Trinity – Clifton Community of Faith United Church of Canada



September 22, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Creation Time 3 in the Season of Pentecost

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.

A Thought for the Day: "Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude, and praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise" – Richard Rohr

The Gathering

Prelude Lord Jesu Christ, Be Present Now J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome Rev. Doreen Daley

Let us welcome one another with a warm smile and words of peace. (Please share the peace of Christ)

*Join in Singing Gather Us In MV #7

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Garion & Rory Laird

We are a people of light.
We are called to bring light into
All the shadowed places of our living.
We light this candle remembering that
Jesus is the light of the world.

Christ Be Our Light (sung)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today. (repeat)

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Call to Worship

We come to this place incomplete, sometimes wondering why we made the effort.

We seek wholeness.

We come to this place regretting the hard pew and the early rising.

We seek comfort.

We come to this place with humility.

We seek reassurance.

We come to this place having made mistakes.

We seek forgiveness.

*Introit

Come to My Heart

VU #661, vs. 1

Opening Prayer

Turn us into fertile soil, Divine Creator. Plant in us seeds of faith, of hope and of wonder, that will grow

into rich harvest. Help us know that we and the land are inseparable – we are one - one in you.

The Lord's Prayer

*Opening Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU #271

Time for All Ages

Prayer of Confession

When the good earth is respected, the water kept clean, and the skies clear,

You, Our Creator, smile on us, and encourage us to persevere.

When we speak out against the exploiters, and encourage our friends to use their talents,

You, Our Creator, stand beside us, and give us the confidence we need.

When your church looks outward to its neighborhood and is ready to serve,

You, Our Creator, energize the faith community, and give it a fresh vision.

When we recognize our lack of grace, and fail to act compassionately,

You, Our Creator, give us a sense of reality, and the willingness to go in a faithful direction.

(a time of silent reflection)

The faithful way lies ahead of us, we see it, we want to take it;

You, Our Creator, will give us courage to make that way our own.

In Christ, we have our pattern and our guide along the way,

You, Our Creator, give us the wisdom to follow your Chosen One.

Discipleship is a tough choice, but a choice that brings peace and focus.

Assurance of Pardon

The Word

Prayer for Understanding

Alan Edwards

Our Divine One loves you no matter what. That grace washes over you and works to restore relationships and brings new hope. May it be so. Amen.

Hebrew Lesson: 1 Samuel 3: 1-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people. **Thank you for these sacred words.**

Anthem The House We Build For The Lord Althouse

Reflection Disrupted!

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory Lord, Hear The Voice of My Complaint J.S. Bach

*Presentation of Offering MV #191, repeat twice

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.

*Offering Prayer

We offer these gifts, in the name of the One who is our Healer and our Hope. May peace for the troubled,

strength for the ill, hope for the despairing, and justice for the powerless flow from these gifts. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn Just as I Am VU #508

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Old Hundredeth Pachelbel

Greeters:

Head Greeter: Willard MacKinnon

North Side: Austin Bowman, Bob & Gail MacNutt **South Side:** David White, Valerie Downe, Natalie Smith

Balcony: David Younker, Miriam Lank

Clergy: Rev. Cathie Crooks

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon **Office Administrator:** Ellen Locke Doiron

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Announcements

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of Ian W. Taylor and Joseph H. Taylor presented by Mark and Sandra Richardson and family.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Earl Wonnacott and family on the death of his grandson, Troy MacKinnon.

Happy Birthday today to Violet Foster and Debby Floyd, to Olivia Wharton and Heather Cameron on Sept. 27 and to Elizabeth Wedge Lafferty on Sept. 28.

Open House at Trinity: Most of this year's cruise ships are in Charlottetown in September and October, and we are looking for volunteers. Please contact Ellen in our church office if you can help.

Food Bank Baskets: Until the end of Sept., we will be collecting school supplies to assist Prince Street School students and their families. Please see the list of most needed items on the collection baskets or our bulletin boards. Items can be dropped off on Sunday or during the week to our office.

New Youth Programs at Trinity-Clifton This Fall: There will be two new youth programs being offered at Trinity-Clifton beginning this fall. Suzanne Campbell will be leading two new initiatives on Wednesday evenings: The Youth Music/Arts Club (TYMAC), ages 8-14, from 6-6:45 pm beginning Sept. 18, where we will explore spirituality and creativity through music-making, improv, and the arts; and Spectrum, a teen choir project for members and friends of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, ages 12-18, from 7-8:30 pm beginning Oct. 2. Both programs are open to any youth whether or not they are members of the Trinity-Clifton family, so please spread the word! Youth who are interested in the Community Bursary Program may be eligible for volunteer hours by participating in either of these initiatives. Please contact Suzanne at singing@eastlink.ca for more information and registration.

Chancel choir rehearsals have commenced. We meet each Wednesday evening, 6:30-8 pm in the sanctuary. Come join us for a great season of singing with the choir. New members are welcome!

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

Sunday, September 29: Lectionary Readings – Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15, Amos 6:1a, 4-7, I Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

First Aid/AED Course will be held on Wed., Sept. 25 at Trinity. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ellen in our office.

Attention First Year College or University Students:

Information on the Henry Clarke Scholarships is available on the bulletin board outside our church office.

Trinity Events

Christmas Fair Meeting will take place on Mon. Sept. 23, 5 pm. **UCW Sherwood Unit** will take place on Tues., Sept. 24, 10 am. **Communications Comm.** will meet on Tues., Sept. 24, 5:30 pm.

Tuesday Night Church Supper: The regular monthly Tuesday night church supper starts on Tues., Oct. 1, 6 pm in the gym. Guest speaker is Greg Donald, General Manager of the PEI Potato Board. He will speak about the Board – what it does, land use issues and water issues as they relate to the Potato Industry in the province. Do not forget to buy your ticket, \$10 each. They will be available after church at the Richmond Street entrance on Sundays, Sept. 22 and 29. They will also be available from our church office. Everyone is welcome.

Other Church and Community Events

PEI UCW Fall Gathering (Formerly known as the Fall Rally): To be held at Camp Abby on Sat., Sept. 28, 9 am to 3 pm. Theme this year is "Living Water". Registration is \$12 which includes lunch and breaks. Please give this some consideration and if interested in attending, contact Judy Irwin or Anne Love.

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 Abeqweit Mi'kmag First Nation.

Prince Street Elementary School Supplies

Hard Covered Journals (found at Dollarama)
1 inch Binders Binder Dividers Loose Leaf packages Graph Paper 'Scissor's (Pointed tip) White Erasers Fine tip Black markers Black White board markers (Fine tip) Earphones (Dollarama suggested) Geometry Protractor Calculator (for grade 6) Boxes of Ziploc Bags Boxes of Kleenex Any and all Donations will be greatly appreciated!