

**Trinity – Clifton Community of Faith
United Church of Canada**



February 16, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Sixth 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.

Thought for the day: "Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care for people without any expectations." Author unknown

The Gathering

Prelude Gavotte Camidge

Words of Welcome Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Lighting of the Christ Candle Lochlain Cameron

The light of understanding, the light of compassion, and the light of community are all represented by the light that shines out from this candle. Let that light illumine our lives, our worship, and our way forward, as we gather as God's people (adapted from words by Peter Chynoweth - used with permission - The Gathering)

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Time in Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

It's the middle of February! What are you all doing here?

We have come to hear more from the Sermon on the Mount.

But you could have stayed in bed, you know. No one would have blamed you. Isn't this winter weather wearing thin about now?

We wanted to get out of bed so that we could learn more of what Christ is calling us to do in our faith community, with our lives and in our world.

Well, you could have skipped church and gone out for breakfast!

Breakfast can wait! We have chosen to be in this sanctuary that we may hear the Words of Scriptures and have our spirits renewed.

So, even though it's the middle of February, even though you could have stayed in bed where it was nice and warm, you chose to come here?

Yes! For together we will learn here of God's love, together we can grow in our faith, together we will learn what we may do better in order to follow Christ.

Great! So glad you are with us and welcome! Let us sing, pray, and learn together. All of these things will give life to our spirits.

***Introit**

We Are One

VU #402, vs. 2

**We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed,**

**and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

***Prayer of Approach**

Holy One, we are not always sure what it means to be part of Your discipleship. We are not always sure that we have in us what You require. But - YOU seem to be sure that we are who you want. Help us to trust You with that and move on in our lives. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** Jesus, Stand among Us VU #396

Prayer of Confession

Broken, we turn to You. Hurting, we look to You. In times of mourning, we lean on You. When we fail, we seek strength from You. We are poor in spirit, meek and humble. Hear our confessions as we offer our silent prayers... (a time of silence) Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Hymn Love Is the Touch MV #89, vs. 1-2

Time for All Ages Heather Cameron

Children's Hymn Love Is the Touch MV #89, vs. 3-4

The Word

Prayer for Illumination Phil Floyd

Wondrous and Loving God, You speak to us in many ways in the stories, in the scriptures and in our lives as humans. Each Bible passage offers us a powerful lesson on Your love for us. Open us now to the message that we might experience a renewing sense of Your presence in everything that we do.
Amen.

Hymn Take Time to Be Holy VU #672

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee VU #560

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude Voluntary in D Minor Boyce

Greeters:

Head Greeter: George Neale

North Side: Enid Carter, Bev Bishop, Roger Gordon

South Side: Kathy Birt, Elizabeth Pippy, Bruce Fitchett

Balcony: David Younker, Alan Edwards

Clergy: Rev. Cathie Crooks

Supply Minister: Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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Announcements

Sincere Congratulations to our own Organist and Director of Music, Donald Fraser, on receiving the Maritime Electric Educator of the Year Award from Music PEI.

Happy Birthday today to Judy Irwin, to Elaine MacDonald on Feb. 17, to Gail Swan & Melanie Walsh-Fraser on Feb. 18, to Suzanne Campbell on Feb. 19 and to Eileen Howatt on Feb. 20.

Happy 35th Anniversary today to Jack and Lorna MacPherson.

Our Church office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 17 to observe Islander Day.

Note: Following the resignation of Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer, clergy coverage for pastoral care through visitation will be provided by Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley. She can be reached at 902-940-1863.

Congregational Pastoral Care is available during this review period by contacting Rev. Keith MacPherson at 902-969-6784.

Food Bank donations collected during the month of February will be given to the UPEI Food Bank. You can drop off donations during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most needed items are Kraft dinner, cereal bars, juice, canned meats and fish, and pasta.

Sock-it-to-'em-Sunday: The Outreach and Service Committee is collecting socks for Blooming House and Bedford MacDonald House. Please bring your donations of warm, all sizes, any colour, new or gently used socks during the month of February.

2019 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up in our church office.

The Trinity/Clifton Annual General Congregational Meeting will take place after church on Mar. 29. The Worship & Stewardship Committees will serve lunch after worship. Those with last names from A to M are asked to bring sandwiches and those with last names from N to Z are asked to bring desserts. Please be willing to stay to help with the clean-up.

Archives News- A Well -Travelled Hymnal: Recently Shirley Wood donated a beautifully bound Methodist Hymnal, dated 1897, to our archives. According to Shirley it had been handed down to her mother from her Aunt Caroline Lowther, Rice Point. Caroline had travelled to western Canada in 1903 to teach. There she met and married Englishman Robert Dudley North who had dutifully brought the hymnal with him from England, when he immigrated to western Canada. After homesteading in the west, Robert and Caroline travelled to PEI in 1917 intent on settling here. Shortly after their arrival, Robert became acutely ill and died. The treasured hymnal remained in the family until now.

Gift Cards for gas, groceries, restaurants and department stores and more are available in our church office during the week, while supplies last.

The Lenten Noon time Luncheons will begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) at 12:10 pm beginning at St. Paul's Anglican Church - with a half-hour worship followed by lunch. Trinity will host on Wed., Apr. 1. The theme for this Lenten Series is Colossians 3: 12-15: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

Here is the schedule:

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday - St. Paul's Anglican

Theme: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body."

March 4 - Lent 1 - Salvation Army - Compassion and Kindness

March 11 - Lent 2 - Zion - Humility and Meekness

March 18 - Lent 3 - Central Christian - Patience and Forbearance

March 25 - Lent 4 - First Baptist - Forgiveness

April 1 - Lent 5 - Trinity - Love

April 8 - Holy Week - St. Dunstan's - Thankfulness

Sunday, February 23: Lectionary Readings – Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Trinity Events

Pastoral Care Committee, Sun., Feb. 16, 11:45 am.

Youth Choir, Sun., Feb. 16, 11:45 am– 12:30 pm.

Outreach Committee, Tues., Feb. 18, 1 pm.

Weekly Meditation, Wed., Feb. 12, 4:30 pm.

Weekly Pickleball, Thurs., Feb. 13, 5:30 pm.

Weekly Handbell Practice, Fri., Feb. 14, 4:30 pm.

Other Church and Community Events

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh will be held on Mon., Feb. 24, at 7:30 pm. Host Colleen MacPhee will be welcoming three special guests - the multi-talented Keelin Wedge along with her musician friend and popular entertainer Eddy Quinn, and a very special visit from Sarah, a comedy skit presented by Barb Perry. Admission is \$10 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

St. Peter's Cathedral Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Shrove Tuesday is all the buzz! February 25, 5:30 pm. Tickets at the door - \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children 12 and under.

Concert - March 1, 2 pm. Kensington United Church invites you to attend an inspiring afternoon of gospel music with a return of the popular gospel group, Jericho Road, (Emily and Vans Bryant and Harold and Marnie Noye) and the talented Stiff Family (Heather, Dave, their children, Aaron, Hannah, Elizabeth and Abigail).

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service: A 2020 World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Fri., Mar. 6 at 2 pm at Zion Presbyterian Church. This ministry of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) brings Christians from more than 170 countries together in prayer for issues that affect women and children. This year the service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, who share their experiences and concerns. The theme of the service - *Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk* - was chosen by our sisters from Zimbabwe to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. Members from nine churches of different denominations will be participating in the service, including Trinity. Refreshments will be served. Offerings collected will be used to provide grants that benefit women touched by injustice around the world. Info: Zion Church 902-566-5363, Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm.

Winsloe United Church Roast Pork Loin Dinner on Sat., Mar. 7, 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, contact the church office at 902-368-1233 or Faye at 902-368-1175.

Camp Abby's Annual meeting is on Mar. 11 at North Bedeque United at 6:30 pm. As with all Annual meetings, it's good to have stake holders join the conversation. Our congregations are our stake holders. We are asking for ONE person from each pastoral charge to join us for that meeting – no we won't give you a job or pressure you to be on the Board. We do need your input to help us in our planning and dreaming. Send your name and Pastoral Charge name to Pix Butt, pixmpc@bellaliant.net. THANK YOU!

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.

