

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



**March 1, 2020 10:30 a.m.**

**First 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.

**Thought for the day:** "Walk away from anything or anyone who takes away from your joy. Life is too short to put up with fools."  
Author Unknown

**The Gathering**

**Prelude**                      O God, Be Merciful to Me                      J.S. Bach

**Words of Welcome**    Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Fire and light come together in the flames that dance on top of this candle - refining fire, fire that burns, light that pierces, light that soothes. Thanks be for fire and light.  
(from words by Peter Chynoweth - used with permission  
"The Gathering" L/E 2020)

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

## **Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

## **Quiet Time in Preparation for Worship**

### **Call to Worship:** Lent 1 Theme: Temptation

Our God invites us into a journey we call Lent.

**Our time is spent now in worship.**

Our Creator has invited us here to this sacred place.

**May we discover that Holy Presence  
in this time of worship.**

**\*Introit**      God We Praise You for the Morning      VU #415, vs. 1

**God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.**

### **\*Prayer of Approach**

**Creator and Life-giving One, make Your presence  
known to us that our choice might be to listen for Your  
Word, to rest in the trust of Your Grace and to worship  
You with all of our being. In the name of the One who  
directs us, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      O God, How We Have Wandered      VU #112

### **Invitation to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Since the beginning of time, we have been tempted to  
make choices which have moved us away from God's  
vision for creation. Let us open our hearts to God as  
we confess our individual and corporate sins. We are**

**created with freedom to choose from right or wrong. Too often we have been consumers when we were called to be stewards, attracted by the fulfillment of our own desires rather than what God would desire of us. We ask for Your forgiveness. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Even in our weakness, even in our neediness, even in our desperation, even in our failure, even in our sinfulness, even in our brokenness, God calls us. We are a forgiven and beloved people, called to a state of grace in Jesus Christ where we may continue to serve with joy. Amen.**

**Children's Hymn**      When We Are Tested      MV #65, vs. 1-2

### **Time for All Ages**

**Children's Hymn**      When We Are Tested      MV #65, vs. 3-4

### **The Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**      Mary Cowper-Smith

**Epistle Reading**      Romans 5: 12-19

**Congregational Psalm #32**      VU, Page 759

**Gospel Lesson**      Matthew 4: 1-11

**Anthem**      Trinity Handbell Choir      directed by Lori Linkletter  
                 Hymn of Promise      composer Natalie Sleeth  
                 arranged by J. Linker & J. McFadden

**A Lenten Meditation**      Tough Choices!

**\*Hymn**      Jesus, Tempted in the Desert      VU #115

## **Response to the Word**

### **A Message from the Moderator of the United Church of Canada**

#### **Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**      Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake      Tye

**\*Presentation of Offering**      What Can I Do?      MV #191

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**God of the Lenten journey, all around us are reminders  
of Your covenant with creation. Our gifts represent our  
commitment to Your way of wholeness. Help us use  
these offerings to quench thirsty souls, shower your  
earth with blessings, and transform hungry hearts.  
Amen.**

## **Sending Forth**

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn** Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You VU #611

#### **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**We go forth to continue our journeys, making choices  
about what it means to be the body of Christ in the  
world. Let us go in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
recommitting ourselves to love our neighbor as**

**ourselves, to be the people God would wish us to be.  
Until we meet again, may we be blessed by grace,  
wisdom, and faithfulness from our Creator, Redeemer  
and Sustainer. Amen.**

**Postlude**                      Abide With Us, Lord Jesu                      Walther

**Greeters:**

**Head Greeter:** Harvey MacEwen

**North Side:** Mary Cowper-Smith, Alan Brady, Anne MacEwen

**South Side:** Willard MacKinnon, Murray Cook, Chris Cook

**Balcony:** David Younker, Maurice Wood

**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Supply Minister:** Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

**Music Director:** Donald Fraser

**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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**Announcements**

**Today's bulletins** are in loving memory of Rosella M. Taylor presented by Mark and Sandra Richardson.

**Happy Birthday** to Gail Duckworth on Mar. 2, to Linda Dunning on Mar. 3, and to Moe Wood on Mar. 5.

**Special thanks** to Kay Linkletter and the Handbell Choir for their contribution to this morning's worship service.

**Prince Street Lenten Service and Luncheon** will take place this coming Wednesday, March 4, 12:10 pm at Salvation Army.

**Pick Your Favorite Hymns:** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church – we invite you to pick your favorite hymn and then on a Sunday in the near future, we will have more singing than we usually do during our worship service.

Youth Forum is looking for facilitators for 2020! Youth Forum is a youth event (for grades 9 to age 19) that is only made possible by our incredible volunteers. If you have a passion for youth, and are looking for a way to give back to the youth in our church, we would love you to join our team! Facilitators need to be at least 21 years old and be available April 15th for a training day and from May 21-24, 2020 for the main event!

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

**Food Bank** donations can be dropped off during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most needed items are Kraft dinner, cereal bars, juice, canned meats and fish, and pasta.

**Trinity and the City of Charlottetown Heritage Awards:**

Mr. Reginald Porter was the recipient of the prestigious Catherine G. Hennessey Award on Feb. 18 at City Hall, when the City of Charlottetown Heritage Awards were presented. He received the award for his contribution in documenting and promoting the history of the capital, which included publications on Trinity United Church and Government House. Reginald Porter, who is well known to the Trinity Congregation, has authored the books *The Stained Glass Windows of Trinity United Church* and *The Architecture of Methodism in Charlottetown*. Both of these books have been recently published by Trinity and can be obtained from Ellen in the church office or by contacting Katherine Dewar. Money from the sale of the books goes to the Restoration Fund.

**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.

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

**Sunday, March 8:** Lectionary Readings – Genesis 12:1-4a,  
Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

### **Trinity Events**

**UCW Executive,** Mon., Mar. 2, 9 am

**UCW General,** Mon., Mar. 2, 10 am

**Weekly Meditation,** Wed., Mar. 4, 4:30 pm.

**Property Committee,** Wed., Mar. 4, 6:30 pm.

**Weekly Pickleball,** Thurs., Mar. 5, 5:30 pm.

**Church Council,** Thurs., Mar. 5, 6:30 pm.

**Weekly Handbell Practice,** Fri., Mar. 6, 4:30 pm.

**UCW Meetings - Please note:** The planned guest speaker is not available for this March meeting but is scheduled for the April meeting. Please watch the bulletin for details.

**Tuesday Suppers** There will be a gathering on Tues., Mar. 3 at 6 pm. The speaker will be Dr. Olive Bryenton. Dr. Bryenton obtained her PhD in Education from UPEI at the age of 82—a remarkable achievement. Dr. Bryenton will speak on "Some Realities of Women 85 and Older." Price of the meal is \$10 and tickets are available after church at the Richmond Street entrance or during the week from the Church Office. Everyone welcome.

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

**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](mailto:pixmpc@bellaliant.net). THANK YOU!

### Trinity Fall Fair 2019 Recap

Table	Friday	Saturday	Total Sales
Baking	1086.00	410.00	1496.00
Books	1261.35	551.00	1812.35
Candy	840.05	185.00	1025.05
Cider/Cookies	588.30	32.00	620.30
Emily Bryant	422.00		422.00
Crafts	755.50	1016.80	1772.30
Deli	1231.25	317.95	1549.20
Jams/Jellies	2477.00	1288.05	3765.05
Jewellery	865.75	252.20	1117.95
Kitchen	1765.10	1438.50	3203.60
Sewing/Knitting	1327.00	651.00	1978.00
Silent Auction		1603.00	1603.00
Treasures Chapel	1502.75	616.00	2118.75
Mall			1180.00
Greenery	710.00	85.00	795.00
June Sale			955.85

Office			2060.00
Sales Sub-total	14,832.05	8446.50	27,474.44
Total Expenses			2326.54
Profit	14,832.05	8446.50	\$25,147.86

### 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.