All who seek to be nourished and sustained
in the journey of faith,
all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths
to peace and justice, are welcome here.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Breath of peace,
Giver of all life, Source of love.

Your song of wisdom rang out
before the world began;
throughout the ages,
your song of liberation
has filled us with hope
for a world where:

those considered last and least
are first and most;
violence is overcome
by the power of your ancient love;
and all work together for peace.

You bring our longings to birth,

and send prophets to awaken us
to your approaching Advent among us.
We thank you for those who, like Mary,
have the strength and courage
to give birth to your love in the world;

for those who, like the shepherds,
dare to seek out the Child of Bethlehem;
for those who, like the wise ones,
actively challenge violent and oppressive powers.

We praise you that your everlasting light
is shown to us in womb and tomb,
in cradle and cross,
in tenderness and compassion.
We join in the Advent prayer
of all your people,
"O come, Emmanuel."

And, as we wait and watch for your coming
among us, we proclaim your goodness:

**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

MV #203

We remember all with whom you would have us
share your feast.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain...
all who are ill or alone...
all who are close to our hearts...
all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger...
all whose lives have been blighted by violence,
racism, or poverty...

We pray for the church and its many ministries,

for nations as they strive for peace and justice,
for an end to violence against those who are
most vulnerable.

God of hope,
make this bread the means of our rebuilding,
this cup the medium of our transformation,
this table the foundation of our renewal,
and this community the place of our rebirth.
And we remember Jesus,
who on the night before he died,
took a loaf of bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and said,

“Take and eat;
whenever you do this,
remember me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,

“This is the new covenant;
remember me.”

Gracious God, Breath of peace,
Source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

Make us, while many, one.

Make us, though broken, whole.

Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With our kindred around the world,
let us join in the prayer of Jesus:

**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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ,
the Bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.

Let us eat and drink together
for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all is now ready!

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, God,
for breaking into our world
and into our lives.
We thank you, God,
for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of hope, peace, joy and love
that it tells.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

*Hymn	You Call Us Out	VU #569
*Commission and Benediction		
Postlude	Jesus Christ, The Son of God	J.S. Bach

Our Advent Candle Litany (adapted) was written by James Ravenscroft, found in Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners (Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2018, Year C). Our Advent Communion Liturgy (adapted) was written by Alydia Smith, Program Coordinator, Worship, Music, and Spirituality, General Council Office, and was inspired by "Blessed are you, gracious God..." by William Kervin and Lillian Perigoe in Celebrate God's Presence, page 276. Used with permission.

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

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Announcements

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Hilda Szalay and Odella Mahar on the death of their sister, Thelma Misener.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Lorne and Margaret Keizer on the death of Joyce, wife and mother.

Happy Birthday to Anna Hughes on Dec. 10 and to David Younker on Dec. 15.

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 Church's Mission and Service, Gifts with Vision Catalog. Angels are \$5 and will be available before worship.

Sunday, Dec. 16: Lectionary Readings – Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

Financial results: The following is our month-end financial results to October 31, 2018 with comparative figures for the previous comparative period.

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual
Offerings PAR	\$ 107,080	\$ 102,718
Offerings – Loose & Envelopes	93,812	105,390
Other Revenue (i.e. Parking lot rentals)	69,510	56,720
Total Revenue	270,402	264,829
Total Expenses	388,197	382,821
Net Income (Loss)	(117,795)	(117,992)

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.

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

Worship Committee will meet on Tues., Dec. 11, 4:30 pm.

Adhoc Committee will meet on Wed., Dec. 12, 6:30 pm.

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, Jeremey 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

A Tribute to Lady Singers of Our Century Christmas Concert on Mon., Dec. 10, at 7:30 pm at Winsloe United Church. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the church (902-368-1233) or from any member of Lady Singers of Our Century group.

Sirens and its sister choir Harmonia will celebrate the magic and wonder of the Christmas season with a concert on Sun., Dec. 9, 3 pm at St. Andrew's United Church. The St. Andrew's Senior Choir will join the ensembles. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for students. They can be purchased on line 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.

The Stratford Community Choir will present "A Night of Christmas Music" with special guests Ava and Lily Rashed. The choir will present Carols of Western Europe, Carols of Eastern Europe and Carols of the British Isles from International Carol Suites arranged by Mark Hayes. 7:30pm on Sunday, December 9th at Park Royal United

Church. Admission is \$20 for family, \$5 for children, \$10 adults. Tickets are available at the door.

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

Christmas Events at Trinity United Church

- Sun., Dec. 9, 10:30 am Communion Service**
- Thurs., Dec. 13, 11:30 am Prince St. School Christmas Dinner
for Students and Staff**
- Fri., Dec. 14, 8 pm Lennie Gallant
"The Innkeepers Christmas Concert"**
- Sun., Dec. 16, 10:30 am Service of Lessons and Carols**
- Sun., Dec. 16, 7 pm Clifton United Church
Christmas Service**
- Wed., Dec. 19, 12:10 pm Prince Street Advent Service
at Trinity**
- Sun., Dec. 23, 10:30 am Journey to the Cradle**
- Christmas Eve Services 4 pm – Worship for all ages
7 pm – Worship in Word and Song**

**The Prince Street Churches invite you to our
Advent Services and Luncheons
December 12 & 19 - 12:10 to 12:50 pm**

**Dec 12 – at 1st Baptist, w/ Central Christian's Dr. Callum Beck
"Veiled in flesh the Godhead see"**

**Dec 19 – at Trinity, with St. Paul's Archdeacon John Clarke
"Mild he lays his glory by"**

**All are welcome! Bring a Friend!
Bring a Friend!**

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.

