

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

**January 31, 2021 10:30 am
Fourth 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 stand if you are able

Prelude Our father in Heaven above (Pachelbel)

Words of Welcome

God is good
all the time.
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Call to Worship Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Introit MV #92 Like a Rock

Invocation Prayer

***Hymn** VU #334 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Come to Confession

Hymn MV #18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn** VU #642 Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Illumination

Scriptures Psalm 111 VU #833 Responsive Reading
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Special Music

Sermon "Common Knowledge"

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sung by Tracy Cantin)

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn** VU #675 Will Your Anchor Hold

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude Gavotte from Otho : Handel

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Announcements

Happy Birthday to Wendy Wright on Feb. 4.

Thank you to Tracy Cantin, this morning's soloist, for her musical contribution to this service.

Readers for Lent: If you are interested in reading during the season of Lent, please contact Rev. Arthur at daviestrinity@eastlink.ca.

Sock It To 'Em 2021: The Outreach & Service Committee will once again be collecting socks for the homeless. You can bring your mens or ladies socks to church on Sunday or drop them off at the Richmond St. door through the week.

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

Sunday School Alert: We are looking into the feasibility of restarting Sunday School in some form or another in a safe environment. We are early in our endeavor. If you are interested,

please call or email our office.

Join us for worship! Trinity has been approved to have up to 100 people in the church. Register your planned attendance at <https://reopen.church/r/0a4OKw7G>, email lukeTrinity@eastlink.ca or call 902-892-4114. You can also watch live on Facebook, YouTube or Eastlink Cable 10. Although we are thankful to Eastlink, FaceBook and YouTube, getting some of our church family together on Sunday is special. We have a safe place for all who wish to gather.

Food Bank: Please remember to support the food bank with non-perishable food items. Baskets are at each door to the sanctuary.

Sunday, Feb. 7: Lectionary Readings – Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner: Treat your sweetie on Sat., Feb. 13 at Park Royal United Church. Adults \$18 and Children under 12 - \$9. Tickets available by calling church office at 902-894-9656. Menu includes tender roast beef, mashed potatoes (side of gravy), carrots, turnip, peas, roll, and a giant delicious cupcake for dessert. We ask that you come into the office to pick up and pay for your tickets and please have a cheque made out to Park Royal United Church or the correct change as we will not be handling change. All tickets must be picked up and paid for by Tues., Feb. 9. Pickup times will be 4:30 pm or 5 pm.

Good News Report: UPEI dedicates observatory to former astronomy professor, Earl L. Wonnacott, a lifelong member of Trinity United Church. To commemorate the 40th year of the UPEI Observatory, the physics department proposed to the University that it be dedicated in Wonnacott's honour. Mr. Wonnacott taught students on PEI for more than 50 years and was instrumental in getting the observatory built.

You can find the full story at:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-upei-wonnacott-observatory-telescope-dedication-1.5882751>

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.