



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



**January 20, 2019 10:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**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** Be Glad Now, All Christians J.S. Bach

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Noah Rogers

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit** VU #205

Choir, vs. 1:

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

**All, vss. 2 and 3:**

**To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,**

**to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**\*Call to Worship**

We look at this pitcher...  
Some see it half empty.  
Some see it half full.  
How do we see it?

**Filled with the water of life!**

**Filled with the wine of abundance!**

We look at our lives.

Some see us half empty.

Some see us half full.

How do we see ourselves?

**Filled with Christ's peace.**

**Overflowing with God's grace.**

**Pouring out the Spirit's love!**

This is Life.

**Life abundant.**

For us.

**For all. Alleluia.**

**\*Hymn**            Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise            VU #264

**Opening Prayer**

Giver of life, gather us together, fill our hearts with goodness.

**Change all that discourages us and drags us down.**

**Change it into new purpose, energy and strength.**

Give newness to each task we do,

    give meaning to our relationships,

    and new depth to our faith.

**Change us as you changed water into wine.**

Gather us, as we pray together,

**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.**

**Hymn** Love Us into Fullness MV #81, vss. 1 and 2

**Time with Our Children**

**Hymn** MV #81, vs. 3

**The Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** Judy Irwin

**Readings**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 36: 5-10

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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Rev. Melaney Matheson

**Anthem** Lord of all Hopefulness Healey Willan

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn** God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU #260

**Response to the Word**

**Minute for Mission** Heather Cameron

**Offering Invitation**



**Happy Birthday** to Emilie Willis on Jan. 22, to Enid Carter on Jan. 25 and to Curtis Duckworth on Jan. 26.

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion, Sunday, January 27:** As is our tradition, on the Sunday prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion, a Benevolent Offering envelope is placed in each worship bulletin. As you are able, please make a donation to our Benevolent Fund today or place your Benevolent Offering envelope in an offering plate next Sun., Jan. 27. The Benevolent Fund is utilized by our ministers and the Outreach and Service Committee to support those in need within our own congregation and in the wider community. Thank you.

**2019 Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or in remembrance. Please contact Ellen in our office. Cost is \$50.

**Lay Readers' Sign-up Table:** If you would like to be a reader in worship on Sun., Jan. 27 through Sun., Apr. 7, please make your way to the sign-up table today in the sanctuary. You are invited to choose a date that is convenient for you. Readings will be distributed the week prior to each Sunday and Rev. Cathie is glad to meet with you to rehearse with the microphone if you wish. Children, youth and adults are welcome!

**Sunday, Jan. 27:** Lectionary Readings – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

**Pastoral Visitation:** Rev. Anne visits Trinity-Clifton members who are living in assisted care residences or nursing homes. In addition, Rev. Cathie makes home visits at times of serious illness, crises, or to support those who are bereaved. You are most welcome to request a visit. Rev. Anne and/or Rev. Cathie visit the Queen Elizabeth Hospital each Thursday or Friday and more frequently upon request.

### **Trinity Events**

**UCW Executive** will meet on Mon., Jan. 21, 9:30 am.

**UCW General** will meet on Mon., Jan. 21, 10 am.

**Finance Committee** will meet on Tues., Jan. 22, 6 pm.

**Affirm Committee** will meet on Wed., Jan. 23, 2 pm.

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Wed., Jan. 23, 6 pm.

### **Ad Hoc Committee on Future Sustainability Information**

**Gathering:** Immediately following worship today. The members of the Ad Hoc Committee wish to update the congregation on their discussions to date.

**PEI Social Justice Book Club:** In recognition of Black History Month we have chosen to read **Americanah**, a powerful, tender story of race and identity by award-winning author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. We will meet in the church parlor at 1:30 on Feb. 6. Hope to see you there!

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

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer Awareness Conference** will be held on Thurs., Jan. 24, 9: am to 3 pm at the Murchison Centre in Charlottetown. Presenters include persons living with dementia, care partners, health care professionals and researchers. Pre-registration is required. For more information visit [www.awarenessconference.ca](http://www.awarenessconference.ca) or contact the Alzheimer Society at 902-628-2257.

**Roast Beef Dinner:** Please reserve Sat., Feb. 9 for our 3rd Annual Valentine's Roast Beef Dinner being held at Park Royal United Church at 5:30 pm. Meal includes tender roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip, peas, homemade mustard pickles, fresh rolls, punch, tea, coffee and a BIG chocolate black-forest cupcake with whipped cream for dessert. Adults \$20 and children under twelve - \$10. For tickets please call Church Office at 902-894-9656.

Camp Abegweit is looking for a treasurer. If you have any questions as to what this job entails you can contact Sharon Howatt at [vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca) or Linda Durdle at [durdle@eastlink.ca](mailto:durdle@eastlink.ca)

### **As Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council**

continues to develop and the commission is now serving as the Executive for our Region, efforts are ongoing to ensure each of its Committees is staffed with energetic and talented people. The Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin is currently Chair of a very small Nominations Committee which does not yet have any membership from PEI. As well as seeking a least one PEI member for the Nominations Committee, that Committee is in process of finding members to immediately begin serving on the following

Committees: Regional Meeting Planning, Property, Financial and Mission Support Services, Pastoral Relations, Faith and Education Formation, Region Staff Support Team, Mission Justice and Outreach, Archives and Records, and Incorporated Ministries. Please contact either Sheila Gallant ([sfgallant@bellaliant.net](mailto:sfgallant@bellaliant.net)) or Kevin Dingwell ([tkdingwell@gmail.com](mailto:tkdingwell@gmail.com)) or directly connect with the Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin ([rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com](mailto:rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com) or 506-458-1066) if you are willing to provide leadership during this critical time in the re-structuring of our church.

**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.

#### **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.