



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



January 5, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

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: The old year is worn and tired. Time now to kiss it "Good-bye". Take with you its wisdom - and authority and the power of all you have learned. Remember the past year with love, but let go of its despair, live the year that lies ahead with fresh energy and hope, be strong, have courage. It is time now for something new. - from the Contemplative Monk

The Gathering

Prelude How Brightly Beams the Morning Star Buxtehude

Words of Welcome Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Lighting of the Christ Candle Lochlain Cameron

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Time in Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

For darkness shall cover the earth,

**and thick darkness the people;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.**

**Nations shall come to Your light,
and kings to the brightness of Your dawn.**

**Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you:
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be
carried on their nurses' arms.**

**Then you shall see and be radiant:
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the
seas shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

**A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah:
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Opening Prayer

**We come, Our Creator, out of the night just like the
wise men, searching for the Baby Jesus, the light of
our world. Guide us to the manger as You did those
three travellers of old. As we gather, and when we go
from here, let us keep your light in our hearts. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

***Opening Hymn** As with Gladness Men of Old VU #81

Prayer of Confession

**Our Great Creator, as we face another calendar year,
we are often guilty of making great promises and
wonderful resolutions. We have agreed to change this
or to do more of that, yet we know in our hearts how**

difficult it is to change, to live in a new way. Help us and grant us what we need to be more the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Words of Assurance

My good friends, the Good News is this; we are not judged by our actions, but by the faithfulness of our God. We are each a forgiven people.

We are so grateful that You continue to offer us forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Hymn A Light Is Gleaming VU #82

Time for all Ages

The Word

Prayer for Illumination Valerie Downe

Radiant God, light for all people and all places, by the guidance of a star You led the Magi to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to worship You in peace and love, and guide us in Your way. We pray in the name of the Christ, the very light of our world. Amen.

Congregational Psalm 72: 1-8, 10-14 VU, page 790

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

We thank you for this opportunity to gather in community.

Anthem We Three Kings Traditional

Spiritual Reflection The Servant's Great Work!

***Hymn** I Am the Light of the World VU #87

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory Noel V Daquin

***Presentation of Offering**

Tune of VU #232

**Joyful, joyful as the wise ones
brought their gifts on bended knee
to the lowly Child in manger,
may we bring our gifts to Thee.
We are here, our time, our talents,
we would dedicate as well;
may we show Christ's love within us,
by our lives our faith forth tell.**

***Offering Prayer**

**Gracious God, the Magi brought precious metals and
costly spices. We bring simple gifts – our lives, our
love, and our money. Use them to further Your loving
purposes throughout your world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sending Forth

***Hymn**

Arise, Your Light Is Come

VU #79

***Commissioning and Benediction**

A New Year is here, follow your star.

**The star that will lead to the discovery of new talents.
The star that leads to new ways of being the church.
The star that reveals how dreams may become reality,
The star that leads to seeing needs and meeting those
needs, The star that begins with the birth of the Christ
Child, And leads to the hope of becoming a new and
faithful person.**

A new year is here, follow your star.

**We will look up and follow, for the saints have gone
ahead of us.**

(adapted from words by David Sparks, used with permission,
Gathering 2009/10)

Postlude

Once He Came in Blessing

J.S. Bach

Greeters:**Head Greeter:** David Essery**North Side:** David Essery, June Ives, Enid Carter**South Side:** Judy Irwin, Mary Chandler, Harvey Chandler**Balcony:** David Younker, Linda Sherren**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**Web Page:** www.trinityclifton.org **Email:** trinityunited@eastlink.ca**Phone:** 902-892-4114 **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri., 8:30 am – 4 pm**Announcements**

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of Isabel Mutch Bowman presented by her family.

Happy Birthday to Elliott Fraser on Jan. 8, to Mason Rogers on Jan. 9, to June Sanderson on Jan. 10 and to Sylvia Johnson on Jan. 11.

2020 Church Envelopes are now ready and are outside our church office. If you don't have contribution envelopes but would like some, please see Ellen in our office.

Sunday, January 12: Lectionary Readings – Isaiah 42: 1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3: 13-17

Clergy coverage, while Rev. Cathie Crooks is on leave, is being provided by Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer and Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley. Rev. Dalziel Singer, Minister of Visitation, is providing pastoral care through visitation to those in assisted-living homes and in hospital. She also attends Pastoral Care Committee meetings and can be reached at #902-394-3165. Rev. Doreen Bird-Dailey is providing leadership in worship, conducting funerals/weddings and is on call for emergency pastoral care. She also attends Worship Committee and Church Council meetings and can be reached at #902-940-1863. We are most grateful for their ministries with us.

Trinity Events

Pastoral Care Committee, Sun., Jan. 5, 11:45 am.

UCW Executive, Mon., Jan. 6, 9:30 am.

UCW General, Mon., Jan. 6, 10 am.

Weekly Meditation, Wed., Jan. 8, 4:30 pm. Newcomers welcomed.

Property Committee, Wed., Jan. 8, 6:30 pm.

Unit 2 UCW, Thurs., Jan. 9, 2 pm.

Church Council, Thurs., Jan. 9, 6:30 pm.

Other Church and Community Events

The Charlottetown Area Christian Council is planning to celebrate the World Wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast and a Sunday evening concluding Service. Please show your support by attending one or both of these special events. The Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. It begins promptly at 8 am, Sat., Jan. 18. Tickets for this breakfast are available in the Trinity Church office. The concluding Service will be held on Sun., Jan. 26, 7 pm at Spring Park United.

Designing a Support Network for Trinity-Clifton United Church

Sometimes due to illness, we find ourselves in need of the shelter of each other's prayers and compassion. If you have the strength, reach out and be someone's shelter today. (taken from Thess. 5:11)

Do you believe our community of faith would benefit by adding a new way to offer support to others experiencing trying times? If so, you can help the Pastoral Care Committee connect with individuals who identify as feeling alone or lonely, or who experience illness or grief. We invite you to attend a **Sharing and Learning Day at Trinity United Church on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm** (with a storm date of January 18). Please leave your name with our Church Office, Anne Love or Emily Bryant by January 8.

In this initiative, a helper would stay in touch with an assigned individual to listen and offer sensitive social support. This contact could be face-to-face, or by telephone, text, or email. On January 11, we will identify how we already show support and discuss intentional listening and empathy with a goal of increasing comfort and skill.

Note: If you are an individual who often feels alone or lonely, or if you are experiencing illness, loss or grief and have only minimal family support, we would like to include you in this new method of providing support. To be connected with someone for regular contact, please leave your name with the Church Office, Anne Love or Emily Bryant.

This initiative is sponsored by the Pastoral Care Committee. Lunch and resources are provided by the New Horizons for Seniors Project.

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.

