

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Creation 3

September 28, 2025 10:30 am

Prayers and songs in unison and people's responses are in **bold type**.

* Indicates to stand, if you are able

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation. May we seek reconciliation and may all live in peace and harmony on this land.

THE CHRIST CANDLE

There is a light that shines in the darkness,
a light that will never die.

**This is the light of Christ beckoning
us onward, guiding us toward the dawn.**

We light this candle as a sign of Christ's
undiminished and undiscouraged love
for us and all people.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

We often say, "Everyone is welcome here."

And yet not everyone is so sure about that.

**We light this rainbow candle as a symbol
of our intention to continue working
to become a truly welcoming and inclusive
faith community.**

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

***GATHERING SONG MV 92 “Like a Rock”**

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever

before.

*Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore. (2X)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Is this not the fast God chooses:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

to bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to clothe them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

God has told us what it good:

to do justice and to love kindness

and to walk humbly.

(Adapted from Micah 6 and Isaiah 58)

***OPENING HYMN MV 88 “Over My Head”**

(Additional verse 3a “When Mother is Cryin’”

OPENING PRAYER:

God, we want to believe
that the arc of the universe
bends toward justice:
that evil will be overthrown,
that the poor will be lifted up,
that the homeless will find shelter,
that the outcast will be made welcome,
that peace will take root in the human heart,
that the earth will be renewed,
that your kingdom will come,
but the weight of history
bears heavily upon us.
We know how often hopes
have been disappointed,
how many dreams have been crushed.
Therefore, we are tempted to abandon hope
and we scarcely dare to dream.
We do not trust your promises
and we take refuge
in the cynical wisdom of this age.
Forgive us; heal us;
teach us how to hope and dream;
make us a community
which seeks justice and resists evil.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: "Angel Voices ever Singing" - Tambling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, you have called your church
to celebrate your presence but we have often

regarded the time of worship as an
inconvenient intrusion on our crowded lives.
You have called us to live with respect
in Creation but we have treated the good earth
and the precious waters with contempt and
filled the atmosphere with the emissions
of our fossil fuels.
You have called us to love and serve others
but we are mainly concerned with ourselves.
You have called us to seek justice and resist
evil but we regard injustice as someone else's
problem and hope that evil
won't find our address.
You have called us to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope,
but we often act as if we had never heard
of him.
God, forgive us; call us again.
Do not stop calling us until we answer. Amen.
(Based on A New Creed VU. p.918)

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON: *Lord, have mercy upon
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In mercy, God forgives us;
with love, God heals us;
with goodness, God upholds us.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

***PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16 VU P. 807**

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Reader: Alan Edwards
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 16:19-31
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Sorry, Lazarus, I Didn't See You There"

***HYMN MV 64** "Because You Came And Sat Beside Us"

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU 541**
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God, open our eyes, open our hearts
to the many who sit and wait
for a crumb to fall to them.
May our gifts help hasten the day
when no one's suffering is invisible
and all are invited to the feast;
in Jesus' name. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 674** "Fight the Good Fight"

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 298** "When You Walk from Here"
When you walk from here,

***when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care. (2X)***

POSTLUDE

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Office Administrator: Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Custodian: Andy Gagnon

Web Page: www.trinityclifton.org

Email: trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com

Phone: 902-892-4114 Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m

Announcements

Trinity-Clifton Vision Statement: *We are a joyful, welcoming, inclusive Christ-centered community of faith, reaching out to others, providing a safe space where we respect differences. We learn from the past and dare to change.*

Noon hour Bible Study will be held this Tuesday, September 30th. All are welcome. We will be continuing our study of the Book of Genesis.

Next UCW Meeting will be held on Monday, October 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Judy Irwin will be helping us with information about sorting our garbage. All women are welcome to attend.

Dinner and Speaker Advance Notice, October 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Ryan MacRae from the Cooper Institute talking about Immigrant Issues. Please let the Church Office know by

noon on October 6th if you plan to attend. Please give what you can towards the cost of the meal.

Christmas Fair Craft Sessions: All are welcome!

October 7th, Tuesday – 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

October 9th, Thursday – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

October 14th, Tuesday – 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

October 16th, Thursday – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

October 21st, Tuesday – 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

October 23rd – Thursday – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

November 4th – Tuesday – 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

November 6th, Thursday – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please note there will be more dates and times added, when we start working with greenery.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Your council co-chairs are running a half-day workshop to outline some projects to continue revitalizing Trinity's future on Saturday, October 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have an idea to share, you want to be a part of a working group or you just want to know what's going on, you are invited to join us! Please RSVP to Doreen in the office.

Chair Yoga with Melanie Fraser gathers tomorrow, Monday, September 29th, in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

The Trinity Roast Beef Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 25th – with pick up from 4:30 to 5:30 – tickets are now available in the Church Office. Norman Carruthers will be selling tickets for the Roast Beef Dinner after church this morning.

Handbell Choir at Trinity is looking for three new handbell ringers. Rehearsals are each Friday 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.– contact Kay Linkletter if interested at klinkletter@gmail.com.

Greeters for the month of September: Anne Love, Ann White, Miriam Lank, Alan Edwards

False Alarm Folks! Universal Portrait Studios will not be taking photos for the Church Directory until October 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11th. They will start calling Trinity/Clifton Members/Adherents by September 23rd.

Scripture Readings October 5, 2025

Lamentations 1:1-6 or Lamentations 3:19-26
or Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 137 or Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17: 5-10

Camp Abegweit is in immediate need of a treasurer. Anyone who is interested in what this position entails contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193.

Palestine Land Exercise:

Bedeque United Church invites you to the Palestine Land Exercise workshop on Saturday, November 1, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Please email to register by October 15th at bedequepc@outlook.com.

***About the Workshop:** “It Didn’t Start on October 7, 2023”. Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict? The Palestine Land Exercise (PLE) is an interactive presentation that walks participants through key historical events in the region since the late 19th century. Guided by a four-member volunteer team, this 50-minute immersive experience is followed by an Indigenous-style talking circle, offering space for reflection and discussion on steps toward peace. This workshop is open to all interested in participating!

Join Rural Routes Through the Holy this fall for a soul-nourishing day of connection, reflection, and inspiration in the beautiful and historic setting of St. Anne's Church, on the edge of Sackville, New Brunswick.

This "day away" is a gentle and meaningful miniature of our longer three-day Rural Routes gathering. Whether you've joined us before or are just curious to dip your toes in, this is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Rural Routes community—no matter how you live out your spirituality.

The day will include:

- Thoughtful speakers and creative workshops
- Space for quiet reflection and rich conversation
- Morning refreshments and a shared lunch (included with registration)

We welcome everyone—those who attend church often, and those who experience the holy in other ways.

To register, please go to our website

at <https://ruralroutesthroughtheholly.ca> and click on the Events tab. Choose A Day Away from the drop down menu.

The Kirk of St. James, corner of Pownal and Fitzroy Streets, will be hosting Dr. Jack Whytock for two Kirk 200 Heritage Talks - Streams of Presbyterianism. The first will be held on Thursday, September 25 at 7 p.m. - Who Were these Presbyterians? and the second will be held on Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. - The Built Worship Space of Presbyterians. All are invited to attend.