



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



March 17, 2019 10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent

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

Dean Perry

Diapason Movement
Aria

William Walond
Georg Muffat

Words of Welcome

Rev. Cathie Crooks

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Garion & Elsa Laird

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit**

Spirit of the Living God

VU #376

***Call to Worship**

We continue our Lenten journey,
seeking truth and wisdom for the days ahead.

**As we worship together this morning,
may we journey in faith, hope and trust
that God will guide us, not only to a cross
but to an empty tomb.**

Come, let us worship our God.

***Hymn** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108

Opening Prayer

Living God, in this time of sacred quiet,
make us wise to believe that you,
who created the universe
can create in us new hearts.

**Remind us that you welcome not only
our praise and thanksgiving,
but also our anger and doubt,
our passions and brokenness.**

Receive our worship this day,
for we offer it in spirit and in truth.

Silence is kept...

Sung Assurance: MV #102, repeat

**Jesus, your Spirit in us
is a wellspring of life everlasting.**

Hymn This Ancient Love VU #282, vss. 1-3

Time with Our Children Gratitude

Hymn This Ancient Love VU #282, vss. 4-5

The Word

Prayer for Understanding Debby Floyd

Scripture Readings

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalm 27 VU, Pages 754-755

Luke 13:31-35 Rev. Melaney Matheson

Anthem Jesus, Blest Redeemer Stan Pethel

Sermon

***Hymn** Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79

Response to the Word

Minute for Mission Heather Cameron

Offering Invitation

Offertory Lento Frank Bridge

***Presentation of Offering** VU #149, vs. 4

***Offering Prayer**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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** We Are Pilgrims VU #595

***Commission and Benediction**

Postlude Plein Jeu Jacques Boyvin

Greeters:

Head Greeter: Austin Bowman

North Side: Mark Richardson, Enid Carter, Harry Kielly

South Side: Mary Cowper-Smith, John Enman, Myrna Kielly

Balcony: David Younker, Kevin Jenkins

Clergy: Rev. Cathie Crooks

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

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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Announcements

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of constant companion Blaze, presented by Jaimie Liczner.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of the late Betty MacEachern.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to the Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer and her husband Rick Singer on the death of Anne's father, Robert (Bob) Dalziel.

We extend a warm welcome to Dean Perry, our guest organist.

Happy Birthday today to Jean G. Burch, to Patsy Mills on Mar. 18, to Roddie MacLean on Mar. 19, to Ewen Stewart on Mar. 20, to Margaret MacArthur on Mar. 22 and to Anita Conohan, Jack Howatt, Kaiden McKenna and to Sarah Dowling on Mar. 23.

Sister Kidd and the UPEI Food Bank send a sincere thank you to Trinity-Clifton for the timely food donations that we collected during the month of February.

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

Sunday, Mar. 24: Lectionary Readings – Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9.

Lenten Bible Study: On each Tuesday during Lent, you are invited to gather at 1:30 pm for one hour with Rev. Cathie. We will consider the Lectionary Readings focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Please contact Ellen in our Church Office to register.

Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference: Registration is now open. May 23 – 26 at Mount Allison University. Funding is available. Please register online asap and let our church office know.

Greeters Name-tags: Many of you will have noticed the lovely name-tags that our Greeters have been wearing in recent months. For the warm and welcoming vision of the Affirm Committee and the generous monetary gift of the UCW, we are most grateful.

Scripture Reader Sign-up: Please consider signing up to read scripture in the coming weeks. The sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary in the children's area.

Trinity Events

Pastoral Care Committee will meet on Sun., Mar. 17, 11:45 am.

Affirming PIE Day! On Mar. 14, Affirm United launched their first annual PIE Day. PIE focuses on Affirming Ministries' actions that are: Public; International; and Explicit in their welcoming to members of LGBTQ2S community. We are delighted that Trinity-Clifton was one of five ministries chosen to participate in the first PIE Day video. This 15-minute video is completely free to download and to stream through Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/320966739> A special showing is being planned for Mar. 31 following worship for our congregation. Coffee and pie will be served in the sanctuary. Hope you can join us!

Other Church and Community Events

Tribute to Broadway will be presented at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River on Sun., Mar. 31 at 7 pm. This show will feature the acclaimed talents of Kirk Neville and Bonnie LaFrance through voice and piano. Refreshments will be served. Admission \$12 at the door.

Winsloe United Church is having a Roast Pork Loin Dinner on Sat., Apr. 6, serving from 4-6:30 pm. Take-outs available at 3:30 pm. Adults: \$20, children under 12: \$8, and ages 6 and under: no charge. For tickets, please contact Faye at 902-368-1175 or the church office at 902-368-1233.

The Nominations Committee for Fundy St. Lawrence

Dawning Waters Region is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the following committees: Property, Financial & Mission Services, Faith & Education Formation, Mission, Justice & Outreach, Archives and Records. If you would like more information or if you feel called to serve, please contact: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
Chair, Nominations Committee 506-292-1680.

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.

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.

